

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prayers at the Port – Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

OPENING SONG

Indescribable

Laura Story/Jesse Reeves 2004



1.From the high - est of heights to the depths of the sea,
2.Who has told ev - ry light - ning bolt where it should go,



Cre - a - tion's re - veal - ing your ma - jes - ty.
and see hea - ven - ly store - hous - es la - den with snow.



From the col - ors of Fall to the fra - grance of Spring
Who im - a - gined the sun and gives source to its light,



Ev - ry crea - ture un - ique in the song that it sings, All ex - claim - ing
yet con - ceals it to bring us the cool - ness of night, None can fath - om.



Refrain

In - des - crib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble, You set the stars in the



sky and you call them by name You are a - maz - ing God;



All pow - er - ful, un - tam - a - ble, awe - struck we fall to our
(last) In - comp' - ra - ble, un - change - a - ble, You see the depths of my



knees as we hum - bly pro - claim You are a - ma - zing God.
heart and You love me the same,

OPENING PRAYERS

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **May the life of God be known among us!**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, we come together in this place where our ancestors gathered to worship you. Open our hearts to be filled with your Spirit; open our ears to truly hear you Word; open our mouths to sing your praises; open our hands to be Christ to the world. In his power we worship, in his name we pray, **Amen.**

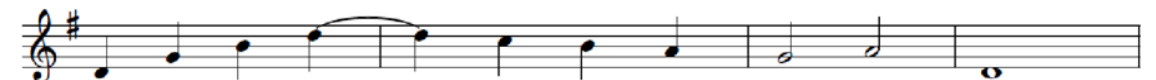
SONG OF PRAISE

Love is spoken here

Reinach/Richards



Love is spo - ken here Step in - side the door - way



Make your - self at home my friend where God is near.



Love is spo - ken here, Hush, and you will hear it, And



when the qui - et's bro - ken, love is spo - ken here.

THE WORD OF GOD

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky.

And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.**

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.**

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” **And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.**

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. **And God saw that it was good.**

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female she created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to

everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. **God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and she rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. **So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that she had done in creation.**

Reader: For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us:

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 8:1,4-10

¹ O Lord our Governor, **how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁵ What is man that you should be mindful of him?

the son of man that you should seek him out?

⁶ You have made him but little lower than the angels;

you adorn him with glory and honor;

⁷ You give her mastery over the works of your hands;

you put all things under her feet:

⁸ All sheep and oxen, **even the wild beasts of the field,**

⁹ The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰ O Lord our Governor, **how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

“Three-ness”

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

Like a tree

Kate Heichler, 2022

Like a tree plant-ed by wa - ter, send-ing out its roots in the stream, we will not fear the heat or drought, and our leaves are al - ways green. Like a tree plant-ed by wa - ter, send-ing out its roots in the stream, we will not fear the heat or drought, - we will bear a - bun - dant - fruit.

OUR PRAYERS *(Please stand or kneel.)*

1. **God, we thank you for....** *(Please voice aloud things you are thankful for.)*
2. **Jesus, please help us with...** *(Please voice desires or petitions for self or others.)*
3. **Holy Spirit, please fill us with....** *(Ask for gifts like peace, joy, gifts, fullness....)*

BLESSING OF A CIVIL MARRIAGE

Presider: Kevin and Melissa, you have come here today to seek the blessing of God and of his Church upon your marriage. I require, therefore, that you promise, with the help of God, to fulfill the obligations which Christian Marriage demands.

Kevin, you have taken Melissa to be your wife. Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, to be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Kevin: I do.

Presider: Melissa, you have taken Kevin to be your husband. Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, to be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Melissa: I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation: Will you who have witnessed these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People: **We will.**

THE PEACE *(Standing)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the river flow

Darrell Evans, 1995

Verse
Let the poor one say "I am rich in him," Let the lost one say "I am found in Him," and let the riv - er flow; Let the blind one say "I can see a - gain" Let the dead one say "I am born a - gain," and let the riv - er flow; Let the ri - ver flow.
Chorus
Let the riv - er flow, Let the riv - er flow; Ho - ly Spi - rit come, move in power. Let the riv - er flow, Let the riv - er flow; Ho - ly Spi - rit come, move in po wer; Let the ri - ver flow, let the ri - ver flow, let the ri - ver flow

You may give online at <https://christchurchlaplata.org/donate/> text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts, or put an offering in the plate.

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate, praying the words in bold type.

Presider The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.**

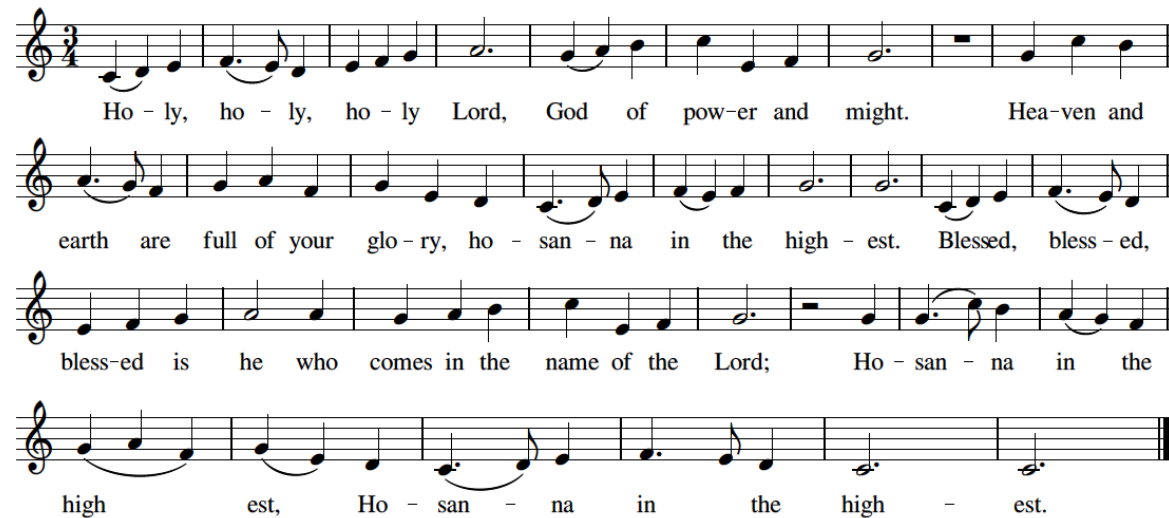
We thank you for inviting us into your eternal relationship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, this holy fellowship where love flows from one to the other, circling out to create worlds and coming back like streams of living water in which we dance and are nourished.

Holy God, we praise you for your One-ness as we delight in your Three-ness.

Let us join your dance as we worship you, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, as we sing of your glory:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed, bless - ed,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the
high est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, Triune God, You created us in your image, unique persons in relationship with others, and with your whole creation, existing to love you and to glorify you.

Holy Father, You love us as Your beloved children.

You are holy Mother, the source of all life in the universe.

You made a garden filled with good things and set your creatures into it.

You walked with us in perfect intimacy.

Even when we turned against Your ways, you did not abandon us.

You sent your only begotten Son to release us from the bondage of self-centeredness and the way of death.

Jesus, Son of God, Son of man, you have shown us the way to eternal life.

On the night when you were handed over to suffering and death, you took bread; and when you had given thanks, you broke it, and gave it to your disciples, and said, **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

After supper you took the cup of wine; gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

And so we gather around this table as You asked us – to remember,

To be renewed in the power of the Spirit to be Your disciples.

Fill us, Spirit of the Living God:

breathe your life into all things; cleanse, convict, convert:

Come, Holy Spirit, upon this bread, upon this wine,

Now flesh of Christ, His blood divine;

Come, Holy Spirit, on us, we pray,

Christ’s body gathered here today: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come and make known to us the Son, who makes known to us the Father, with whom you live in love eternally, dancing the dance of the holy, into which you invite us, saints redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, in unity of love now and for ever.

Sing: AMEN! AMEN! A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN!

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Elizabethan)

**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**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Come, Spirit of the Living God,
Come, Spirit of the Risen Christ,
Come, Holy Spirit, and live in us!

THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine; if you do not wish to receive,
please come forward, arms crossed, for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

PRAYER OF THANKS

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us by your Spirit with the body and blood of
your Son, for inviting us into your divine life as we share in this holy meal.
Give us grace to go out from here and share that life with others, to invite them to join
in this dance of eternal love with you, in whom we live and move and have our being,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the winds of the Spirit flow in and through you and may you know the blessing
of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Original)

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is be your Name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
And 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**

CLOSING SONG

I'll fly away

Albert Brumley, 1932



1. Some glad morn - ing, when this life is o'er, I'll fly a-way,
2. When the sha - dows of this life have gone,
3. Just a few more wea - ry days, and then



To that home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way.
Like a bird from pri - son bars has flown,
To a land where joys will ne - ver end,

Refrain



I'll fly a - way, oh glo - ry I'll fly a - way



When I die, hal - le - ju - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

SENDING

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

MUSIC AND WORSHIP NOTES

Our pianist today is Cheryl Reckeweg, with guitar by Kate Heichler and Bob Jackson.

OUR PRAYERS TODAY

We give thanks for: Our vestryfolk who help lead our congregations.

Milestone: Cameron Mason; Sandy and Jay Hixson

We pray for:

Those in need of healing – Bob Clark, Bill Cooke, Duana, Janet; David Murphy, Katie,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIDE PICNIC SUNDAY JUNE 11 5 pm at Christ Church in La Plata - We are kicking off a series of cook-outs this summer to extend a special welcome to LGBTQIA+ youth and families. The first one will be at Christ Church in La Plata on June 11; July and August will be hosted at Peace Lutheran and St Paul's Waldorf. Please sign up **here** to attend and to help - and please share the flyer with your connections.

SUPPLY DRIVE FOR REFUGEES – Deacon Susan Fritz recently attended the regular meeting of the EDOW refugee committee, and decided it was time for Southern Maryland to help. Buses from Texas and Arizona are still showing up every week. Most of those passengers have only the clothes on their back. With the goal of June 20, World Refugee Day, the Christ Churches will join this challenge, providing:

- Short Sleeve T-shirts for men, small & medium
- Sweatshirts and hoodies for men (small-large) and for children (all sizes)
- Bras for women: small/medium sports bras, 32-36A-C regular bras

Please drop items at either Christ Church by Sunday, June 18th. Donations toward shopping are also gratefully received.

WHAT ARE THE "CLOBBER" PASSAGES? Pride Bible Study June 14,21 and 28

Join Pastor Eric Rudolph of Peace Lutheran on June 14, 21 and 28 to explore the passages often cited to exclude LGBTQIA+ folks from full participation in church life. Register online at www.myplc.org/pride.

WATER YOUR SPIRIT EVERY DAY – Subscribe to [Water Daily](#), Rev. Kate's daily reflections on Sunday's gospel reading. Subscribe to email [here](#); podcast [here](#).

ONLINE GIVING – **La Plata**: You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. You can also give online - go to www.christchurchlaplata.org and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

Wayside: Until we have a corrected link, you are welcome to use the La Plata link above and scroll down to designate "Wayside."

TO DONATE TO THE GIVING FUND use instructions above and designate Giving Fund.