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Season of Easter 2022

Sharing Our Faith Stories



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME to worship! We continue to celebrate the hope of the world, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Today, we will also be thinking about how we share that good news. To do that, we have our "Sharing Our Faith Stories" emphasis. All congregations in our entire Pacifica Synod have been encouraged to participate. May the Spirit give us the love to do so!

THE PRELUDE: *Nearer, My God, to Thee* by R. Lau Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

#365 vv. 1, 2, 4

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
praise eternal as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!
praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen. (Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy.")

(People sing refrain below. Leader sings verses) #184



(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)
PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30am/10am) Daneen Pysz

THE ANTHEM: *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* by Larter (8:30am) The Sanctuary Choir
Music Director Kathy Person, Christian Try, flute

THE LESSON: Acts 8:26-40
Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p. 188
Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 21st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
THE GOSPEL: John 21:1, 4-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side

of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. (The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10am)

APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: In Christ Alone (Getty)
In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day

Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

THE MESSAGE: “ *Sharing Our Faith Stories Flexibly*” Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC Michelle Lum

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER
Let us pray. On this day of resurrection, O Christ,
We offer these gifts in response to Your mercy. May they reflect our gratitude and desire to share with others the hope of the resurrection; in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION
On the night He was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:
Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) p. 191
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.

As the Grains of Wheat #465
Refrain: **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.** (Refrain.)

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you.** (Refrain.)

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord #787
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, . . . my rock . . . in whom I trust!”

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowl-er will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge with faith-ful-ness your shield.** (Refrain.)

**You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.** (Refrain.)

**For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.** (Refrain.)

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Thine the Amen

Thine the amen thine the praise al-le-lu-ias angels raise
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Easter Postlude on “St. Kevin”* by F. D. Ashdown Fred Johnson (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Melody & Ron Bacon with gratitude for God's everyday love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade) during the 10am service - children leave after the children's
message for Sunday school and rejoin their families for Holy Communion.

NURSERY is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are
vaccinated. They will be inside the preschool room closest to the church.

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes at back of sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or
You can give **ELECTRONICALLY** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Alternatively, you can give via
credit card or debit card through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Jim & Yvonne Bell, Casey, Mike, Rhett & Andi Calkins, Chela & Dean
Frasché, Sharry Hilyard, David Kelsey, Larry & Nadine Lisser, Michelle Lum, Garry & Toni Nelson and
Kristin Wilson.

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EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS MEETING will take place in the Sanctuary, today, 9:30am. Check-in for
current volunteers. Those interested in this ministry are also invited to attend. Questions, please call
the office or speak with Daneen Pysz.

BETHLEHEM OLIVE WOOD ITEMS - Made by Christian artists from Bethlehem will be on display & for
sale on the patio this morning.

DIVINE DESSERTS AND DREAMS - This evening at 6pm. Join us in Bankson Hall for dessert and a
presentation on Biblical dreams and their interpretation by Dr. Melody Bacon. Sign-up!

MOTHER'S DAY/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - May 8: “*Daisy a Day*” song, plus daisies for all mothers
and daughters. At 9:30am, we will have lambs and other furry friends to pet between the morning
services, for the “good shepherd in all of us” to enjoy. Bring a friend.

TACO-BOUT RELATIONSHIPS - Tuesday, May 17, 5pm - Join us for Taco Tuesday and conversation
with Dr. Dennis Chernekoff. Entertainment for young children will also be provided during this event.

GLORIA DEI BLOOD DRIVE - May 25, 9am - 3pm in Bankson Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Table or
online to donate blood at: www.redcrossblood.org/. Type *Gloria Dei* in the “Find a Blood Drive” red
box in the upper right corner and our blood drive will “pop up”.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY will be celebrated at all services, Sunday, May 29. If you have a high
school student graduating and want them included, please fill out the form at the Welcome Table.

BLESSING LUNCH for our student Intern Pastor Veronica, May 29, 11:15am. Please join us for Italian
food to help celebrate her time at Gloria Dei & her transition to the next step in her pastoral career.
Sign up at the Welcome Table.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY for 8th graders who have gone through this program with pastors and
staff - Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 10am service. Please keep these young people in your prayers as
they “affirm” their baptism. (If you like, wear something red in celebration of Pentecost.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - July 5 - 8, 9am - 12 noon. 4 years old - 5th grade. Fee - \$50 for
members, \$60 for non-members. (Scholarships available upon request.) VBS Theme: “Built for THIS”;
1Corinthians 3:9-11. *Registration forms at Welcome Table and on mygloriadei.org.* Invite a friend!

MASK GUIDELINES: If you are fully vaccinated, no mask is required inside. Of course, you are
welcome to continue to wear a mask, even if fully vaccinated. If coughing, or feeling sick, please
stay home and watch the service online. We’re fortunate to have a space uniquely open with
plenty of fresh air. Spread out. At this point, the pastors will still wear masks during Communion.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - Practice Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour in the Sanctuary. For
details - Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

SOUTH COAST LITERACY COUNCIL - Assists adults with English language skills. Meets at Gloria Dei
on Monday & Thursday mornings 10am-12pm. Volunteer? Contact gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

UPCOMING: Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (June 11); Women's Tea (June 18); Church Picnic (July 3); MGD sponsors - Angel's Baseball Game (August 13 - Get info and purchase tickets at Welcome Table.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 1 - 7, 2022
Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Bethlehem Olive Wood Display (9:30am); New Member Welcome (10am); Sunday School (10am only); Confirmation Class (11:15am); Divine Desserts & Dreams (6pm); NA Meeting (6:30pm)
Monday: South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); GIFT Group (6:30pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Church Staff Meeting (1pm); Brass Practice (5pm); Al Anon (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Al Anon Coed (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)
Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!
8:30am: Acolyte: Bryan Hallowell; Coffee: Dave Ross; Communion: Dennis & Karen Cherneloff; Lector: Denise Boyd; Usher: John Gustavson & Debbie Holzkamp; Welcome Table: Denise & Tim Boyd
10am: Acolyte: Romy Rettig; Coffee: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Susan Warneke; Lector: Scott Lund; Usher: Ron Bacon & Scott Lund; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike
5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeannie Moyer

SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES #2
(Take Home Sheet to Continue the Conversation!)

FLEXIBLE EVANGELISM

Acts 8:26-40

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Key Takeaway - Flexible Evangelism: Like Philip when he interacted with the Ethiopian, we can be open to the Holy Spirit moving us in unexpected directions without tying ourselves to evangelism scripts.

Bible Study Questions: What are the differences between Philip and the Ethiopian? How did the two connect? What things happened in this story that the characters might not have expected?

For Further Discussion: What was a time you felt completely loved and accepted? What made you feel that way?

Storytime: Tell a story about a way you have seen God's love expressed during a difficult time in your or someone else's life.

Sermon Notes:

Point 1: _____

Point 2: _____

Point 3: _____