



10:00 am

May 18, 2025 — *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Opening Hymn: “In Christ There is No East or West” (CP #484)

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May God’s grace and peace be with you. **May our hearts be filled with joy!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace: The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Sung Gloria: “Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo” (CP #376)

Kyrie: Kyrie eleison. **Christe eleison.** Kyrie eleison.

Children’s Focus

Children’s Song: “Jesus Friend of Little Children” (VU #340) *verse 3*

The Collect

God of glory, whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death and found life in the darkness: may his love be our law, so that, undimmed by fear, we may witness to the power of new birth, through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead. Amen.

The First Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18, 24:1-6 (*Barb Herbert*)

Psalms 148 (VU #871)

The Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6 (*Sara Miller*)

Gradual Hymn: “He Came Down” (CP #368)

The Gospel: John 13:31-35 (*Tony Herbert*)

The Sermon: *The Rev. Marnie Peterson*

“Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection”

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.

Prayers of Intercession (*Cliff Caprani*)

Offertory Hymn: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” (CP #300) *verses 1-3*

— *The Celebration of the Eucharist* —

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, **ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

May God be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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: (*CP #732*)

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.

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. 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."

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.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, 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.

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. **Amen.**

Sung Lord's Prayer *by Gordon Light*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Live in us, that we may live in you.

Communion Anthem: "Come, Share with God" (VU #469) *verses 1, 2, 1*

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass.

We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.

Communion Hymn: “I Am the Bread, The Bread of Life” (CP #56)

Prayer After Communion

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sung Blessing

The Closing Hymn: “Praise My Soul” (CP #381)

The Dismissal: Go in peace, share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Flowers in Worship

The flowers this morning are given in celebration and thanksgiving for Serena's 20th birthday by the Lakhani family.

"Into the Mystics" with Chris Clark: Thursdays, May 15-August 21 from 6-7pm on Zoom

Come explore the Christian Mystics – from the Syriac, European, and Modern seekers. Our new VST student, Chris Clark, Master of Divinity program, will facilitate this spiritual formation series as part of his field education. The zoom space will be open from 5:30 for quiet contemplation with music and then remain available until 30 minutes after the session for fellowship and opportunity for a "deeper dive" for those interested.

St. Anne's Walking Group: Mondays at 11 am

This is a wonderful opportunity to get some exercise outdoors (weather permitting). The group meets in Steveston Village and walks at a gentle pace along the West Dyke trails followed by more socializing (there might be treats involved!) Anyone is welcome to join. Find out the meeting place and let them know you're coming by messaging cliff.in.ladner@gmail.com

St. Anne's is a vibrant community offering programming for all ages. Find everything we have happening on our website; plug into our social media channels for breaking news; and contact us any time for more information.





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of the Coast Salish Peoples.*