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EASTER SEASON

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"Love God, Serve Neighbor"

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Easter Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Prelude

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Annette Nolan

Easter Litany

L: In life, in death, in life beyond death,

C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**

L: Over powers and principalities, over nations and governments,

C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**

L: Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,

C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**

L: Above the Church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts,

C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**

L: Thanks be to God.

C: **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Illumination

L: Let us pray. God of love, breathe life into the Scriptures, as you brought life into your Son that first Easter morning. Help us to proclaim that we have seen the Lord, so that all the world may experience the power of your resurrection and celebrate the gift of your peace.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Gospel Acclamation

"Show Us Christ"

Kristin Sakamoto

The Holy Gospel

John 21:1-19

The Message

Song of the Day "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" Kristin Sakamoto

1 Tú has ve - ni - doa lao - ri - lla, nohas bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

ca - do nia sa - bios nia ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
tre - sure nor wea-pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing

quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Esterillo

Se - ñor, mehas mi - ra - doa los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind-ly smil - ing,

has di - cho mi nom-bre. En laa - re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a-ban-doned my

bar - ca; jun - toa ti bus-ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Prayers of the Faithful

- L: Let us pray. Risen Jesus, you call us as you called the disciples and invited them for breakfast, even though they did not recognize you. Help us to see that there will be enough food for everyone if we persist through the long night of waiting, if we take the risks of faith and sharing to reach the abundance of daybreak.

A brief silence.

- L: Risen Jesus, we bring those places in our world where war, violence, poverty and need are the experiences of everyday life. We pray for the country and the people of Ukraine as they continue to stand against the Russian invasion even as cities crumble and people flee seeking safety and refuge. Hear us as we pray,

C: Come to them with words of peace.

- L: God of Love, thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special Gift; for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides; for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more; and for the special teacher each one of us remembers.

God of Strength, encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning enjoyable for children.

We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five year olds or help fourth graders be empathetic. We admire teachers who enjoy middle school writers, or teach physics or math or history. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don't happen.

God of Justice, help and support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever obstacles they must face.

Hear us as we pray,

C: Come to them with words of peace.

- L: Risen Jesus, we pray for those whom we know, for whom illness, frailness or bereavement have left them isolated and cut off from the joy, support, and encouragement of human encounter.

We especially pray for:

- Emily Brown
- Charles Carter
- Charliese Eichler
- Dave Goff
- Stephanie Gonzalez
- Fritz Haggerson
- Jessica Henderson
- Linda Holden
- Donnell Horton
- Waylon Kuklentz
- Kevin Middleton
- Andrew Milholland
- Leo Peeler
- Pr Raymond Peters
- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- L. D. Shockley
- Reponda Smith
- Charles Stuedle
- Kelly Taylor
- Joshua Thrower
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Herbert Watson
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Karen Keys, cousin of Pastor Ward & his mom – died April 9
- Hayden Hairston, nephew of Teleah Amaker – died on April 11.
- Marcia Aragon, Sister of Mercedes Aragon Hintz – died April 24

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: Hear us as we pray,

C: Come to them with words of peace.

L: Risen Jesus, you call us as you called Simon Peter and asked for his love, then told him to feed and tend your people. May we see the connection between love of you and love of your people; that we too may feed and be fed, and follow you.

C: Amen

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Kristin Sakamoto

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes.

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he your touch can call days us in the grave had lain;
your back to life a - gain,

love laid lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
raised from the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
fields of our dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
hearts that dead and bare have been;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Table Prayer

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us as the Risen One, but forever bearing the marks of the Cross. You come to us: calling us out of darkness and into your marvelous light of new life; calling us out of our emptiness into your fullness; calling us out of our hopelessness and into your unending joy. Today, you come to us again: calling us to your Table to celebrate your presence with us in the breaking of the bread and in the blessing of the cup.

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction

L: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work; working in you that which is pleasing and good; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"Hymn of Heaven"

Kristin Sakamoto

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.