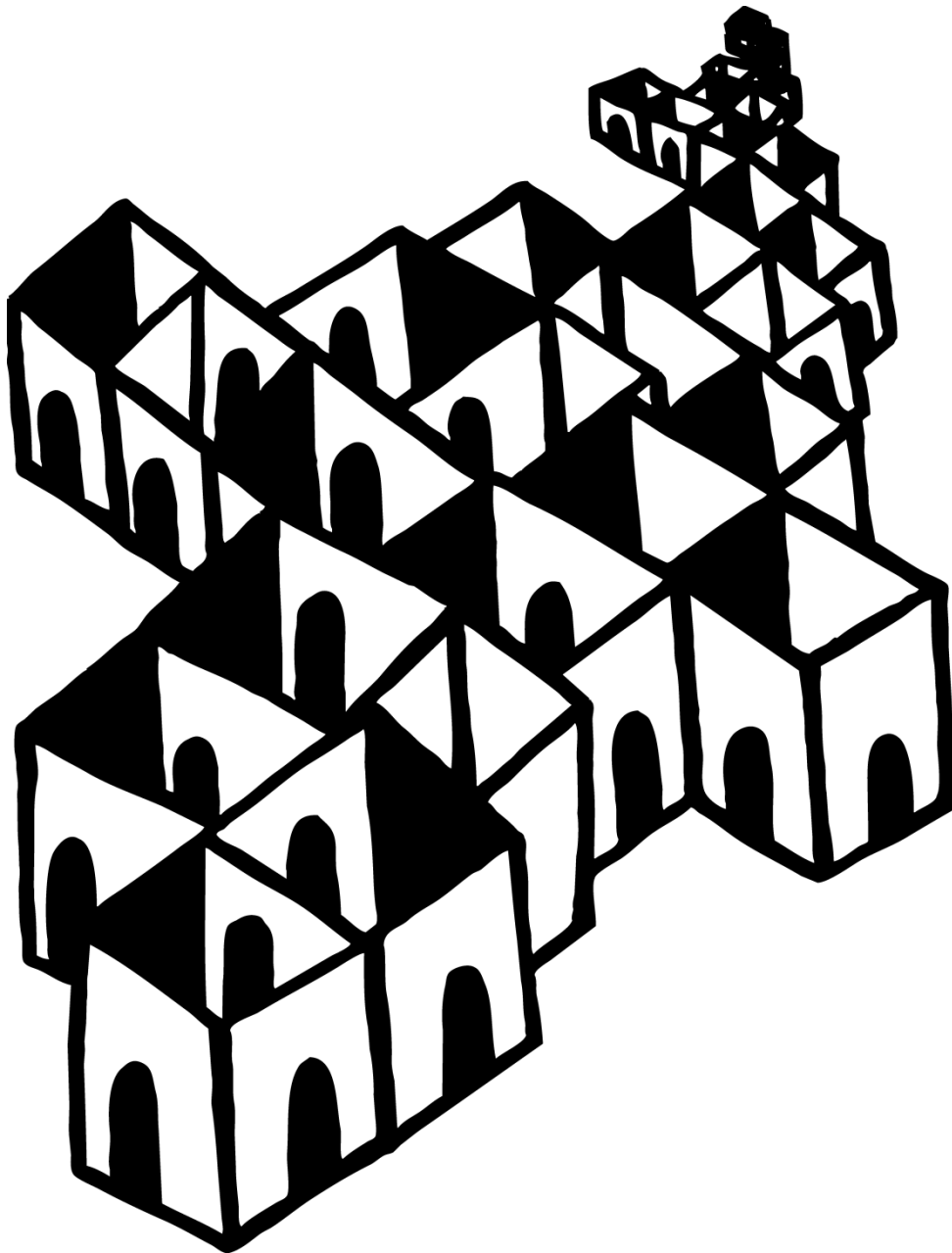




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**May 7, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

**PRELUDE** - Risen is the Holy Christ, Stanley E. Sexton

**John Cribb**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.**

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.**

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

**Where despair prevails, grant hope.**

**Where chaos reigns, bring peace.**

**We ask this through Christ,**

**who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.**

**Amen.**

**GATHERING I Know That My Redeemer Lives #619 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my everliving head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply;  
he lives to guide me with his eye;  
he lives to comfort me when faint;  
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;  
he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart;  
he lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

#### **GREETING**

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE p. 184**

**(red hymnal, front section)**

#### **REFRAIN**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

## **REFRAIN**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.**

**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

## **REFRAIN**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

## **REFRAIN**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the Water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

## **REFRAIN**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven  
and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.  
“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened  
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”  
But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.  
Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him;  
and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.  
While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed,  
“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”  
Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice,  
“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”  
When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16(the congregation responds with the bold words)**

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
**save me in your steadfast love."**

**Second Reading: I Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
so that by it you may grow into salvation –  
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone,  
though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,  
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious;

but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,  
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him  
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 188

(red hymnal, front section)

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-14**

The gospel lesson for this Fourth Sunday of Easter is from the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning with the first verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:]

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come again and will take you to myself,

so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him,

“Lord, we do not know where you are going.

How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him,

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you will know my Father also.

From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him,

“Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him,

“Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say,

‘Show us the Father’?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own;

but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me

will also do the works that I do and,

in fact, will do greater works than these,

because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name,  
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do  
it.”

This is the gospel indeed.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN**

**Give Me Jesus #770**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

**REFRAIN**

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.**

**Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.**

**REFRAIN**

**Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day, give me Jesus.**

**REFRAIN**

**Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.**

**REFRAIN**

**And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing, give me Jesus.**

**REFRAIN**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster, especially the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, the landslide in Ecuador, and the flooding, tornadoes, dust storms, wildfires and winter storms in our country.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We also pray for all who are sick, or otherwise in need of our prayers, especially...

- Cindy Haener - recovering from surgery
- Dan Sperow - recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Darel Sorensen and family, in the death of Betty
- Mike Lorenzo - healing from back surgery
- The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose entire church building burned up on Easter Sunday afternoon
- Donna Cuvelier - friend of Gail B., numerous health concerns
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Heidi Carney - Diagnostic tests
- Kate Anderson
- Ken Foran - recovering from knee surgery
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength



- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, we also lift up before you those whom we have yet named, who are on our hearts, especially, Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us, especially Betty Sorensen, Larry Nelson, Barbara Schaefer, Eldre Larsen and Leonard Sutherland. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share that peace with one another.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**

**In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.**

**In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 190** (red hymnal, rear section)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it  
and gave it to his disciples saying,  
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,  
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

**TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** - Humbly I Adore Thee, Eugene Butler

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:  
**Gracious God,**  
**in you we live and move and have our being.**  
**With your word and this meal of grace,**  
**you have nourished our life together.**  
**Strengthen us to show your love**  
**and serve the world in Jesus' name.**  
**AMEN.**

**BLESSING**

The God of all,  
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN      My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759      (red hymnal, rear section)**

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow'd tears away  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE - Agnus Dei, Georges Bizet, arr. Thygerson**

**John Cribb**

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- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
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- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation, and for sponsoring last Sunday's brunch.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 1, Episodes 3 and 4.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow at 9:30 am. Talk with Pastor Brian if you are newly interested in attending.
- The **Men's Group** will meet tomorrow, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house at 1302 17<sup>th</sup> St. in Los Osos.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are just beginning a new curriculum, watching a video called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This is a good time to join in!
- **The Worship Planning Workshop** will take place Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Speak with Pastor Brian if you wish to join this group!
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.  
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**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:  
[morrobaylutherans.org](http://morrobaylutherans.org)**