

The Fifth Sunday of Easter~St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth

Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Preacher: Robert Thomson

*The Holy Eucharist~ According to the use of The Church Divinity School of the Pacific,
Incorporating Material Adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous* and Other Twelve-Step Recovery Programs*

The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

Lead me, guide me

LEVAS 194

*Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.*

I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, by my aid when satan and sin oppress;
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me. I am blind without thy light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

The Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Let us open our celebration with a moment of silence, followed by the *Serenity Prayer*.

**All God, grant us the Serenity to accept the things we cannot change,
the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference,
Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,
not as we would have it, trusting that you will make all things right
if we surrender to your will, that we may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.ⁱ**

**All [Step 1] We admitted we were powerless over addiction - that our lives
had become unmanageable.**

[Step 2] Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

**[Step 3] Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God
as we understood God.**

Celebrant God, we offer ourselves to you, to build with us and do with us as you will. Relieve us of the bondage of self, that we may better do your will. Take away our difficulties; that victory over them may bear witness to those we would help-of your power, your love, your way of life.
May we do your will always. **Amen.**ⁱⁱ

Collect of the Day

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.**

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Psalm

Psalm 148

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- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Sequence

Celtic Alleluia

Gather 204

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse by Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celtic Alleluia:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Sermon

Robert Thomson

Silence

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, we cry out to you; we have cried out to you from the pain of our addiction. In your great mercy you heard us and granted us your gift of recovery.

All **May we always be grateful and willing to embrace spiritual growth.**

Leader Lord, you brought us to our senses and awakened us to a new dimension of your reality, a world free from addiction and blessed by your presence.

All **May we see your loving purpose in all things. Relieve us now from the bondage of self as you teach us to live and let live, one day at a time.**

Leader Lord, we now are willing that you should have all of us, to make of us and do with us as you will.

All **Remove from us now every defect of character that stands in the way of our usefulness to you and to all.**

Leader Lord, we pray for healing in our families, in our workplaces and in all our relationships as well as for the comfort and healing of alcoholics and addicts and all who suffer.

All **That they know a new freedom and a new happiness.**

Leader Lord, we commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray especially for those who have shown us the way to recovery; for the founders of our fellowships, for sponsors and for friends; for those known and unknown to us who died sober and for those who died in their illness.

All **They taught us to love and to be grateful. They are with us in the Fellowship of the Spirit.**

Leader Please add now your own petitions either aloud or in your hearts. . . .

... Let us pray to the lord.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Lord, we know you hear the prayers of your people gathered here. Together we thank you for all you have given us and we thank you for all you have taken away. Grant the requests we have asked if they be within your will. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord and Brother Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, remembering that we:

[Step 4] **Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.**

[Step 5] **Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Having made our confession before God, we now remember that:

[Step 6] **We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

[Step 7] **Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Our creator, we are now willing that you should have all of us, good and bad. We pray that you remove from us every single defect of character which stands in the way of our usefulness to you and our fellows, and grant us strength as we go out from here to do your bidding. Amen.ⁱⁱⁱ

Celebrant: To show our willingness to do this, we

[Step 8] **Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.**

[Step 9] **Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you; forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

[Step 10] **We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.**

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings, Blessings and Celebrations of Life

Thank Offerings this quarter will be used for Microfinance loans for people in need throughout the world.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Offertory

Praise the Lord! O Heavens adore Him

Choir

The Doxology

Celebration Setting

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. (Sing 3 times)

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now 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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive communion in the elements of bread and grape juice, or in a blessing.
 At this Eucharist, unsweetened grape juice is used in lieu of wine.*

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light,
 Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
 When my life is almost gone;
 Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall,
 Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
 And the day is past and gone;
 At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand,
 Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

[Step 11] **Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will and the power to carry that out.**

[Step 12] **Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

*Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful, Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing, who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King,
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry:
we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

Dismissal *Deacon and children ...*
All

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Servers This Morning:

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth; Preacher: Bob Thomson;
Acolyte: Laura Lowe; Worship Leader: Lynne Gill; Eucharist Minister: Don Dickinson; Lector: Diane Walworth;
Prayers of the People: Jim Shinn, Pam Miller; Altar Guild: Monte Dickinson, MaryEllen Lowe;
Altar Bread: Lynne Gill; Sunday School: Robert Kirby; Coffee Hour: Wanda Olson and Ron Fullmer;
Greeter: Ron Fullmer; Choir Leader: Lloyd Walworth; Pianist: Rule Beasley.*

***Today's flowers are given by Jerry and Verna Browne
in Thanksgiving for Betty Rinehart and Eleanor Browne***

PLEASE PRAY:

For Gwen Lowe, Cary and MaryEllen Lowe and family, Susan Erikson, Emma and family; Lloyd Walworth, Lida Beasley, Caroline and Dale, Doris, Jan Copeland, Mark Nelson, David Youtz, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, and Bonnie Myatt; Mark Braverman, the Diocese of Jerusalem, and the people of the Middle East; Fr. Noe Bernier, *L'Eglise d'Espirit*, and the people of Haiti; Fr. Daniel and Rebecca Kuot, and the people of The Sudan; New Orleans and the Diocese of Louisiana.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall	
Tuesday	Worship Committee	Noon Library	
	Bible Study	1:00 pm Mill Creek	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Wednesday	Potluck	7:00 pm TH	Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
	AA Meeting	7:00 pm Common Room	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;
	Knitters	7:00 pm Library	John 14:23-29
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon	
	Al-Anon Meeting	12:30 pm Tayler Hall	
Friday	Outreach Meeting	8:00 am Library	
Saturday	AA Potluck	6:00-9:00 Tayler Hall	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANKS to Bob Thomson, for joining us today and sharing his insights and experience and faith. Thanks to all who have worked to make this service possible.

RAGDOLLS TO LOVE: Thanks to all who have made ragdolls to send to children in Haiti! See them in the narthex~ aren't they wonderful! On Pentecost, the ragdolls will be blessed and sent on their way.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY St. Paul's is the sponsor for the home being built for Janeal Booren. We hope to begin soon, so keep on alert!

BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS meets at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way.

Please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday. You may find yourself thinking after a sermon...*And that's not the half of it!* So, you are warmly invited to come and share the fellowship, as well as to put in your 2 cents!

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD

*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world;

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

THANKS to Wanda and Ron for hosting today's Coffee Hour!

HAVE A JOYFUL AND BLESSED EASTERTIDE!!!

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The Twelve Step Service today is based on the steps used in AA.

**Alcoholics Anonymous is not affiliated with any religious tradition. The use of the Twelve Steps does not imply endorsement of this liturgy by any Twelve Step Program. Materials from the "Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous" (Alcoholics Anonymous. Third Edition. NY: Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., 1976) have been modified for inclusive language.*

ⁱ Reinhold Niebuhr, 1892-1971, alt

ⁱⁱ 3rd Step Prayer, Big Book, 63, alt

ⁱⁱⁱ 7th Step Prayer, Big Book, 76 alt