



Sunday, May 3, 2020
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
Live Stream Worship 9:00a
Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Your River, O God

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

Refrain

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -

live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it

flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry

time and place.

Verse

Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the
Come and hear all who fear, you are
As we grow may we know waves of

mys - ter - y. Ev' - ry heart,
not a - lone. Come and see,
hope sur - round. As we live

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from the start, light for all to see.
be set free, rest here in your home.
may we give love that has no bounds.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE: God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.
Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.
Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.
May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

MANY: AMEN

Come and See
verses 1 & 2

Refrain



Come and see what God has done. The earth is a - live;



thanks to the sun. Ev' - ry plant that grows ev' - ry ri - ver that flows what a



mir - a - cle gift of cre - a - tion!

Verse



The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk, a ba - by's first bond with her
Pon - der the vast - ness of the night sky. The dis - tance you see is a -
Look at a seed, it knows what to do; new life will spring forth from its
Peo - ple of Faith, Grace beck - ons you home to E - den in all of its



moth - er; first flow - ers of spring a - rise — and sing. The
maz - ing. The light trav - els o - ver thou - sands of years be -
fall - ing. And we as peo - ple of the Di - vine can
splen - dor. Do you hear the call? Re - new — the earth! With



world — is filled — with won - der!
fore — you see it star - gaz - ing.
lis - ten as we know our call - ing.
care — now gar - den and tend her.

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CONFESSION

ONE: Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the creation upon which we all depend is suffering. The immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken by our hands. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

silence for reflection

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation, but we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. We have spoiled the life giving resources upon which we all depend. As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we take the wealth of the world into our own houses and leave your children in need. God of all life,

MANY: we confess our part in a broken world.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are forgiven all your sins.


MANY: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE


Praise to You
verse 3

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Praise to you, O Great Cre - a - tor, Ma - ker of the land and sky.




Praise to you, O Liv - ing Wat - er, hope and breath of ev' - ry life.

Verse



We are lost and we are long-ing, wand'-ring in the wild - er - ness,
Hear the cries of all cre - a - tion, how the tears like ri - vers flow
May we live your way of jus-tice, may we walk your way of peace.

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search - ing for your hol - y pres-ence and the rea - son we ex - ist.
for your touch of grace and heal - ing and the love that leads us home.
May we see your sac - red vi - sion, may we know your sweet re - lease.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray. The eyes of all look to you, O God. Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the healing and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray.

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE

1Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for God's Son from heaven, whom God raised from the dead -- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris



Since time be - gan, through cent - ur - ies God's
 A moth - ers womb, a brand new life God's
 Signs of hope, a voice of peace God's



love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known
 love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the
 love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for



gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
 ri - sen Christ God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
 war to cease God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the



Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land God's
 Weep - ing may last and for the night God's
 down and out and high and proud God's



love is ev - er - last - ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing
 love is ev - er - last - ing. But joy breaks forth with
 love is ev - er - last - ing. Come all you peo - ple



hand in hand God's love is ev - er - last - ing. Your
 morn - ing light God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
 shout out loud God's love is ev - er - last - ing.



love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your



love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing.

APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: **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 Christ rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come to judge the living and the 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

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

silence

ONE: Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, and protect their families and friends from being infected. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: People all around the globe are giving of themselves on behalf of this world. Strengthen those in the medical profession and all who commit themselves to the work of ending this pandemic. Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs and closures. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Holy Spirit, you work among us in ways we do not understand. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing and comfort ...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

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 forever. AMEN


WELCOME TO THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Healer

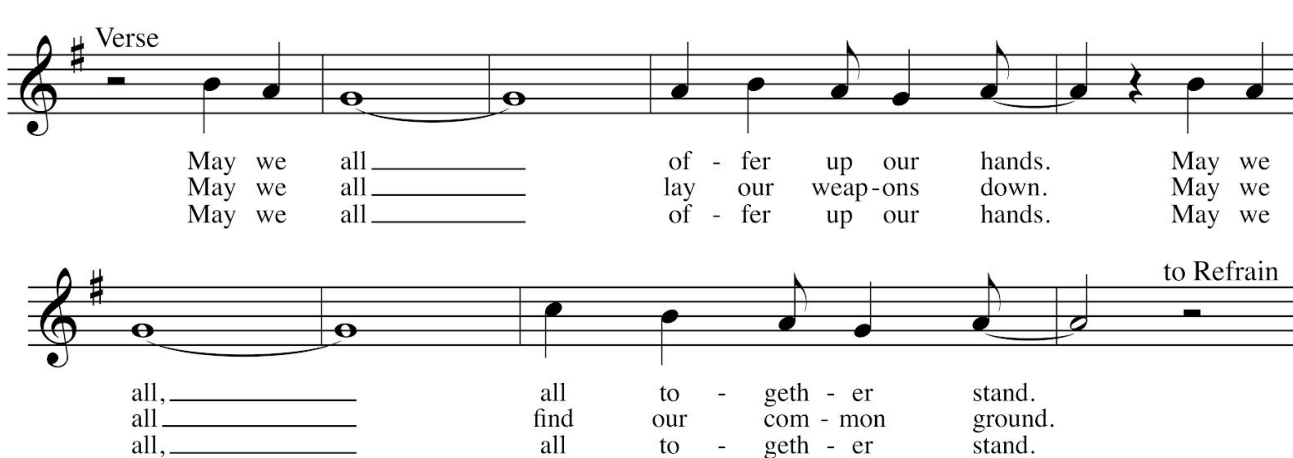
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Refrain



Heal - er, heal - er, come and
heal this world. Heal - er,
heal - er, come and heal this world.

Verse



May we all _____ of - fer up our hands. May we
May we all _____ lay our weap - ons down. May we
May we all _____ of - fer up our hands. May we
all, _____ all find to - geth - er stand.
all, _____ our com - mon ground.
all, _____ all to - geth - er stand.

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COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

ONE: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MANY: AMEN



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to*
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound'ry, ev' - ry na - tion

go now with God,
va - mos con Dios,



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
 Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God,
va - mos con Dios,

go now with God.
va - mos con Dios.

Go now,
Va - mos,



go now,
va - - - mos,

go now with God.
va - mos con Dios.



Go now,
Va - mos,

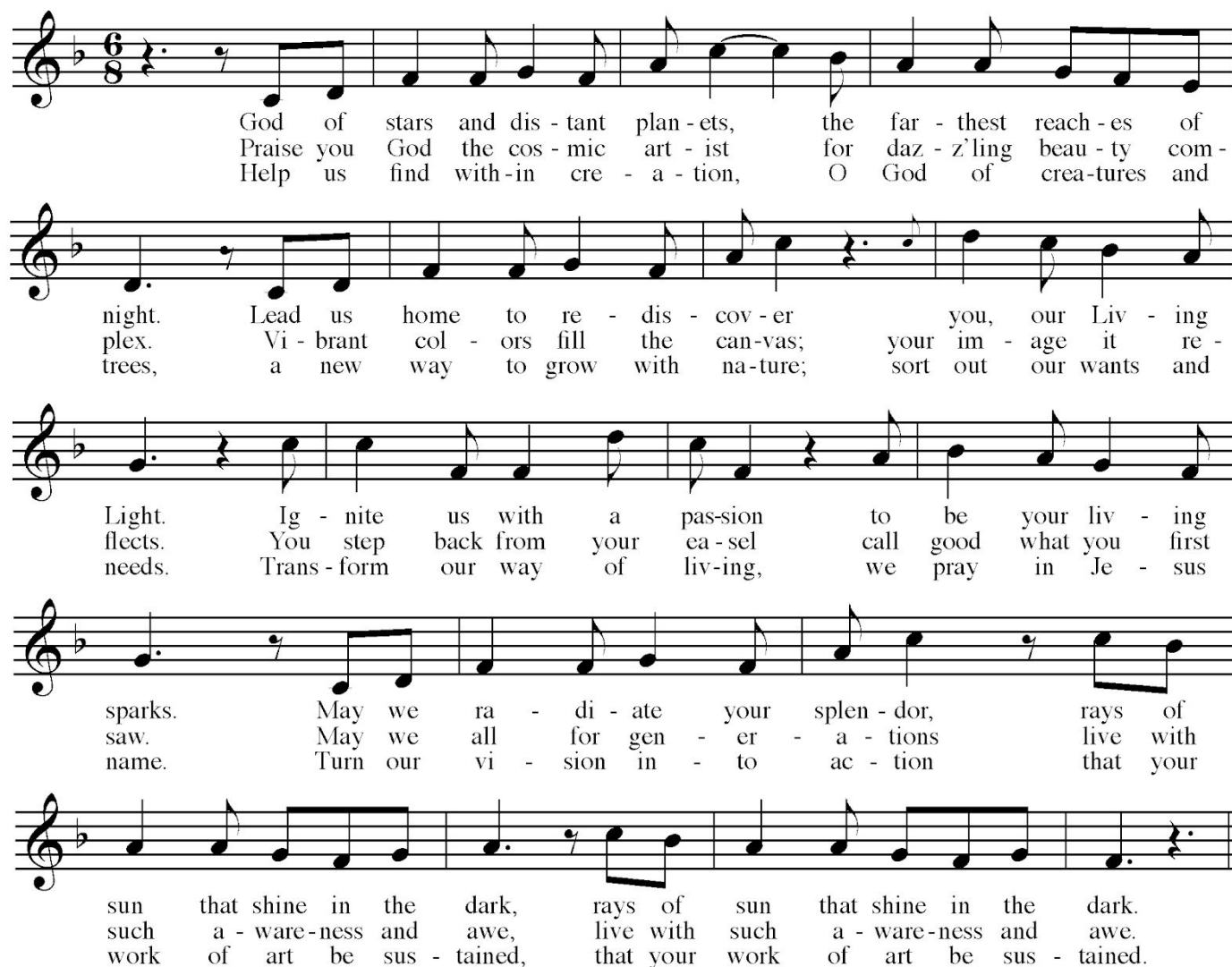
go now,
va - mos,

go now with God.
va - mos con Dios.

OFFERING

God of Stars and Distant Planets
verses 1 & 3

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God of stars and dis - tant plan - ets, the far - thest reach - es of
 Praise you God the cos - mic art - ist for daz - z'ling beau - ty com -
 Help us find with - in cre - a - tion, O God of crea - tures and

night. Lead us home to re - dis - cov - er you, our Liv - ing
 plex. Vi - brant col - ors fill the can - vas; your im - age it re -
 trees, a new way to grow with na - ture; sort out our wants and

Light. Ig - nite us with a pas - sion to be your liv - ing
 flects. You step back from your ea - sel call good what you first
 needs. Trans - form our way of liv - ing, we pray in Je - sus

sparks. May we ra - di - ate your splen - dor, rays of
 saw. May we all for gen - er - a - tions live with
 name. Turn our vi - sion in - to ac - tion that your

sun that shine in the dark, rays of sun that shine in the dark.
 such a - ware - ness and awe, live with such a - ware - ness and awe.
 work of art be sus - tained, that your work of art be sus - tained.

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!Acknowledgements:

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