

Always be ready
to give a defense
to anyone who
asks you for a
reason for the
hope that is
in you

1 Peter 3:15



**EASTER SEASON
LIVESTREAM WORSHIP
May 17, 2020**

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Thank you for joining our dispersed community for worship today as our celebration of Christ's resurrection continues during this Easter Season. Though our ability to physically gather for worship is inhibited during the current pandemic, our spirits remain unbowed!

*We will celebrate Holy Communion today.
If you desire to participate in Holy Communion from your home,
please set aside bread and wine (or grape juice) now
so you will be prepared for the Meal later in the service.*

+ GATHERING +


PRELUDE *I Was There to Hear your Boring Cry* Jim Hunt, Violin

WELCOME


P Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!


GATHERING HYMN *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, vs. 1-3* **ELW #389**



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2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-loving God, you hold together all things in heaven
and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to
all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✦ WORD ✦

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘*In him we live and move and have our being*’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘*For we too are his offspring.*’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Jesus said to the disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have

my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S TIME Melanie Coulson

MESSAGE Rev. Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, vs. 1-3* **ELW #392**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

PRAYERS

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Lord, in your mercy.
C Hear our prayer.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Time to share a greeting of peace with those who are with you physically, and a virtual greeting with those who are part of your circle of concern. Today our peace sharing includes virtual greetings from a variety of Peace families.

OFFERING

Your monetary gifts support the ongoing ministry of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give an offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW #692



We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING
P M

*Gather all who will be participating in the Holy Communion Meal,
along with the bread and wine/grape juice you've set aside.
Place them in front of you, and choose someone who will lift up the elements
at the appropriate time, following Pastor Kindem's leadership.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful God,

C Our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, compassionate and vulnerable God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. He is the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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!

P Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our grief,
and is known again in the breaking of the bread.

Who on the night he was handed over to death,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: *(lift your bread)*

**C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, *(lift your cup)*
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all
for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

P In Jesus we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P As we eat this bread and drink from this cup we remember others in our community and throughout the world with whom we share these gifts of God.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Take the gifts of bread and wine/juice into your bodies now, whether you are alone or in the company of others, giving thanks for these gifts of grace!

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

ELW #595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

+ SENDING +

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Life-giving God, you have fed us with this meal and opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Guide, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, vs. 4-5

ELW #389

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2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

P Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Chris Kindem, flute



*Next Sunday, May 24th, our Guest Preacher will be
Northwest Washington Synod Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee.*