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Jerusalem Sunday
Service of the Word

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*Take a deep breath.
And again.*

The Gathering of the Community

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader Let us praise our God

All who has given us life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Leader Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

All We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Leader O God, you have claimed us as your own

All and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader May the Peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

MIT FREUDEN ZART



1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all
2. What God's al - might - y power has made, His gra - cious mer -
3. Then all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud
4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name, Give God all praise



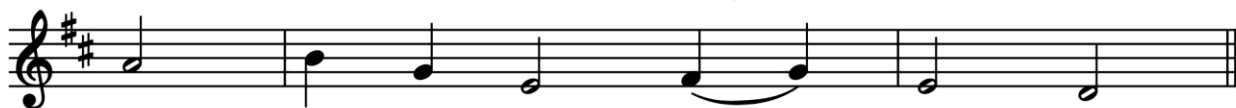
1. cre - a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The
2. cy keep - ing; By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade His
3. your prais - es, That all may hear the grate - ful song My
4. and glo - ry; All you who own his power, pro - claim A -



1. God of our sal - va - tion; With heal - ing balm my
2. watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - ing; With - in the king - dom
3. voice un - wea - ried rais - es; Be joy - ful in the
4. loud the won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol



1. soul he fills, And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
2. of his might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
3. Lord, my heart, Both soul and bod - y sing your part:
4. from its throne, The Lord is God, and he a - lone:



1-4. To God all praise and glo - ry.

Text: 8 7 8 7 88 7; *Sei Lob und Ehr' dem höchsten Gut*, Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690, tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897. Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566.

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Collect

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

God unheld by word or wall: lift us from dullness and cynical contempt; make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power; and turn our hearts to the mending of the world, through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great king over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Acclamation: We are the Risen Christ

I am the risen Christ

You are the risen Christ

We are the risen Christ

Hallelujah, Hallelu

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon

The Apostle's Creed

Leader Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin
Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn: Now the Green Blade Rises

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Now the Green Blade Rises / Brota la Semilla



1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, Love by ha - tred slain,
3. Forth he came at East - er, like the ris - en grain,
4. When our hearts are wint - ry, griev - ing, or in pain,
1. Bro - ta la se - mi - lla de tie - rra in - ver - nal;
2. En se - pul - cro os - cu - ro el Se - ñor des - can - só
3. Co - mo un re - to - ño sa - le a bus - car el sol,
4. Si vie - ne el in - vier - no al tris - te co - ra - zón,



Wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;
Think - ing he would nev - er wake to life a - gain,
Spring - ing from the grave where three days he had lain;
By your touch you call us back to life a - gain,
A - pa - re - ce vi - da de tum - ba se - pul - cral.
Co - mo la se - mi - lla que en tie - rra re - po - só.
Cris - to, el Se - ñor Vi - vien - te, re - su - ci - tó.
Él trae vi - da nue - va y la re - no - va - ción.



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
Raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Sur - ge es - pe - ran - za des - de un e - rial.
Muer - te ven - ci - da, Cris - to des - per - tó.
Vi - no la luz, la os - cu - ri - dad hu - yó.
O - fre - ce a to - dos la li - be - ra - ción.



Love is come a - gain, like wheat a - ris - ing green.
Bro - ta el a - mor cual tri - go pri - ma - ve - ral.

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Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Leader Glory to God
**All whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen**

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power
of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

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St. John the Divine Prayers for Sunday May 16th, 2021

The Church

- St. Columba, Pitt Meadows
- St. Helen, Point Grey
- St. John the Divine, Squamish – the Reverend Cameron Gutjahr
- Our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines

Immediate Prayer Requests

Pam, Norma, Margaret Grace, Roy, Vivian, Clive, Nina, Ed, Jessica, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, The Howe Sound Women's Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls and the patients of Squamish General Hospital.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all who are grieving, for health care professionals, researchers and emergency personnel.