



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

Prelude: Voluntary in F major - William Russell

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given
new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and
supported as citizens of the new creation. 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. In mercy and might you have freed
us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers
and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst,
and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water
of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.


Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.





Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn- Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (ELW 377)

Greeting

Kyrie 6 (ELW page 165)

Glory to God 6 (ELW page 167)

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 8:26-40

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia (ELW 174)

Gospel: John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord**

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and

burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message— Celly Manirakoze

Hymn of the Day- O Blessed Spring (ELW 447)

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW page 220)

Lord's Prayer (ELW page 221)

SENDING

Blessing



Sending Hymn- Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen (ELW 375)

Dismissal

Postlude: "Dialogue" - Anon, 17th-18th c

"Keep in your prayers"

Linda Dawson/ Bruno Tymm/ Doreen Reid/ Carol Laslett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTIVE CANDLE SAFETY

Light no more than 2 candles with one stick.

This is to prevent the flames from climbing up the stick and burning you.

Do not blow out the sticks — extinguish them in the sand.

This breaks off the charred part of the stick and prevents embers from falling onto the carpet.

If you want to light more than 2 candles, please extinguish the stick in the sand and relight it before continuing.

Thank you for keeping everyone safe.

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Celly Manirakoze	Livestream Tech	Alin Kucheran
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Michael Ray
Assisting Minister	Sylvia Harris	Communion Set-Up	Heidi & Aria
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann	Communion Assist.	-
Lector	Sylvia Harris	Coffee Hour Hosts	Michael Ray Harvey Wagner