

Chancel Choir, Leonard Raybon, director, 11:00 am
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Healey Wil-

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Thou, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return

Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
Visit, then, this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy Divine,
Scatter all my unbelief.
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day. Amen.

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DOXOLOGY* *together*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:36-43

HOMILY *"In lieu of flowers..." (Community as Shared Priority)*
Part 3 - How to Transform Community

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION* insert, 8:45 am

*If you would like to remain where you are
an usher will provide a communion packet for you at your pew.*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus 526
Near to the Heart of God

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HYMN* *See How Great a Flame Aspires* 541

BENEDICTION Go now in peace.
Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE *Concerto in G Major BWV 592: Allegro* Johann Ernst, 11
am

arranged by J.-S. Bach

WE WELCOME ALL- All are invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith and love regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. We welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors! Those who wish to become members are encouraged to contact: jay@raynenola.org

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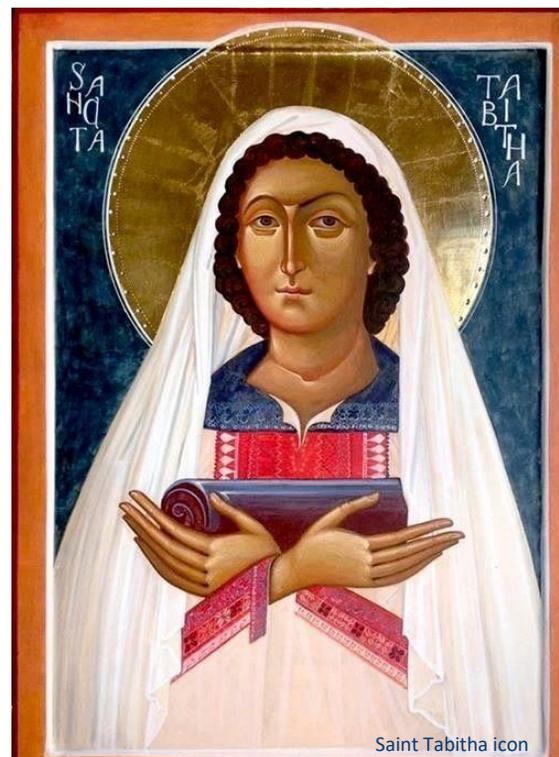
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022



Saint Tabitha icon

Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Mother Earth by The PrimeTimers.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to All!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

Come, Mother God, come as an enfolding nurturing presence, come as steadfast love to hold us. Come, Mother God, come as friend and comforter, healing our wounds and walking our way, come as wounded healer to make us whole.

~ "Invocation for Mothering Sunday," The Iona Community

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien, 8:45 am

Andee Reed, director, 11:00 am

Go, My Children, with My Blessing Welsh 18th Centu-

ry

CALL TO WORSHIP* *responsively*

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

We come to worship our God -
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer - Holy Three in One.

In our need, we bring with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
and who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and our doubts;

we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because our God invites us to here;

and God has promised never to turn us away.

HYMN*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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PRAYER *together*

The loving guidance of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **Loving God, you are parent to us all. In the midst of sorrow and loss, you wipe away every tear from our eyes. Let the wonders of your love reach down to us this day. As Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, raise us to new life. Help us let go of the violence and hate that threatens to overcome our world; help us hold on to the promise of your grace, mercy and justice. Wake us from our slumber and nourish us in the strength of your Spirit. May the world see your beauty and love living in us. For the glory of your kingdom, we pray.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*

11 am

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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**The People Standing*

RESPONSE *together* *When Morning Gilds the Skies* 185 (verses 1, 3 &

When morning gilds the skies my
heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring
joyous with the sound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

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CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS AND CHOIR

Randy and Allison Bunnell, directors, 11 am

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may come forward to the front of the sanctuary for a time of sharing with the pastors then attend children's church in the education building.

OFFERING

Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your gift to the usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

Cassie Segal, 8:45 am

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Last night I lay a-sleeping, there
came a dream so fair. I stood in old
Jerusalem, beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing, and
ever as they sang: Methought the
voice of Angels from Heav'n in
answer rang; Methought the voice
of Angels from Heav'n in answer
rang: Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up
your gates and sing. Hosanna in the
highest! Hosanna to your King!

And then methought my dream was
changed, the streets no longer rang.
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the
little children sang. The sun grew
dark with mystery, the morn was
cold and chill as the shadow of a
cross arose upon a lonely hill

a lonely hill. Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Hark! How the Angels sing. Hosanna
in the highest, Hosanna to your King.

And once again the scene was
changed; new earth there seemed to
be. I saw the Holy City beside the
endless sea; The light of God was on
its streets, the gates were open wide,
and all who would might enter, and
no one was denied. No need of moon
or stars by night, or sun to shine by
day, it was the new Jerusalem that
would not pass away. It was the new
Jerusalem that would not pass away.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the
night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna forevermore!
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna for-
evermore!

as the shadow of a cross arose upon

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

1. See how great a flame aspires, kindled by a spark of grace. Jesus' love the nations fires, sets the kingdoms on a blaze. To bring fire on earth he came, kindled in some hearts it is; O that all might catch the flame, all partake the glorious bliss!

2. When he first the work begun, small and feeble was his day; now the Word doth swiftly run, now it wins its widening way; more and more it spreads and grows, ever mighty to prevail; sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows, shakes the trembling gates of hell.

3. Saints of God, your Savior praise, who the door hath opened wide; he hath given the word of grace, Jesus' word is glorified; Jesus mighty to redeem, who alone the work hath wrought; worthy is the work of him, him who spake a world from naught.

4. Saw ye not the cloud arise, little as a human hand? Now it spreads along the skies, hangs o'er all the thirsty land. Lo! the promise of a shower drops already from above; but the Lord will shortly pour all the spirit of his love.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table!

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess - we can be so certain that we know what is best. We head into life following our own desires and our own way. Forgive us; interrupt us with the blinding light of your grace. Grant us the gift of new vision. When we despair and sadness overwhelms us, and when hope fails us, teach us to walk in the beauty of your love. Open us up, Lord, that we may see your path, walk in deeper trust, and be loving witnesses of your glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

PARDON

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning. The Lord is at work, transforming our brokenness and sorrow, giving us a hope for a new day.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

singing together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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!

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

singing together:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God.

singing together: Amen, amen, amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*