

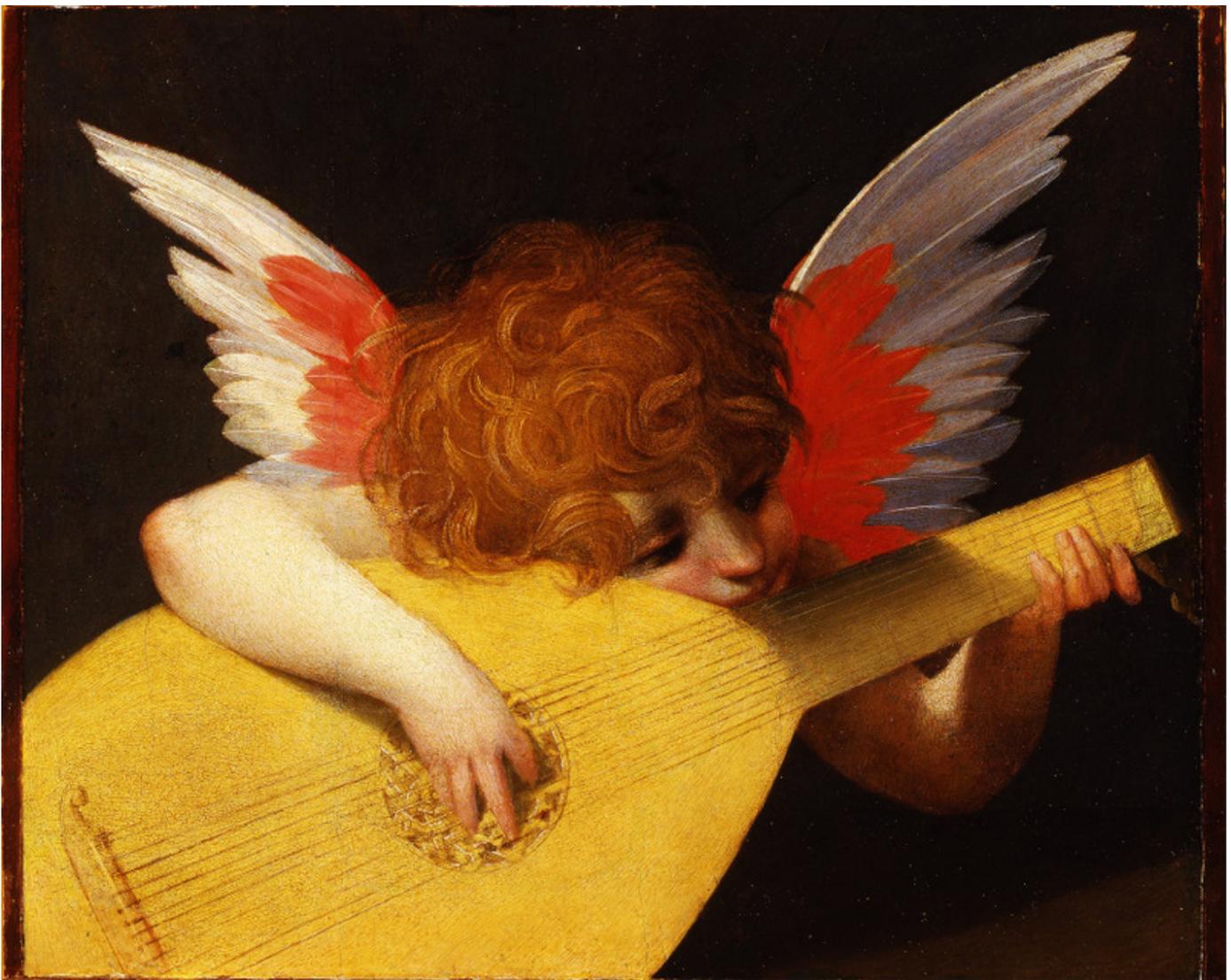


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10 AM FRESH EXPRESSIONS SERVICE

EASTER 2



Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith
Music: Rob Gloor & Singers
Greeters: Gillian Holland & Roslyn Jackson
Coffee Group: Penny Zuk, Lynn Spence,
Elizabeth Barratt
Altar Guild: Susanna Wensley and Nancy
Sunderland
Reader 1: Roslyn Jackson
Reader 2: Sharon Fedorak
Eucharistic Minister: Heather & John Luccock
Tony Dodd
Intercessor: Lynn Spence
Livestream: Paul Clark and
Sound: Chris Wensley
Sunday School: Daela Dalzell

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GATHERING

A Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, this liturgy is co-created by members of our community in an attempt to incorporate Anglican Spirituality into worship.

Welcome & Intention: Rev Sharon Smith

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Presider: Let us take a moment of stillness and remember why we are here.

A moment of silent reflection.

Presider: Creator, you made all people of every land.
It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth Nations, the first people of this land.

Presider: We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.

Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

All: With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker. Amen.

(Gathering liturgy from All Saint's Church, Minneapolis, MN)

Presider: Behind closed doors
All: God's Spirit blows on us,

Presider: Through closed hearts
All: God's Spirit works in us,

Presider: In God's time
**All: We come before God to
worship and wonder and be
blessed!**

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Alpha and Omega
**All: our beginning and our end,
your break through the locks
of gated communities
and hardened hearts:
accept our doubts,
heal our desire for certainty
and, by your Spirit's gentle
touch, make us a people
forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver
of Peace
Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Alleluia! Love Is Alive

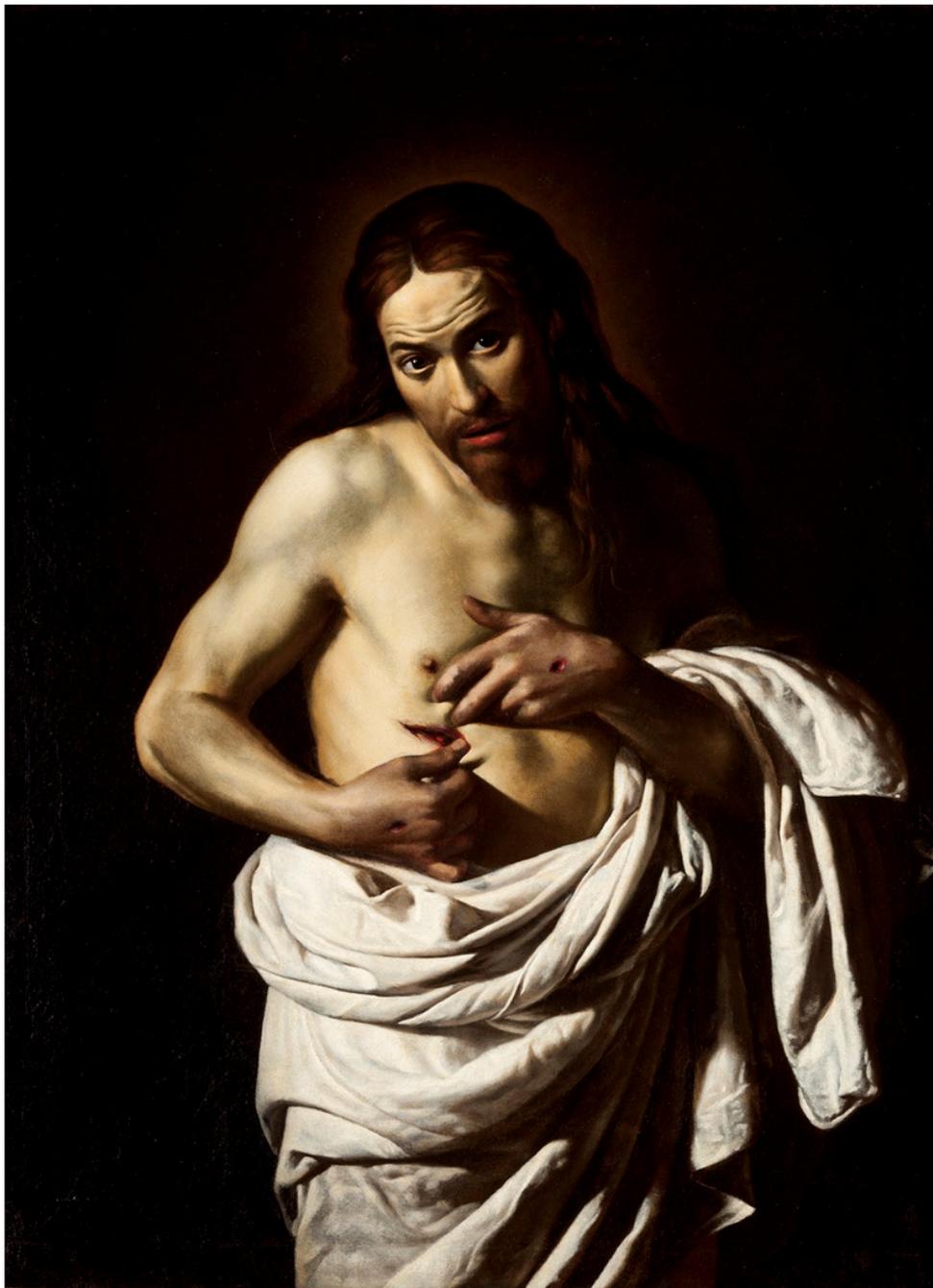
People of God, see the morning is new
Rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled
God who was with us is here with us still
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Refrain

Alleluia! Love is alive
Conquered the grave and defeated the night
Alleluia! Love is alive!
The Son has arisen for all
Your people sing alleluia!

People of God, let your fear fall away
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul
Here the fulfillment that once was foretold
It is true! It is true! He is alive! (*Refrain*)

People of God now rejoicing in Christ
Carry your joy to the darkness of night
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the good news of this glorious day
Every heart singing as heaven proclaims
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive! *(Refrain)*



Artist: Giovanni Antonio Galli (Vanderbilt)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: By Rabbi David Hartman:

“The human condition is caught between two poles. I’m part of the world and I’m separate from the world. But I believe philosophy becomes true when it’s anchored in the intimacy of your life. I think within the concrete.

I remember my students saying to me, “Rabbi Hartman, I want you to know, but don’t get upset with me. I became an atheist.” I said, “When did you become an atheist?” He said, “Wednesday.” “Oh, boy, that’s a remarkable thing. What were you Tuesday? You were a believer, right? And what happened on Thursday?” I said, “Is there any difference between the way you lived when you were a believer and when you became an atheist?” And that’s the criterion for me.”

Poetic Response: By Philip Newell

Reader: That truth has been inscribed into my heart
and into the heart of every human being,
there to be read and revered,
thanks be to you, O God.

**All: That there are ways of seeing
and sensitivities of knowing
hidden deep in the palace of the soul,
waiting to be discovered,
ready to be set free,
thanks be to you.**

Reader: Open my sense to wisdom's inner
promptings that I may give voice to what I
hear in my soul and be changed from the
healing of the world,
that I may listen for truth in every living soul
and be changed for the well-being
of the world.

Song of Response: Peace In Our Time

Light transcendent, shine into our hearts today,
fan the breeze of compassion,
Guide our sacrificial action.
Living God, stand beside us on the way.
Take the lives that we offer, show us peace in our days.

Love transcendent, source of life and of our song,
spark the flames of your justice,
be our righteous indignation.
Living One, always with us on the road.
Take the lives that we offer, show us peace at the close.
Joy transcendent, Lord of history and now,
open eyes that are blinded,
teach us, Christ, to be disciples.
Living God, walk beside us on the climb.
Take the lives that we offer, show us peace in our time.
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Second Reading: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reflections: Rev. Sharon

Silent Reflection:

The community are invited to respond in silent contemplation.

The time ends with the sound of a singing bowl.



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PRAYER

Prayers of Concern:

(From Church of Scotland)

Leader: We raise our prayers to the One

**All: who shares our wounds
 who shares our lives
 who shares in our past and
 present and future.**

Leader: We give You thanks for the simple things of life: for
nourishing food which
is readily available,
for roofs over our heads, to keep us safe,
for easy access to healthcare,

Leader: for committed educators, widening horizons and
encouraging imaginations,

**All: for families and support, and a faith community, to
 share in our lives and support us in love.**

Leader: Help us, Eternal Spirit of Love,
never to take for granted all that we have.

Please add your prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: We thank You for the inspiration of the disciples, who emerged from behind hidden doors and walked and acted in faith, sharing in all the possibilities which You, Jesus, called them to engage in.

Leader: We thank You for the people of faith, down through the centuries who similarly have shared their faith and showed it in practical ways that so many could be touched and affected by faith.

**All: We thank You for the people around us,
who share in worship and work:
that this place and people
will continue to walk and act in faith,
as Christ has called us to.**

The leader adds specific prayers at this time.

Leader: Resurrection Love in action,
who is and was and will be:
We raise our prayers in the
name of Jesus the Christ.

Leader: The One who stood in the upper room and
changed the lives of Thomas and the disciples,
and now, even us. Amen

The Light of Peace

*A member of the community lights a candle from the Altar
light and walks it down the aisle and lights votive candles.*

Presider: We light this candle in the name
of the Creator.
We light this candle in the name of Christ.
We light this candle in the name of the
Spirit.

Presider: May the peace of God – Creator, Christ
and Holy Spirit be always with you,
and those you love.

People: And also with you.

*The community are invited to gesture to one another a sign
of peace, respecting social distancing.*

*You are invited to light candles for people and places that
have no peace.*

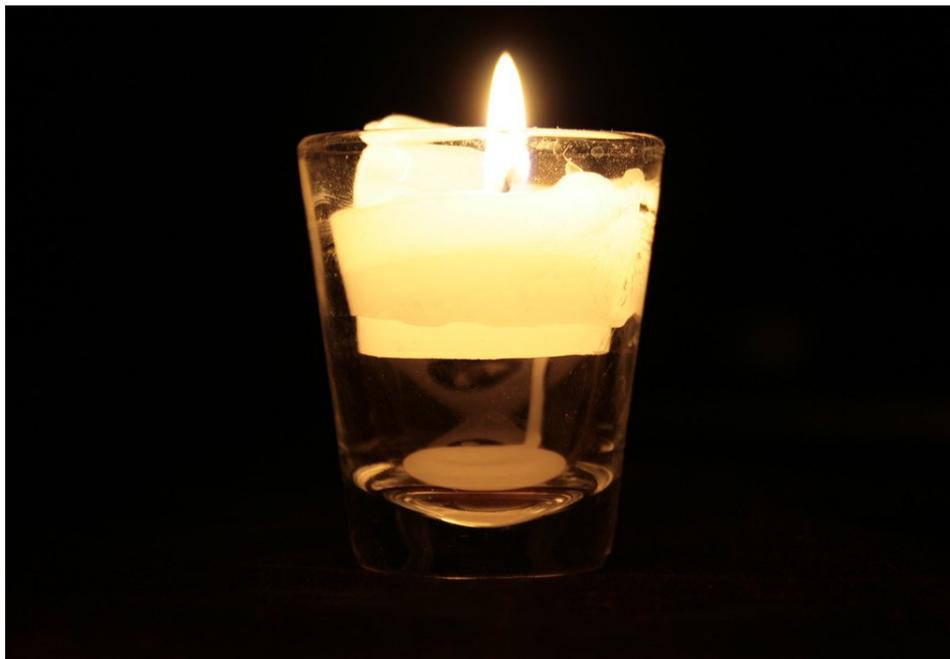


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COMMUNION

Preparing the Table: Peace Train by Cat Stevens.

The Eucharistic Prayer (*Supplementary Prayer 2*)

Presider: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Presider: Let us offer thanks to God our Creator.

People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider: Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love
you bear us and place the song
of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile
the earth, you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and
Micah, through prophets, sages, and
saints in every age, to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new
creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory singing:

Sanctus (Argentina)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy Lord.**

**In God's name is coming the One whom we call blessed.
Hosanna in the highest.
Praise and thanks to God.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy Lord.**



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Presider: Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the
Christ to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and
resurrection you open the path from
brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Presider: Rejected by a world that could not
bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an
unknown woman, Jesus gathered
together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke
it and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat: this is my body
which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of
you, this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the
remembrance of me."

Presider: And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Breathe your Holy Spirit,
**All: the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to
you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love
for all the world and ministers of
your transforming purpose.**

Presider: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*Sung*):

**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.**

Fraction (Breaking the Bread):

Presider: Lord, we died with you the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Presider: We were buried in the tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion:

All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Wafers), or Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar.

Gluten free wafer are available upon request.

Please sanitize your hands before receiving.

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence.

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

Communion Hymn: Breathe of God (The Risen Christ)

O Breath of God come fill this place
Revive our hearts to know Your grace
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the risen Christ

O Word of God so clear and true
Renew our minds to trust in You
And give to us the Bread of Life
That we may know the risen Christ

O love of God so unrestrained
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name
Let us reflect Your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ

May God the Father God the Son
And God the Spirit make us one
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ

SENDING

Announcements – Rev. Sharon

Blessing: *from The Iona Community – Worship Book 2016*

Presider: May God our maker, bless us and wrap us round in love and tenderness.

All: **May our brother Jesus bless us and ask us the questions that lead us to do justice.**

Presider: May the Holy Spirit bless us and fill our lives with her courage and wisdom.

All: **May we live bravely in the love of God all our nights and days.**

Presider: May God bless us, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Song: Lord, I lift your name on high

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

(Repeat)

Dismissal:

Presider: Go – love wholeheartedly
 Live as you were created
 And be instruments of peace in our
 fragmented world.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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