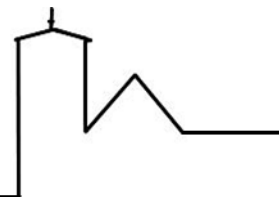


# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

### THE PREPARATION

**Meditation on Alleluia No. 1**  
**Salzburg/ Alle Menschen Mussen sterben**

*A.D Miller*  
*Robert J. Powell*

### WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us, O God.

**There is room for us all.**

Dwell with us, O God.

**Show us the way.**

Gude us, O God.

**We give thanks and praise to Christ, our way, truth, and life.**

### OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN 104

**Christ is Risen! Shout Hosana!**

*Hymn to Joy*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

**You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hesitate and hold back. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses to your grace and glory, yet we let others silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Set our testimony free. Amen.**

### TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

### KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

*John Weaver*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### GLORIA Hymn 566

Glory to God in the Highest

*John Weaver*

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 4:10-18

\*PSALM 31 Hymn 183 In You, Lord, I Have Put My Trust *In Dich Hab' Ich Gehoffet*

EPISTLE: Acts 7:55-60

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

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

SERMON:

**Rev. Tim Mitchell**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(RESPONSIVE)*

In the dark before dawn,  
**we believe that God is alive.**

Amid our grief,  
**we believe the Spirit is at work.**

In the chaos of our broken world,  
**we believe that love is on the loose.**

For no stone could keep God at bay,  
**and no violence could keep God's love from us.**

So today, we sing,  
**Alleluia!**

For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,  
**Hope lives.**

Christ has died,  
**and Christ has also risen.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

Now The Green Blade Rises

*trad.French/Alan Bullard*

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid with him, Love whom we had slain, thinking that he never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for the three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Then your touch can call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green!

**SEALING THE WORD****COMMUNION** *(see insert)***CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD****HYMN 144****Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!***Hyfrydol***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE****Toccata on Hyfrydol***Craig Phillips*

# Leading in worship today:

**Rev. Tim Mitchell**

**Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster**

**J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · Kate Kortemeier, alto**

**David Kortemeier, bass · Dan Stanley, tenor**

**Rebekah Dentino, soprano**



## Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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