

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

## Lighting the Christ Candle

Lord, your light calls us forth to follow and serve you.  
Your light still shines for all to see in this world.  
May we continue to reflect your light in our lives,  
in our service, in our words and in our deeds.

## Call to Worship

Come, all who are thirsty  
says Jesus, our Lord,  
come, all who are weak,  
taste the living water  
that I shall give.  
Dip your hands in the stream,  
refresh body and soul,  
drink from it,  
depend on it,  
for this water  
will never run dry.  
Come, all who are thirsty  
says Jesus, our Lord.

## **Opening Hymn: God of the Bible** (Fresh as the Morning)

More Voices 28, vs. 1 & 5

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*Music: Tony El Alonso, 2001*

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1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

*Refrain* Fresh is the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross. *Refrain*

## Opening Prayer

Holy God, before time you named us  
Through time you redeem us  
You call us, precious in your sight  
**May we love as you love.**

Holy One, through the turbulent waters  
Make us steady, your hands  
Holding strong the fragile and weak  
**May we love as you love.**

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives  
be food for the hungry, bread  
clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word  
**May we love as you love.**

God of justice, remove the chaff  
Of our lives that keep us from  
Hearing, following, Your call  
**May we love as you love.**

Loving God, take this day our fears,  
our worries, distractions, and all  
Turn them into wheat, heart food  
**May we love as you love. Amen**

### Scripture Readings

New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

### **Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See** (Voices United 371)

*Words: Clara H. Scott 1895*

*Music: Clara H. Scott 1895*

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### Reflection

### **Hymn of the Day: In the Bulb There is a Flower** (Voices United 703)

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- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.
- 3 In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

### **Invitation to Offering**

As we are blessed by the God of wonder and love, let us share the gifts we have received in blessing to others. Let us commit ourselves to acts of love, as we continue to worship God through the presentation of our offering in all forms – here in the basket, by pre-authorized remittance, or through the donate button on-line.

### **Offering Prayer**

**Loving God, Creator, and Sustainer,  
may these gifts, given gratefully,  
be brought to life through  
the power of your creative spirit.  
Multiply and use them to bring  
the touch of Jesus to your people in this place  
and throughout the world. Amen.**

### **Visual Prayer:** New Earth Flourishing

*by Phuc Luu  
The Work of the People*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Parting Hymn: Isaiah 55 (You Shall Go Out With Joy) VU 884**

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You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
(clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
(clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
(clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.

### **Benediction**

Just as God's Word was sent into the world  
to heal and redeem,  
so God sends you into the world this day  
to be light and love, healing and hope.  
Go now to be light for the world!  
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,  
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer  
come upon you this day  
and remain with you always. Amen.

### **Postlude**

Worship Leaders – Bill Cantelon and Nancy Walker  
Music Leader – Elaine Zandee  
Musicians – John Hobbs, Kate Insley and Kathy Rassenti  
Welcoming – Edward Hickcox  
Scripture Reading – Pat MacLeod  
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat  
Technical Support – Karen Clark, Sascha Enns and Bill Walker  
Flowers for the service are offered by John and Pat MacLeod  
in celebration of John's parents.