

The Deer's Cry

I arise today through the strength of heaven:

Light of sun, Radiance of moon, Splendour of Fire

Speed of lightning, Swiftmess of wind,

Depth of the sea, Stability of earth

Firmness of rock.

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me:

God's eye to look before me

God's wisdom to guide me

God's way to lie before me

God's shield to protect me

From all who shall wish me ill ~Afar and anear, alone and in a multitude

Against every cruel merciless power that may oppose my body and soul.

Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ in me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ to shield me

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.

I arise to-day....

From the "Breastplate of St. Patrick"; Music by Shaun Davey

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2009

Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer
Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Dalles, Oregon

The Word of God

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness

Hymnal 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no care could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Acclamation

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Song of praise

Glory to God in the highest

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know you Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30 Page 611, BCP

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Sequence Hymn

O bless the Lord, my soul!

Hymnal 411

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.

He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence

The Nicene Creed

BCP 355

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In this glorious Easter season, we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim the wondrous acts our God has done.

We are an Easter people. Alleluia is our song!

Let us pray for the Church. We pray for our sisters and brothers in South Africa and all of the Anglican Communion. We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, all who share our ministry in this diocese. We pray for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and the churches of other denominations with whom we share ministry in this town and county. May we grow together as the Body of Christ, and proclaim in unity the Good News.

Lord, you are the way, the truth and the life. Give us the grace to reflect you by word and example.

At this time of hope and promise for our parish and our diocese, we pray for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. And we pray for our retired clergy, Rustin, John, Lewis, and Robert. We pray for Archbishop Desmond and Leah Tutu. We pray for the Altar Guild and all the diverse ministries of all members of this congregation.

Christ, our guide, may we know our gifts and offer them to you for the fulfillment of the mission and ministry to which we are called.

Let us pray for our nation and for our leaders.

Christ, our hope, may our public and private wealth and privilege be used as a blessing to the world.

We pray for the whole world. God of creation, who created all people in your own image, give us eyes to behold the beauty of the wondrous and glorious diversity you have created. Give us hearts and minds to know and serve the common good.

Christ, our Redeemer, help us to strive for justice and peace among all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

We pray for the hungry, the homeless, the needy, those facing job insecurities or any personal difficulty.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Christ the Good Shepherd, guide us to work with you in our community.

We pray for those who are ill, disabled, facing medical uncertainties, or in any need or trouble, that they may be made whole. We pray for caregivers needing strength, wisdom and encouragement. We remember especially those who trust us to pray for them.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Christ the healer, be present with and through us, to those who need your comfort.

We pray for all feeling confined in any of numerous ways. Remove despair and infuse a sense of purpose and value.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Christ the key holder, unlock the chains that bind us. Resurrect our spirits in your freedom to allow us to bloom even in a gutter.

This Sunday we ask your blessing upon the members of this parish.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Lord of life, may we see and celebrate the sacred in each of our everyday lives.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. We pray for parents, spouses, children and loved ones of those in the service.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Lord of all, grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

We pray for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of him.

Christ the seeker, we pray that all may find and be found by you.

We give thanks and pray for the lives those who have died. Comfort those who mourn.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Risen Lord, be known to them in the new life of hope offered through your resurrection.

God whose spirit dwells equally in light and dark, suns and stars, day and night, life and death, you and I.

God bless us all – growing together in God’s garden.

Lord of all, we praise you and thank you that through your glorious resurrection you redeem humankind and renew your whole creation. Grant that we who celebrate the joy of the Risen Christ be raised to new life in Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

We are an Easter people. Alleluia is our song! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Choir

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

8:00 Said; 10:00 Sung, WLP 858:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

8:00-Said: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00-Sung: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion hymns: *Peace before us* *WLP 791*
Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Choir and Congregation

The Deer's Cry *Shaun Davey*

Tori Dickinson

Postcommunion Prayer.

Celebrant Please stand. Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**
May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**
And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Recessional

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hymnal 208

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed: let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead: all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from
heaven's high portals fell; let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's
dread sting thy servants free, that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Servers This Morning: Rector: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: Stephen Schafroth; Worship Leader: Diane Walworth; Eucharist Minister: Ned Kice; Lector: Jerry Frazier; Prayers of the People: Marilyn Roth, Jerry Frazier; Pianist: Rule Beasley; Soloist: Tori Dickinson; Altar Guild: Kaethe Worcester, Janet Mabrey; Acolyte: Jerry Frazier; Altar Bread: Jan Swartz; Greeter: Jenny Curtis; Coffee Hour: Men's Group.

*The flowers at the altar today are given by
Robert Carsner in memory of the
H. C. Rooper Family*

CALENDAR:

Sun- No Bible Study today--Happy Mother's Day!
Mon- AA "open" meeting 7 pm Tayler Hall
Tues- Worship Committee ~ noon Library (rescheduled from 5/5/09)
Bible Study 1 pm Library
Wed- AA "closed" meeting 7 pm Tayler Hall
Thurs- Healing service ~ noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make last Sunday's service such a joy! Thank you too to Claudia Leash and Sigman's Flowers for the flowers given to St. Paul's for Archbishop Tutu's visit!
DIOCESAN SPECIAL CONVENTION will be held Saturday, May 23rd at Ascension School in Cove. Information, including registration forms, is on the large table in the narthex.