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Fifth Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: "Here in this place" TLUS 150

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**Here in this place, the breath of God,
my soul finds repose;
holy space, the heartbeat of God,
my soul finds a home.**

Affirming statement:

All: As an Affirming Ministry we boldly declare that we fully welcome and include the full participation of all people in the life and work of Ministry as we journey together, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, marital status, mental or physical ability, beliefs, cultural backgrounds, or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and wholeness for all God's people.

Hymn: "Enter into Jerusalem" TLUS 38

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**Enter into Jerusalem,
let us go to God's house
with the healthy and the sick,
with the worker and the weak,
let us go to God's house.**

Enter into Jerusalem,
let us go to God's house.
Come and run with the wind
with the God who reigns in peace,
let us go to God's house.

We go celebrate, we go celebrate,
We go celebrate, O praise our God!
Praise the name of our God most high,
Praise God's name in song.
Praise our God with a heav'nly song,
with a heav'nly song,
with a heav'nly song, praise our God.

Responsive psalm: Psalm 96 VU 816 responsive reading with sung refrain "Sing a new song to God" (Harding)

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**Refrain: Sing a new song to God;
sing out your praise, all the earth!**

Sing to God a new song;
sing your praise, all the earth.
Sing and bless God's holy name,
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.
**Declare God's glory among the nations,
among all the peoples God's wonderful works.**
For great is God and greatly to be praised,
to be revered above all the gods.
**For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but you, O God, made the heavens.**
Honour and majesty attend you,
strength and beauty are in your sanctuary. R

Ascribe to God, you families of peoples,
ascribe to God glory and strength.
**Ascribe glory to God's name,
bring an offering and enter God's courts.**
Worship God in the beauty of holiness,
and let the whole earth stand in awe.
Say among the nations: It is God who reigns!
The world is made firm and cannot be shaken.
God judges the peoples in equity. R

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad;
**let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the fields exult, and all that is in them.**

Then let all the trees of the forest sing for joy,
for you come, O God, to judge the earth.

**You shall judge the earth in righteousness,
its peoples with your truth.** R

Scriptures: Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 24:13-35

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: "Still my soul" TLUS 108

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**Still my soul, calm my roaming mind.
Give me peace, may my heart unwind.
Let me stay, your beloved guest.
Take my fear, make my worry rest.
What I hold, let me give to you.
Aid my strength when my storms drive through.
When my thoughts won't let me go,
I'll sing to you: oh, still my soul.**

Sermon: "Christ made known to us"

Dr. Bruce Harding

Hymn: "Oh, let us breathe" TLUS 72

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**1 Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be together,
breathe and be together, together now.
Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be together,
breathe and be together, as if we knew how.**

**2 Oh, let us sing, sing by heart together,
sing by heart together, together now.
Oh, let us sing, sing by heart together,
sing by heart together, as if we knew how.**

**3 Oh, let us arise, arise and shine together,
arise and shine together, together now.
Oh, let us arise, arise and shine together,
arise and shine together, as if we knew how.**

- 4 Oh, let us pray, pray for peace together,
pray for peace together, together now.
Oh, let us pray, pray for peace together,
pray for peace together, as if we knew how.
- 5 Oh, let us live, live in love together,
live in love together, together now.
Oh, let us live, live in love together,
live in love together, as if we knew how.

Affirmation of faith

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**I have seen it alive in the world.
And even when my heart aches,
even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach,
I remember the one who welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.
I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ with sung response: "Alleluia, Jesu" TLUS 39

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**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Jesu, Jesu!**

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: "Salamat sa Iyo/I thank you, O my God" TLUS 43

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**Salamat sa Iyo
Aking Panginoon
Ako'y inibig Mo
At inangking lubos**

**I thank you, O my God,
I thank you, O my God,
I love you every day,
I claim you every way.**

**Ang tanging alay ko
sa Iyo aking Ama
Ay buong buhay ko
puso't kaluluwa**

**I give my life to you,
O great, holy God,
I give to you my all;
my heart and my soul.**

**Hindi makayanang
maipagkaloob
Mamahaling hiyas
Ni gintong nilukob**

**It is not hard to do,
to give you everything,
All precious stones or gold;
to you my heart will sing.**

**Ang tanging dalangin
sana ay tanggapin
Ang tanging alay ko
nawa ay gamitin**

**The only prayer I know
that you, God, will acclaim:
from deep within my heart
I sing praise to your name!**

**Ito lamang Ama
wala nang iba pa
Akong hinihiling**

**For you are all I need,
and this my only task,
Yes, this is all I ask.**

Lord's Prayer (chanted to the music from TLUS 66)



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Eternal Spirit, Earth-
maker, Pain-bearer, Life-
gi-**ver**, |
source of all that is and

that shall **be**, ||
Father and Mother of us **all**, | Loving God, in whom is hea-**ven**. ||
The hallowing of your **name** | echoes through the u-**ni**-verse! ||
The way of your justice be fol-**lowed** | by the peoples of the **earth**! ||
Your heavenly will be **done** | by all created be-**ings**! ||
Your commonwealth of peace and free-**dom** | sustain our hope and come on **earth**. ||
With the bread we need for to-**day**, | feed **us**. ||
In the hurts we absorb from one ano-**ther**, | forgive **us**. ||
In times of temptation and **test**, | strength-**en** us, ||
From trials too great to en-**dure**, | spare **us**. ||
From the grip of all that is e-**vil**, | free **us**. ||
For you reign in the glory of the power that is **love**, | now and forever. A-**men**. ||
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Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

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One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from your work and your play, and gather around Jesus' table. There are no strangers here, for we are all welcomed. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: You have entered this place, O God, and in your holy shadow, heaven tangles with earth in the bread and wine, and the promise of flesh is realized.

All: Come now, God.

One: As you once came to us in a stable in Bethlehem come now and be with us in the bread, in this world that hungers and waits for truth.

All: Come now, God.

One: As once your Spirit poured forth life upon the earth
come now and pour the wine for this creation, waiting
for renewal.

**All: Be present in our hope in this holy time;
in the silence of power and the power of silence;
in the throne rooms of the rich and the shanties of
the poor; in overfed communities and underfed souls;
gather up hope in the bread and wine.**

One: Break open the good news of your incarnation:
on parched farmlands and frightened cities;
in the hearts of the proud and the longings of the
lowly. Gather up the good news in the bread and wine.

All: Come now, God.

One: Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light, Giver of
all life, Source of love...
...with angels and archangels who
proclaim the holy birth, singing

**All: Holy, holy, holy; sing holy!
Source of all wonder,
by you we are blessed!
Heaven and earth
are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Holy, holy, holy; sing holy!
Source of all wonder,
by you we are blessed!
Heaven and earth
are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One
who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: God has given us these gifts of bread and wine. For it is
God's people...
...Eat the bread, drink the wine, and each time you do it, remember.

**All: Today we say: thank God for bread; thank God for wine;
thank God for power and courage; thank God for this
time together, for each other and for ourselves. Thank
God for these holy gifts. Thank God for these holy
moments.**

One: Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,
remembering Christ's life and death
proclaiming his resurrection
waiting in hope for his coming again.
Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving
we may so offer ourselves to you,
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of our faith
as we sing:

**All: Christ has died, Christ has risen
Christ will come again**

One: God, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts.
Strengthen us, restore us, be present with us.

All (Sung) Amen

Song while communion is served: "All this pain (Beautiful Things)" TLUS 109

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**All this pain.
I wonder if I'll ever find my way;
I wonder if my life could really change at all.**

**All this earth.
Could all that is lost ever be found;
could a garden come out from this ground at all?**

**You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.**

**All around,
hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found in you.**

**You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.**

**You make me new,
you are making me new.
You make me new,
you are making me new.**

**You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.**

Prayer after Communion (Unison):

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table with these gifts of bread and wine. We have been welcomed here, as we would welcome all, stranger and friend, into our living. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and in peace. Amen.

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you

May God bless and keep you the coming year through.

Hymn: "El amor de Cristo/Christ can move the world" TLUS 133

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**El a-mor de Cris-to mue-ve al mun-do
a la re-con-ci-lia-ción y a la u-ni-dad.
E-se a-mor tam-bién es es-pe-ran-za,
u-na nuev-a can- ción que nos la paz.**

**Christ can move the world to re-con-cile it,
with u-ni-ty that can make the bro-ken whole.
Love can move the world to un-de-file it,
and lead us to peace, our hope, our song, our goal.**

**Pa pa ra pa pa, pa pa ra ra ra,
pa pa ra ra ra, pa pa ra ra ra,
pa pa ra ra ra.**

**Pa pa ra pa pa, pa pa ra ra ra,
pa pa ra ra ra, pa pa ra ra ra,
pa pa ra ra ra.**

Commissioning and Benediction

One: As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.

**All: For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.**

One: The good news of the gospel is alive in the world,
so go forth speaking.
For if you won't, then who will?

All: Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen

Response: Reprise of "Pa pa ra pa pa" section from El amor de Cristo/Christ can move the world" TLUS 133