



Alleluia!

second sunday
of easter

christ episcopal church
tacoma

A Message from Mother Ruth Anne

Love is the most “real” thing we believe in without seeing a physical manifestation of it. Love is something we cannot see but something for which we often want proof. So Eliza Doolittle in the musical *My Fair Lady* asks of her young man (in her frustration with Henry Higgins), “Never do I ever want to hear another word. There isn't one I haven't heard.... Say one more word and I'll scream! Haven't your arms hungered for mine? Please don't ‘explain,’ Show me!” And the eighties band Foreigner in what is still one of my favorite rock ballads “I Want to Know What Love Is” tells their loved one that they want to know what love is and that they know they can show them... Show me.

So, while we know we can't see “love,” we still want to be shown. And what is so delightful about these “proofs” is that each is as unique as the relationship and the person. My husband Jeremy, for example, shows his love for me daily when he brings my coffee or tea to me while I am still in bed. He also puts a big glass of ice water each night on my nightstand. Sometimes I do these things for myself, but I always like his coffee better. For our little chihuahuas, Alice and Rosie who are always cold, Jeremy makes them a hot water bottle in the morning which he puts in their canine couch where they will spend a good portion of the day listening to him practice the piano. And, especially when I am not looking, he also gives them some pretty big treats for such tiny dogs. They know he loves them for sure. He shows us.

But that is the thing, isn't it? The way that we show one another we love each other depends entirely on those involved. Coffee in bed is a real gift to a night owl living in an early bird world.

Hot water bottles are a big deal to little dogs who are best suited to warm weather. And for Thomas who missed out on seeing Jesus the first time, seeing the mark of the nails in his hands, and putting his finger in the mark of the nails and his hand in Jesus' side was what he needed to believe in the resurrected Jesus.

I am a particular fan of Thomas which is rather a good thing as I have preached on this text A LOT. While folks have always loved to refer to this disciple as “doubting Thomas,” for the record, Thomas was no more doubting than any other disciple. None of the disciples believed in the risen Lord when the women came to tell them that Jesus had risen. Sure, Simon Peter ran to check it out for himself but they had called the women's story an “idle tale.” And when the disciples who had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus returned to the upper room, the majority of the disciples still weren't too sure of the risen Christ since only Simon Peter had seen him. When the returning disciples, back from their journey with Jesus, told their story of travelling with Jesus the others still weren't convinced. So, Jesus came to them and showed himself to all of them. He invited them to put their hands in the holes in his feet and hands. He ate a piece of broiled fish (for all of those on low carb diets?) And while Jesus said to Thomas who believed only when he saw Jesus for himself, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” We are told, too, that the risen Jesus did many other signs for his followers so that we could come to believe. He showed them.

All of this got me to thinking about how we might show folks what God's love is and the many different ways that might take shape. Today I think that picking up some coke zero might be a way to treat my husband Jeremy. And for my little goddaughter, I hope the birthday gift I bought her will be a token of the love I have for her. For another little friend, I plan to attend her softball game. And for....? If we want to show God's love. We just show them.

Blessings!

Mother Ruth Anne+

Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022 10:30am

The Word of God

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude

“O Blessed Spring”

Robert Bucklee-Farley
Lyrics: Susan Palo Cherwien

Excerpt: O blessed spring, where word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.

All rise at the ringing of the bell

Processional Hymn

“Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice”

H212

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People:

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song of Praise

"Glory to God"

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

Tune: AMSTERDAM

Metrical psalm setting, sung by all the people.

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above **150I**

1 Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove and keeps his court be - low;
2 Cel - e - brate the e - ter - nal God with harp and psal - ter - y,
3 God, in whom they move and live, let ev - ery crea - ture sing,

praise the ho - ly God of love, and all his great - ness show;
tim - brels soft and cym - bals loud in this high praise a - gree;
glo - ry to their Mak - er give, and hom - age to their King.

praise God for his no - ble deeds, praise God for his match - less power;
praise God, ev - ery tune - ful string; all the reach of heaven - ly art,
Hal - lowed be his name be - neath, as in heaven on earth a - dored;

God from whom all good pro - ceeds let earth and heaven a - dore.
all the powers of mu - sic bring, the mu - sic of the heart.
praise the Lord in ev - ery breath, let all things praise the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), P.D.

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The Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

Organ will play once, chorus sung twice by all the people.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

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The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able
The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayers

Leader: Holy God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Liz Heath; Nathan Forman; Frances Williams; Kreed Revere, Ella, Karrah, and Migal Vizcarra; Susanna Doll; Pat Trytten; Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Melissa Glick; Leslie Brooks and her children; Elin Gratton; Calder and Kazjmira Pospychala; Fred Langton; Bryon and Carrie Epp and their daughters Carly, Breanna, and Po; Debbie and Doug Oakman; James Standley; Jim Pierson; and Joanne Chemin.

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Philip Phibbs and Hank Davis.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant:

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

All rise as able

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please remain in place to share the peace by offering the ancient Christian gesture of a bow to your neighbors.

Offertory

An offering of money is collected. Your generous contribution, with the gifts of many others, makes possible the community of welcome, reconciliation, and service that is Christ Church.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their
 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard, how they had seen the
 4 “My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; my hands, my feet, I
 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied, he saw the feet, the
 6 How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has

glo - rious King, o’er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing.
 Lord most dear and said, “My peace be on all here.”
 ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples’ word.
 show to thee; not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be.”
 hands, the side; “Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried.
 con - stant been, for they e - ter - nal life shall win.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The first system of the musical score for 'Sanctus' consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both in 2/2 time.

God of power and might, * $\overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^3$ hea - ven and earth are $\overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^3$ full of your glo - ry.

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a double bar line with an asterisk above it, followed by a triplet of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment also features triplet markings in the right hand.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.

The third system concludes the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a long horizontal line under 'Ho - san - na' indicating a sustained note. The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both in 2/2 time.

**Optional choir part repeats first phrase here.*

**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Optional text:

Bless - ed is the one

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and **People:**

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction


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Cantor




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All



keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All who desire to receive the Body and Blood of Christ and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion. Follow the usher's invitation and maintain social distancing.

Come to the altar platform along the middle aisle of the left and right seating sections.

Receive the host in your hand and return to your seat by the outer aisle next to the wall.

As you return to your seat, briefly open your mask, consume the host, and then re-mask.

Gluten-free hosts are available: simply ask the communion minister.

If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.

Communion Music

“The Call”

R. Vaughn Williams

from *Five Mystical Songs*

Jack Burrows, Bass

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Silence and stillness

All rise as able

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:


Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant blesses the People:


The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon




Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude**"Postlude on Llanfair"**

Anna Laura Page

*We invite you all to a time of fellowship in the courtyard following the service.
Join us for this month's in-person Parish Listening Session in the church at 11:30am.*

Assisting with the liturgy

Presider: The Rev. Ruth Anne García; Deacon: The Ven. Gen Grewell, Deacon;
Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Robert Hicker; Acolyte: Carol Gregory; Lector:
Dennis Johnson; Soloist: Jack Burrows, Bass; Organ: Van Hardison; Ushers: Doug Worth,
Winfield Giddings; Altar Guild: Harriet Fields, Ron Fields, Pat Chen, and Tim Chen.

Welcome to Newcomers: If you would like to know more about our way of life, and subscribe to our *Weekly E-news*, fill out the Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plates. Worry not: we won't besiege you with emails. We invite you to explore our website and participate in any activities which interest you.

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Parish Listening Sessions This Week:

- Today at 11:30am in the Church
 - Tuesday, April 26, at 9:30am on zoom
 - Thursday, April 28, at 5:30pm on zoom
- (visit christchurchtacoma.org/calendar for zoom link)

Adult Formation:

Surprises in the Psalms: A new look at the prayerbook of the Bible

Mondays, April 25, May 2, and May 9: 7:00pm on Zoom

Join master teacher Don Johnson as he leads us in a lively discussion of these three topics: The Babylonian wrench; Finding the eternal Temple; and Awash with sea monsters - each one an exploration of a number of psalms within their cultural context. For those who pray the Daily Office and for those simply interested in the Psalms, this will be an *eye-opening* discussion. Please send your registration to Fr. Samuel Torvend at samuel@christchurchtacoma.org.

Easter Quiet Morning-- Love bade me welcome: A poetic Easter morning

Saturday, April 30: 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the Library

In this Easter Quiet Morning, participants will consider the work of three Anglican poets - George Herbert, Christina Rossetti, and Malcolm Guite - as they lead us to reflect on the meaning of the resurrection for our lives and for the earth. Fr. Torvend will lead this quiet morning. There will be ample time for silence, prayer, meditation, writing in a journal, or walking quietly through the church or courtyard. Please register for the quiet morning no later than **Wednesday, April 27**, by sending an email to Fr. Torvend at samuel@christchurchtacoma.org.