

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

The Eve of the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

A Cordial welcome to all who are with us today. Our faith calls us to be an affirming and inclusive community, and to embrace all people of all cultures, races, sexual orientations and gender identities. The songs for this service are printed below.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry Hamm and Martha Hughes in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

sit

Ringing of the Singing Bowl

Invocation

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer

Laudate Dominum

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num, om - nes
gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The first system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has lyrics: "Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num, om - nes". The piano accompaniment consists of chords. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has lyrics: "gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment consists of chords. There are first and second endings indicated by "1." and "2." above the vocal line.

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,

shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Silence

The candle is lit. Worshippers are invited to light the candles on the tables during the musical reflection, safely distanced and one at a time.

Musical Reflection

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Grand Silence

O Lord, hear my prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an-swer me.

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis-ten to me.

kneel/sit

Prayers for Peace

Response

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

sit

Musical Offering

stand

The 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.

The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

Worshippers move to the communion stations to receive both the bread and the wine before moving to the second station to consume the elements. At the second station, one may take the opportunity to reflect and consume the elements before returning to one's seat.

stand

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Benediction

sit

Sing to the Lord

Sing to the Lord, all my be-ing, let ev-'ry-thing in me pro-claim God's sal-va-tion.

Sing to the Lord, all my be-ing, and re-mem-ber all of God's mar-ve-lous deeds!

Mission Offering

Designated to *Missionary David Brondos*

April contributions to *Meals on Wheels* were \$1,886.00.

Serving Tonight

Mary Ann Beseda..... Usher
Rick Erickson..... Pianist
Sergio Rodriguez Assisting Minister
Duane Larson Presiding Minister

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