

# Resurrect 2023

## Closing Worship

Saturday May 6, 2023 + 11:15am



Jyoti Sahi (Indian, 1944–), *Triptych of Salvation*, 2021.  
Acrylic, oil, and ocher on canvas, 24 × 48 in.



*Beloved companions on the Way  
Come as you are offering our lives  
in the beautiful struggle of resurrection hope*

# We Gather

## **Prelude: There is A Light**

Liz Vice

## **Tolling of the Bells Announcements and Gratitude Land Acknowledgment**

Rob Crosby-Shearer  
Chivonne Graff

## **Collect Song: Almighty God**

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears  
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy  
Come with your light, we cannot hide from you

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
With gratitude we raise our song to you  
Come and fill the praises of your people  
In grace and truth, you make us new again  
*Refrain: Alleluia x 3*

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
We long for more than what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
Your river deep floods over everything *Refrain.*  
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## **Gathering Words**

Amy Haynes

Wild and wondrous God  
Creator of all  
Spirit of life and love and liberation  
Mother and Lover and Conspirator and Friend  
Tender tender of possibility and dream

**You have called us together, in this time, and this place  
and so, here we are: full of wisdom and wondering  
full of hope and fear, weariness and longing,  
passion and pain**

**Unleash your wild power in us, we pray  
Deepen our connection with You and with each other  
Deepen our capacity to hear the voices of those too often  
silenced, to honour the presence of those too often erased,  
to center the wisdoms of those too often pushed to the  
margins, that we might bear witness to the complex truths**

**of our wholly holy lives and the complex needs of your beautiful, broken world.**

So, beloveds: bring your beautiful,  
messy, aching, wondrous selves.  
Bring your laughter.  
Bring your rage.  
Bring your tears.  
Bring your fears.  
Bring the insight that only you can offer.  
Bring the imagination that bursts open old wineskins.

**Because: Divinity dwells in our flesh and our bones...  
Because: The Gospel is indeed Good News  
and God's story brings the powerful down from their  
thrones and lifts up the lowly  
and God's story is our story  
and the story is still being written  
and we are writing this story together.  
Amen! Alleluia!**

*- Selections from A gathering prayer for liberation by the Rev. Anna Blaedel*

### **The Psalm: Declaring Glory- The Earth Sings**

*Based on Psalm 19, 104.*

When I was young - You woke me with the sound of song  
The wind and rhythm drew me along  
I echoed in the hymn of the dawn  
I turned, and turned  
This dance that all the planets learned  
In circles, 'round the stars as they burned  
I praise You as I orbit and turn

*Refrain:* Declaring glory, glory - Declaring glory, glory

The mountains rise - The forests grow before my eyes  
The moments and the seasons in mind  
Then turn again, embracing the tide  
The waters fall - And carve their way across my soil  
Their canyons cutting deep in my soul  
I praise You while the rivers still roar. *refrain.*

New life begins - Your creatures dance across my skin  
Like me, they have Your Spirit within  
But soon they fade away as I spin

They fall to dust - And dress me in decay and rust  
Their secrets buried deep in my crust  
I praise You in the layers of dust. *refrain.*

All the rocks wear down - Beneath passing of the crowds  
The rivers run until they run out  
I praise You till my fire's run out

*Refrain:* Declaring glory, glory - Declaring glory, glory

Songwriters: Paul Zach / Jon Guerra / Molly Parden / Nicholas Chambers / Kate Bluett  
Integrity's Alleluia! Music, Paul Zach Publishing / CCLI

## **Poem: Resurrection**

Original composition by Rebecca Yeo (they/them) -  
AbbeyChurch Poet-in-Residence (pre-recorded)

## **We Proclaim**

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit  
as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.*

## **Gospel Acclamation: Brother Sun, Sister Moon** Liz Vice

Brother sun, sister moon your light shines from the heavens  
Giving glory, all the glory to the Maker  
Gentle wind, welcome home  
You've been travelling with your song  
Singing glory, all the glory to the Maker

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory, glory,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory to the Maker Hallelujah!  
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## **The Gospel**

Brendon Neilson

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

## **With our words and with our lives!**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they

were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. (Luke 24: 36-48)

...Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia, Christ is risen from the dead!**

### **Gospel Acclamation: Brother Sun, Sister Moon**

Sweetest rain, serenade pouring down from the heavens  
Bring all your blessings, every blessing from the Maker  
All you people, join in the song there is work to be done  
For the glory, all the glory of the Maker

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory, glory,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory to the Maker Hallelujah!

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### **Sermon**

The Rev. Michael Blair

*Silence for meditation. Bell / Silence / Bell*

**Our Prayers** During our prayer time, we invite you to sing and in prayer stations as follows:

- *We bring forward any rocks that we need to release to God and place these in the river of mercy flowing from the font.*
- *We name and place our laments and griefs (right) and our resurrection hopes (left) into our prayer weaves.*
- *We invite you to write yourself a letter of what you want to remember from this time (laments or hopes) - put your address on the envelopes and we'll mail to you in 6 months.*
- *Finally, we invite you to take a pack of sunflower seeds as a sign of resurrection hope (a gift from the Emmaus Community and the Local General Store).*

- Join us in song - when we sing, we pray twice!

### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
God's Word my hope secures;  
God will my Shield and Portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been here ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

*The lament weave will be brought forward during the next song.*

### **Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear  
Precious Lord, linger near  
When my life is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

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**Receiving our Laments**            The Rev. Dr. Randy Woodley  
**The Peace**

*We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.*

*During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set*

**Offertory: Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
Raise thou my heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

(8th Century; tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); vers. Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)  
Music traditional © Oxford U. Pres.

# We Celebrate

## Prayer Over The Gifts

Spirit of Christ, source of all that restores and revives. In celebration of your abiding presence, receive all we offer you today and all that that you brought to birth over these past days. Bless these gifts to the work of your liberation. Multiply them for the care of your people in body, mind and spirit, that all the earth may thrive in the glory of Your resurrection. **Amen**  
*(enfleshed [alt])*

## Communion / The Holy Eucharist

*This chanted communion prayer is adapted from St. Lydia's supper church in Brooklyn, New York*

God be with you! **And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to God.**  
Let us give thanks to the Risen Christ!  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands!  
... a peace that would last and a justice that would never fail.  
**Glory to you forever and ever.**

Through countless generations... Therefore with the company of heaven and all of your creation we sing:  
**Holy holy holy Lord God of power and might**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**  
**Hosanna in the highest**  
**+Blessed is the One who comes**  
**in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest.**

While Jesus was eating with his disciples...  
Do this in remembrance of me."  
**Glory to you forever and ever.**

As supper was ending... do this in remembrance of me.  
**Glory to you forever and ever.**

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us in Jesus your Child:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...  
be gathered and made one in your love. Amen. **Amen.**

## **The Prayer of Jesus**

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught:

*said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice*

**Our Father (or Parent or Source or Mother)**

**in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Silence.*

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for  
the life of the world. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table!*

*The bread on the band side is vegan and gluten free (ingredients  
psyllium husk, brown flax, sorghum flower, tapioca, rice levain,  
sea salt)*

*the bread on the pulpit side is gluten-full!*

*Juice is in the individual cups.*

*Place them in the basket when you are finished.*

*Wine is in the common cup. Please do not dip bread in the wine.*

## Communion Song: All Will Be Well

to be sung as a round, over a C drone or chord

words by Julian of Norwich  
CCLI # 5119943

I  
All will be well,

II  
All will be well

III  
All things

IV  
sha - ll be well

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## Communion Song: It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
“It is well, it is well, with my soul.”

*Refrain:* It is well, (it is well), With my soul, (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
A song in the night, oh my soul! *Refrain*

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*The Resurrection - Hope weave is brought forward during the next song.*

## Song: Behold I Make All Things New

Behold I make all things new. (x3)  
Let there be light. Let there be light.

God unseen is taking form. (x3)  
Let there be light. Let there be light.

The First and Last is surging forth. (x3)  
Becoming Light. Becoming Light.

*Repeat first verse*

Alana Levandoski / CCLI

## **Gathering Prayer**

Risen Christ we have been fed at your table and invited into abundant life - where you are making all things new.

**Receive the offering of these seeds of prayer and our fragile, defiant, hopes. Plant them deep in the nourishing soil of your love and water them with your justice and peace, that what was once sown in tears, may be gathered once more in joy. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus our Companion on the road and at the table. Amen. Alleluia!**

## **We Are Sent**

### **The Blessing**

The Rt. Rev.Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

### **Closing Song: Who Will Roll Away The Stone?**

Early in the morning - the sun already risen

Three women came bearing spices,  
the Lord's body to anoint.

Standing outside the tomb,  
they asked each other saying:

"Who will roll away the stone?" (x4)

Looking up they realised  
the stone had been removed  
And to their amazement,  
a young man sat before them

"Do not be afraid," he said,  
"for Jesus the Nazarene

He who has been crucified,  
here you will not find

He has risen from the dead. (x4)

You'll find Him on the road  
You'll find Him at your table (X4)

He has risen from the dead. (x4)

Tom Wuest / Brass Trumpet Publishing 2008 / CCLI

### **The Sending**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Closing Loop** - you are welcome to stay for the feast!

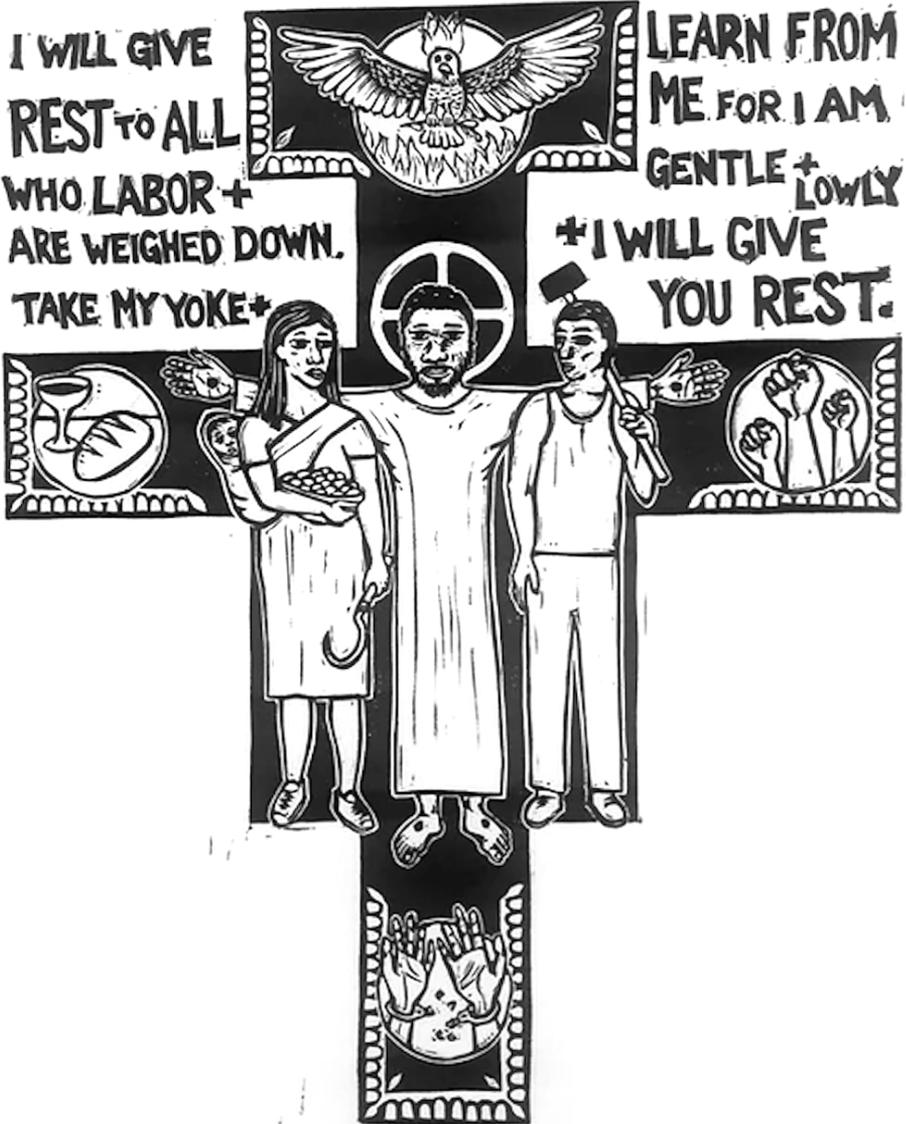


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