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While we cannot gather in person, we can dedicate this time and space together to pray, hear the Word of God and receive the gift of God's Presence. Today, we will be sharing the Lord's Supper/ Holy Communion at your individual location. You are invited to have a piece of bread or cracker and a little wine or juice with you. Later in the service, the pastor will be giving thanks and saying the ancient words of Christ's promise to show up in these simple things. You will be invited to partake of them at that time.

Gathering

You may choose to set out and light a candle, a bowl of water as a reminder of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and bread/ cracker with wine/ juice.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be agitated, splashed or poured into the bowl.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray together.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

First Reading Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Julie Brooks

Hymn

You Are Mine

1 'I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 'I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 'I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

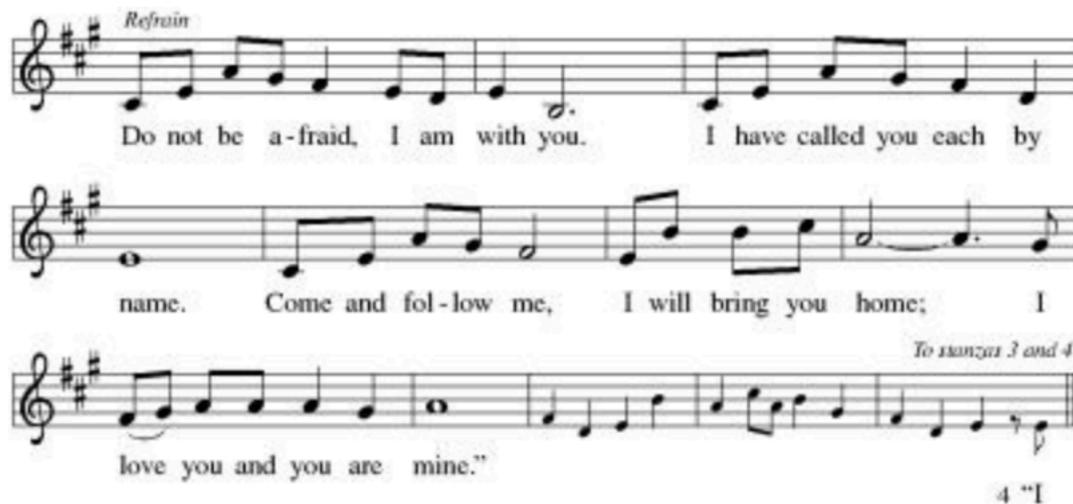
I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here.
Come and rest in me.
all will know my name.
up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2
To refrain
To refrain
To refrain

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
 name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I
 love you and you are mine." *To stanza 3 and 4*

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Prayers of Intercession

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Receive Holy Communion

Hear these words and partake of the bread/ cracker and wine/ juice: (You may repeat these words and give them each to another member of your household as well.)

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us.

Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.

Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

I Love You Lord

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you. O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome to this online version of Saron Lutheran Church and Blessed Easter! We are happy that you are worshiping with us this morning. We pray your worship is meaningful and enhances your spiritual life. Please check our website for regular updates during this time of dispersed worship.