# A LITURGY FOR EARTHKEEPING



# Sunday, May 17, 2020 Live Stream Worship 9:00a Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth Sixth Sunday of Easter



#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

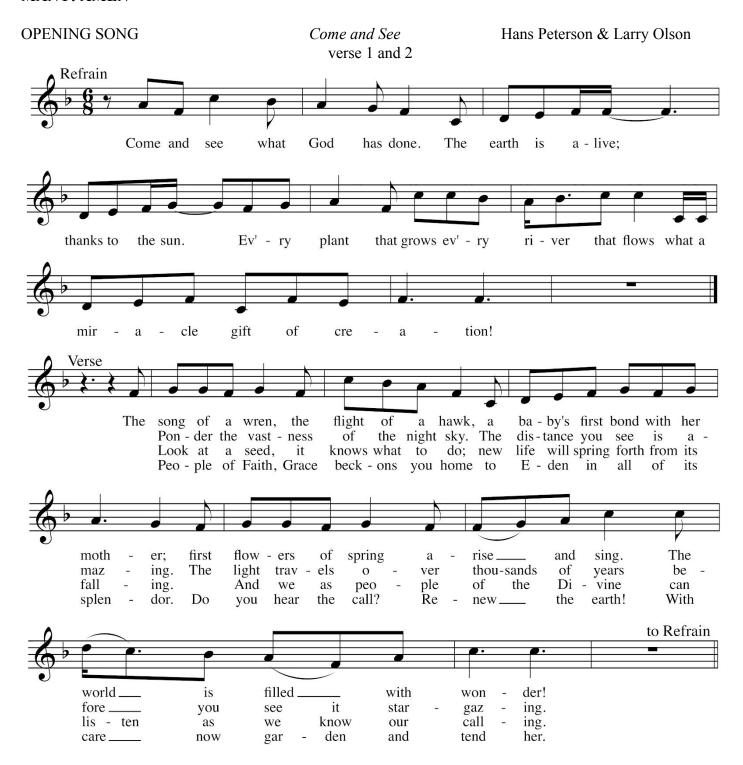
ONE: God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

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**



#### **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. By our own hand we have spoiled the life giving resources upon which we all depend.

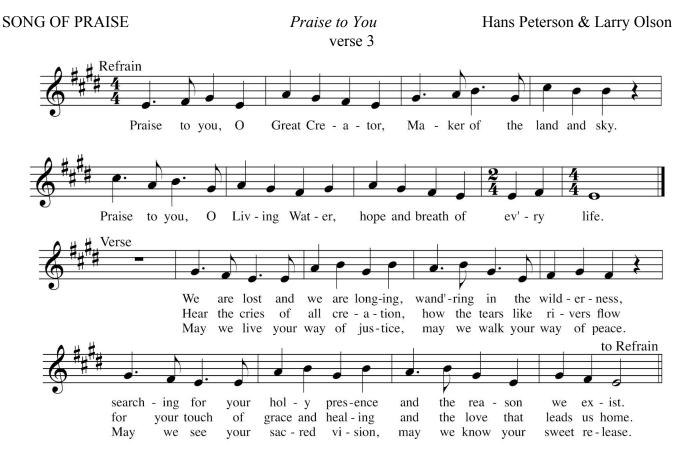
As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we take the wealth of the world into our own houses and leave your children in need. God of all life,

## 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.

#### MANY: Thanks be to God.



#### 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 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

- 4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **MANY: Thanks be to God.** 

SERMON Rev. Kjell M. Ferris



#### 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.

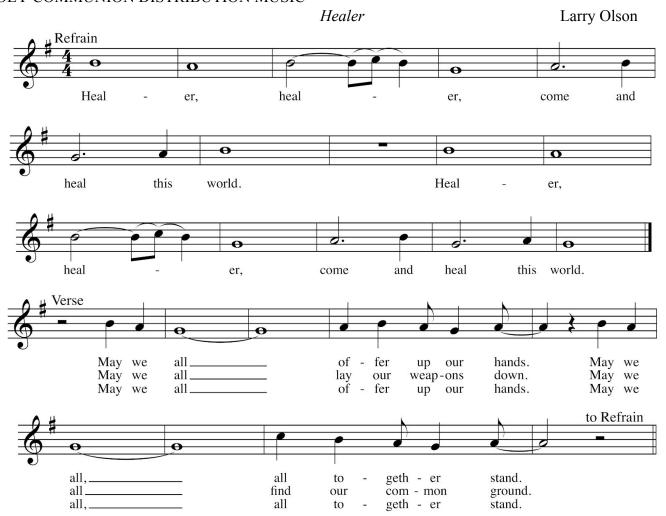
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. AMEN

#### WELCOME TO THE TABLE

#### HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

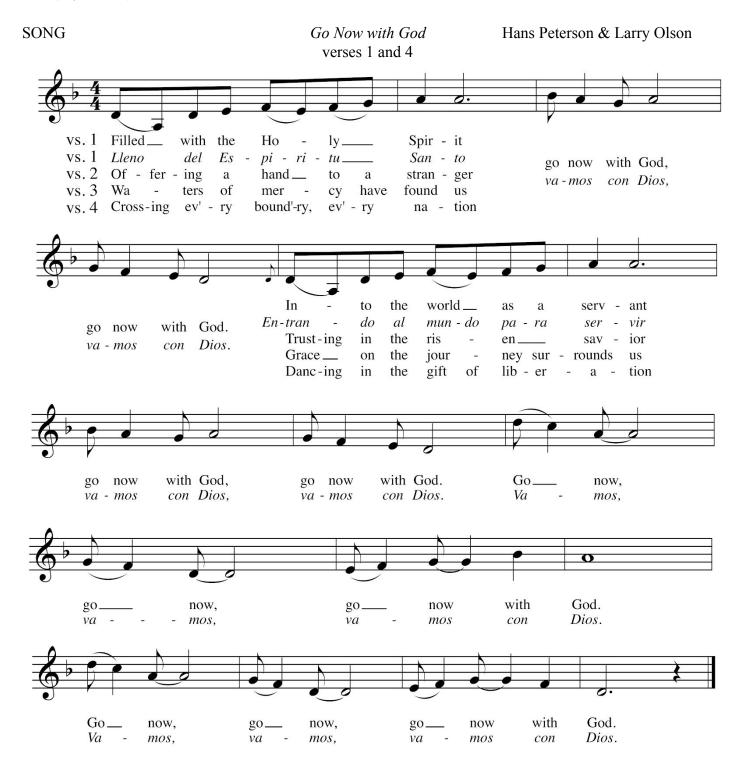


# **COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **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**



DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

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