



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
28 April 2024
10:00 a.m.**



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"We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Cascades, Cowlitz, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla, whose land that we now occupy in this region was once their home, and it was taken from them. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Umatilla, and Siletz continue to have a presence in this area. We give thanks for them and express our gratitude for their witness on how to live a life that is honorable and humble. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

This statement is in accord with the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church

OPENING VOLUNTARY In Praise of Merbecke

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

ENTRANCE HYMN God is Love, let heaven adore him Hymnal #379

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE This is the feast of victory for our God.

Hymnal #417

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

All sit.

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

24 My praise is of God in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD .

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: ***

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD .

**27 For sovereignty belongs to the LORD; *
who rules over the nations.**

28 To the LORD alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before the LORD .

**29 My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the LORD ; *
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 God has done.

THE EPISTLE

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor sings Alleluia; **All repeat Alleluia.**

Cantor sings verse; **All repeat Alleluia.**



Verse: I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. (John 15:5)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

We hear the Gospel proclaimed for the people of God as did the early Christians.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

Presider The Gospel of the Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sara Fischer

A time of silence for reflection follows.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

*The People stand or kneel as able and the Leader and People pray
responsively.*

Gracious and loving God, hope and solace of all people, we bring our thoughts and prayers into the light of the Christ's victory over death.

We bring before you the leaders and people of your Holy Church throughout the world, especially Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop; Diana our Bishop; The Church of Bangladesh, and St. Mary in Gardiner/Reedsport.

For Christ is risen,
Christ is risen indeed.

We bring before you the leaders of our nation and all nations, praying that they may lead us in the paths of justice and peace toward the fullness of your kingdom.

For Christ is risen,
Christ is risen indeed.

Rejoicing in the new life of spring, we bring before you our beautiful planet and its creatures, praying that you grant us the wisdom and will to be faithful stewards.

For Christ is risen,
Christ is risen indeed.

We bring before you the frail and the dying, all who suffer, whether from illness or injury or mental distress; all whose lives are disrupted by human greed or violence; all whose lives are marred by poverty, ignorance, ill will, or natural disaster; and all who are on our hearts today, praying for each one an infusion of joy and hope in your loving presence, especially Tom; Nicole; Bryan; Iggy; Addison; and David... *[people may add their own petitions]*

For Christ is risen,
Christ is risen indeed.

We bring before you all who have been touched by death, praying that you grant pardon and peace to the dead, comfort and consolation to the grieving, in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life – *[people may add their own petitions]*

For Christ is risen,
Christ is risen indeed.

Praying for eternally thankful hearts, we bring before you all our gratitude, today especially for glimpses of resurrection in our lives and for the opportunity to experience new life in community, for the community of Saint Aidan... *[people may add their own thanksgivings]*

For Christ is risen,
Christ is risen indeed.

Please join in the prayer for a new Rector.

Most gracious God,

We thank you for providing for our needs during these past months as we have worked to care for one another and to be good stewards of this sacred space. We have been blessed by those you have sent to us to lead our worship and to encourage us during this transition. Now, O Lord, we turn our thoughts toward the future and the person who will journey with us in the years ahead.

We believe that the person who will become our next rector is hearing your voice and is preparing to respond to your call. We ask that our hearts and minds be open to receive and welcome our new pastor, and the courage to move into the future with the assurance of your loving care. And in moments of uncertainty, may we find comfort in the knowledge that your timing is always perfect.

We offer this prayer in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presider God of grace and glory, in your mercy accept the prayers of your people and let love triumph in our hearts and lives, that we may become people who seek and serve you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Savior, whose resurrection secures our hope. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand as able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet those around you in a way that is comfortable to you and to them as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.

A PRAYER for BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the Altar.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM I am the true vine Anon. English (c. 1549)
Text: John 15:1-2

I am the true vine and my father is the husbandman:
Every branch that beareth not fruit in me, he will take it away;
Every branch that beareth fruit will he purge, that it may bring forth more fruit.

The people's gifts to God are presented.

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D

Expansive-language version, for trial use

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

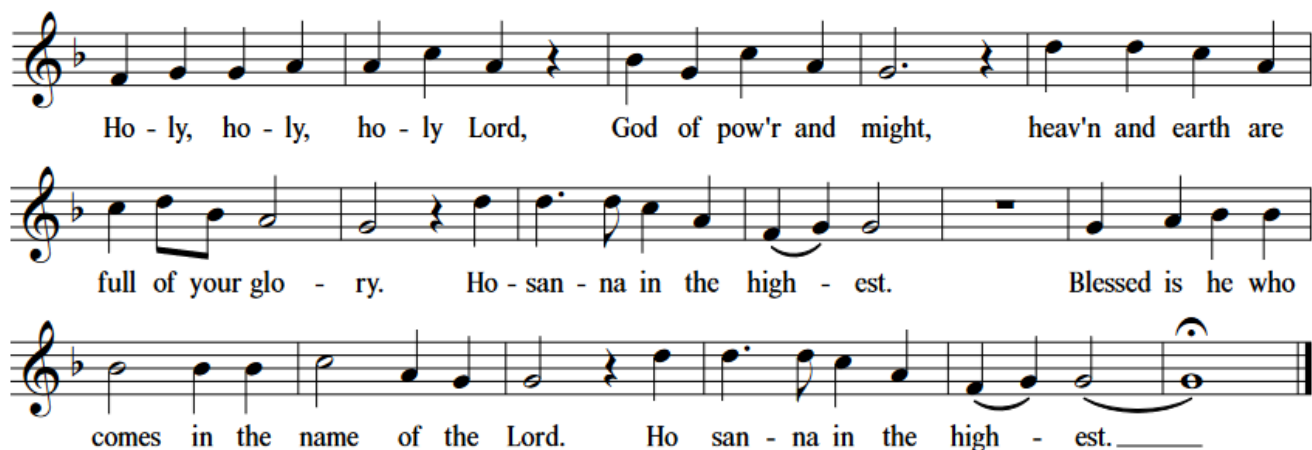
It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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,

SANCTUS

Pettit/Merbecke



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho san - na in the high - est. _____

We acclaim you, holy God, 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.

Holy God, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's 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.**

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Francis of Assisi, Blessed Aidan of Lindisfarne, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM Welcome, Sweet and Sacred Feast

Joseph Z. Pettit

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second for the All. The third staff is for the All. The lyrics are: Wel - come, sweet and sac - red feast; wel - come, life! How have you now your flock to keep, be - come both food and Shep - herd to your sheep? Wel - come, sweet and sac - red feast; wel - come, life!

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All are cordially invited to receive the sacrament in one or both kinds, or a blessing.
If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.
After receiving the bread, if you prefer not to drink from the common cup,
cross your arms to hear the sacramental phrase.
Gluten-free communion wafers and wine are available.*

COMMUNION HYMN O thou who camest from above

Hymnal #704

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made
us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

On this day, the first of days

Hymnal #47, vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6

PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME

**Faithful and loving God,
You are always with us even when we feel most alone.
Be with us in the Interim time of waiting and exploring.
Give us ears to hear your still small voice
And eyes to see your light on our path ahead
And open hands to receive the gifts you have for us
And open hearts to love you and one another
And all who come to us,
In the name of Jesus Christ who lived and died and rose,
All so that we might all have abundance of life,
And bring blessing to the world. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY In Praise of Merbecke

Wyton

SERVING TODAY

Presider

The Rev. Sara Fischer

Crucifer

Jimmy McGarvey

Acolytes

Heidi Gurney, Stefan Mellara

Lectors

Cheryle Gardiner, Tim Keady

Intercessor

John Gurney

Eucharistic Minister

Jenny Langley

Organist/Choir Master

Joesph Z. Pettit

Organ Schalar

Michael Lasfetto

Ushers

Mike Vidito, Shirley Vidito

Coffee Hour

*Barbara Gross, Olivia Jonason,
Cynthia Rauscher, and Sarah Seeley*



***The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God
by Rachel Hayashi in memory of Pat Hayashi's birthday***



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Mondays

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Garden Committee, weather permitting

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study - (Narthex)

10:30 a.m. Knitting Class with Cynthia Rauscher

Note: New Time **NOTE: you must confirm attendance by Wednesday evening or class will be cancelled**

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Fridays

12:30 p.m. Iona Book Club. Meetings will be hybrid: You may attend in person in the Guild Room in Likowski Hall or join via Zoom.

--contact Cheryle Gardiner for the link

May 11th & May 25th Make and Take Crafts
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Jenny Langley will be holding craft classes on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month.

COMING UP AT ST. AIDAN'S

**May 31st - June 2nd Women's Retreat at
Alton Collins Conference Center**

August 24th St. Aidan's Celtic Festival
*Basket Raffle, Vender Booths; Labyrinth Talk and Walk;
Food; Music, and Children's Art Experience (maybe
more?)*

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If you are visiting with us today, welcome! Please sign our Guestbook in the Narthex. If you want to receive information and updates, please give your contact information to one of the ushers.

All are welcome to St. Aidan's – persons of every race, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability and economic level. We celebrate and are blessed by our many diverse God-given gifts. In accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we hold that discrimination of any kind is outside God's intent for God's people and we affirm our Baptismal Vow to uphold the dignity of every human being. We affirm that all relationships are founded on the principles of God's love, justice and peace.

Statement of Purpose

Our mission is to spread the Promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our community through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach.

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, Bishop of Oregon

Parish Staff

Organist/Choirmaster: Joseph Pettit
Registrar: LindaCarol McKinlay*
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Technical Director: John Gurney*
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*Volunteer

Vestry

Rachel Hayashi, Senior Warden
Patrick Hoye, Junior Warden
Cynthia Rauscher, Clerk
Pam Finley
Cheryle Gardiner
John Gurney
Jim Reid
Alison Saichek
Sarah Seeley

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Eastside Adult Daycare Services

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Galina Nekrasova, Manager
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Kingdom Harvest Ministries

Sunday – 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Pastor J. Hilary Gbotoe, Jr.
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St. Antonious Coptic Orthodox Church

Saturday – 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Fr. Mekhail Hanna, Priest
Moheb Sadek, Deacon
<http://www.stantonious.org>

Kingdom Citizen Friendship Church

Sunday – 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wilson Deitas, Pastor
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