# Community Eucharist



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## Finlandia—Jean Sibelius Rhosymedre—Ralph Vaughan Williams

Jessie Gutgsell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Corrine Ellis

One: In the beginning the Spirit God danced over the void.

All: It was a dance of creation and joy,

freedom and wholeness, and of power.

One: And God, knowing that all that is good is shared,

All: held the Earth tenderly and yearned for relationship.

One: And humanity was born in the yearning of God.

All: We are born to share the earth.

#### OPENING PRAYER

Elizabeth Gleich

One: ... We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother and our friend.

All: Amen.

#### LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

Claire Dietrich Ranna

One: Let us confess our sins.

All: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

One: The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

All: Reconciling God, Forgive.

One: The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

All: God of Justice, Forgive.

One: The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

All: Generous Creator, Forgive.

One: Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

All: Provider, Forgive.

One: Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

All: God of Healing, Forgive.

One: The violence which dishonors the bodies of men, women and children,

All: Embodied God, Forgive.

One: The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

All: Holy One, Forgive.

One: Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,

forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

-drawn from Coventry Cathedral

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#### Holy Is Your Name

Text: Luke 1:46-55, para. David Hass

Tune: Irish Traditional, arr. David Haas 'Wild Mountain Thyme'



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·Holy and Good Words: Thomas H. Troeger—Music: Floyd Knight, Jr., 'Angelique'



SERMON

A Balm in Gilead, Really?

Marie Fortune

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There Is a Balm Traditional Spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.



### HOLY COMMUNION

#### Kristen Leslie, presider

Everyone is welcome to come to Christ's table in Marquand. Gluten free wafers are available as well as the bread: please ask the server. Grape juice is in the blue chalices, wine in the black chalices. If you do not wish to receive elements, please know you are welcome to come to the table for a blessing: please approach the presider.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

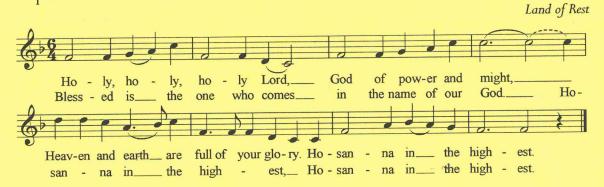
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues.

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...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place:



One: You are holy, O God of majesty,

All: and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

One: You sent Jesus as the source and sign of your healing, saving power.

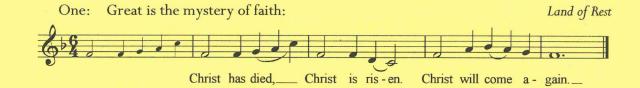
All: He spoke words of compassion and grace to those who were hurting and broken.

One: He reached out with kindness to touch those who were considered unclean.

All: He gave his own life for the healing of the world, and rose in glory to reign in love.

The Presider continues.

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The Presider continues.

One: ...until all may share in the fullness and wholeness of your eternal realm.

All: Amen.

And now, let us join our voices in the prayer that Jesus taught us. Cantor: Fa - ther in heaven, hal-lowed be your name. Our king - dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai-ly give us our sins we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. men.

#### Music During Communion

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Wondrous Love
Arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Marquand Chapel Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;

Who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Kristen Leslie

One: Jesus, courageous and vulnerable, you broke through the vicious circle.

All: May we break apart cycles of violence.

One: Jesus, bold and brave, you confronted the traditional customs.

All: May we confront patterns of hatred and prejudice.

One: Jesus, assertive and strong, you challenged the perpetrators.

All: May we challenge victimizers and abusers in our day.

One: Jesus, clear and direct, you drew a line in the sand.

All: May we refuse to accept injustice.

One: Jesus, amazing and powerful, you got them to drop their stones.

All: May we find ways to be in the world that increase safety, establish fairness and promote peace.

One: Jesus, our food, our strength, our hope,

All: nourish and sustain us in our time of need. Amen.

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#### POSTLUDE

#### Tripp Kennedy

You may notice people coming to the table after the words of sending to finish the leftover bread, wine, and juice. This is because there are many traditions in which it is important that all consecrated or blessed bread and wine/juice be consumed or, if this is truly impossible, returned to nature. Many times the folks consuming the elements are people from traditions for whom it is important; but if you are from a tradition in which this is not usually an issue, consider what a powerful act of ecumenical hospitality it might be for you to help consume the elements after the service. As always, all are welcome at this table.

## Join us for Easter Rejoicing! Thursday, April 24th at 7:15 p.m.

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Special thanks to Marie Fortune for preaching and Kristen Leslie for presiding; to Jessie Gutgsell, Meredith Day, Mykal Tairu, Elizabeth Gleich, Patrick Burrows, Zack Nyein, and the Marquand Chapel Choir for sharing their gifts of music; to Corrine Ellis, Elizabeth Gleich, Claire Dietrich Ranna, Lecia Allman, Philippe Andal, and Allyson McKinney for their participation in today's service; to Mary Barnett, Miriam Samuelson, Robbie Pennoyer, Maeba Jonas, and Andrew Moore for serving as communion servers and to Kacei Conyers for baking the bread.

The Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune is the Founder of FaithTrust Institute, a multifaith, multicultural nonprofit organization which works to mobilize the resources of religious and secular communities in the U.S. and internationally to address sexual and domestic violence. Ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1976, Dr. Fortune is a pastor, educator, author, and theologian. Her books include Sexual Violence: The Sin Revisited (Pilgrim Press, 2005) and Love Does No Harm: Sexual Ethics for the Rest of Us (Continuum Press, 1998). Dr. Fortune served on the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women for the U.S. Department of Justice (1994-1999) and the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence for the U.S. Department of Defense (2000-2003). She graduated with her M.Div. from Yale Divinity School in 1976.

The Rev. Dr. Kristen Leslie is the Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care at Eden Theological Seminary and author of When Violence is No Stranger: Pastoral Counseling with Survivors of Acquaintance Rape (Fortress Press, 2003). Her 28 years of pastoral ministry have included serving as an associate pastor, a college chaplain, a pastoral counselor, a rape crisis counselor at Project SISTER, and a professor of pastoral care and counseling at Yale University Divinity School from 1998 to 2010. From 2003 to 2005 Dr. Leslie served as a consultant to the Chaplains at the United States Air Force Academy as they worked to provide appropriate care to survivors of sexualized violence. In July of 2013, Dr. Leslie and Dr. Marie Fortune were hired by the Navy to train Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard chaplains on providing pastoral care in situations involving military sexual assault. Dr. Leslie is an ordained United Methodist minister and received her M.Div. from Yale Divinity School in 1986

Coventry Cathedral is one of the world's oldest religious-based centers for global reconciliation. One of the many manifestations of this work is the Community of the Cross of Nails, an international network of over 170 partners, among them Berkeley Divinity School, in 35 countries committed to a shared ministry of reconciliation. This network focuses on seven key areas around which partners pray and work for change, including ending sexual violence.

"Call to Worship" and "Lighting the Candle" from Superar la Violencia, WCC.

"Litany of Reconciliation" from the Community of the Cross of Nails, adapt.

"Holy Communion" adapted from PCUSA Healing Service.

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