



SEASON OF EASTER  
EARTH DAY  
*April 19, 2020*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Rosace*  
*("Rose Window," Abridged)*

H. MULET

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Frank Espegren

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come let us dwell in God's shelter. Let us dwell in God's work of art. Come, because the Earth is the Lord's and God's Earth is our home. We live in God's world; we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth, with the waters and the land, with trees and grasses, with fish, birds, and animals, with minerals and creatures of every form, and with all our siblings. God declared Creation good, and entrusted us to care for it along with each other. Today, as we reflect on the marvels and wonders of Creation, Let us renew our commitment as good stewards of the earth.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

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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.

Arise, shine; for our light has come,  
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

GATHERING HYMN

*All You Works Of God*

M. HAUGEN

Refrain

The Refrain is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "All you works of God, ev-'ry moun-tain, star and tree, bless the One who shapes your beau-ty, who has caused you all to be one great song of love and grace, ev-er an-cient, ev-er new. Raise your voic-es, all you works of God!"

Verses

The Verses are written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. They consist of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "1. Sun and moon: Stars of heav-en: 2. Winds of God: Cold and win-ter: 3. Night and day: Light and dark-ness: 4. All the earth: Bless your Mak-er! Hills and moun-tains: Show-ers and dew: Snow-storms and ice: Light-nings and clouds: Green things that grow: Chant your praise! Raise up your joy-ful song." The first staff has "Solo:" markings above the first, third, and fifth measures. The second staff has "All:" markings above the first and third measures. The piece ends with a "D.C." (Da Capo) instruction.

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## GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

We gather to rejoice in the creation of the world. Let us pray to the Architect of all that is.

**O God, in your infinite compassion you lovingly formed our planet and all that lives within it. You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word as you speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways. Amen.**

## WORD

PSALM 16

**Keep Me Safe, O God**

P. Inwood

*Refrain sung twice at beginning of song; 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.*

①  
Keep me safe, O God, I take ref - uge in you.

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Keep me safe, O God, I take ref - uge in you.

*Verses* O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand I shall stand firm. **Refrain.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **Refrain.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, at your right hand happiness forever. **Refrain.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

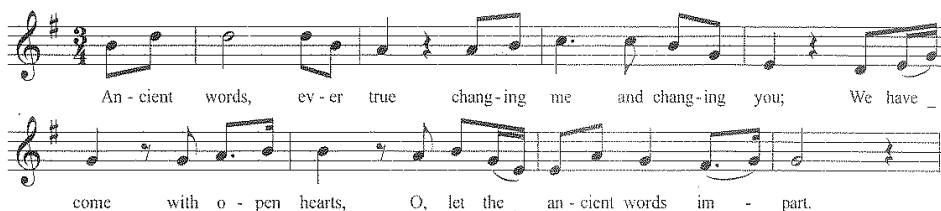
**Ancient Words**

L. DESHAZO

1 Ho-ly \_ words long pre - served for our walk in this world, they re - sound with God's own heart. O, let the \_ an-cient words im - part.

2 Words of \_ life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world wher-e'er we roam, an-cient \_ words will guide us \_ home.

*Music continued on next page...*



*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

*After the reading:* The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

***Ancient Words***

*See previous; refrain only*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

SERMON

Vicar Carolyn Brodt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each petition:* Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your household.  
**And also with you.**

## THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

*In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings. You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERING title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.*

*If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our  
Worship With St John's Card here.*

*After making your offering, please return to the Worship Service.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***How Great Thou Art***  
Howie Montenegro, Soloist

HYMN 856

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky, the air, and the breath of life. All that you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth everything necessary from the earth to nourish our bodies and our souls so that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

*Please dip your finger in bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.*

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We have gathered here in communion with you, O Christ, through this virtual portal of time and space. While we are not able to partake of the body and blood of Jesus in the sacrament, we join in prayer to express our longing in this time of fasting from communion:

**O Christ, I believe that you are present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the full sacrament, I invite you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite**

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myself wholly to you. Help me to remember that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate me from the love of God through you. Amen.

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.

## SENDING


BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN


*Irish Blessing (Blessing Prayer)*

B. FABING, SJ

Refrain




May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be al-ways with you.

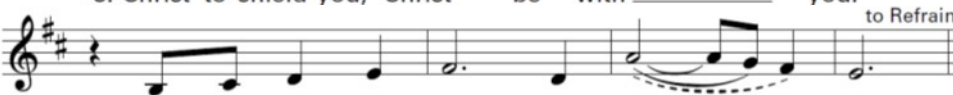


May the sun-shine warm you al-ways 'til we meet a-gain.

Verses



1. May the rain fall soft - ly on \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
2. Christ be - fore you, Christ be - hind \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
3. Christ to shield you, Christ be with \_\_\_\_\_ you.



1. May the hand of God up - hold \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
2. Christ be - neath you, Christ a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
3. Christ be with you now and al - \_\_\_\_\_ ways.

to Refrain

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Share this Good News  
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

*Carillon-Sortie*

H. MULET

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## SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Frank Espegren
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Carolyn Brodt
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Pastor Jon Haug
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lucy Lindgren
<b>Assistant Director of Communications</b>	Esperanza Foft
<b>Director of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Steven Johnson
<b>Assistant Director of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Eliseo Paniagua
<b>Organist</b>	Dr. Ryan Enright
<b>Cantors</b>	Heather Mercer, Howie Montenegro
<b>Audio/Visual Technicians</b>	John Bologni, Tim Reese

