

Prayer: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Bell

Blessing: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns LBW#170 (vss 1-4)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate form, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn; fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem, the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Dismissal: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Mark your calendars:

- **May 19 – 9:30 at Nora with high school senior recognition during the service.**
- **May 26 – 9:30 am at Kirkebo**
- **June 2 – 9:30 am at Nora**
- **June 9 – 9:30 am at Kirkebo**

**Perley Parish
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (LBW #165) all vss

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All they works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Welcome and Announcements: Kirkebo Council mtg today following service

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day. Amen.

Psalm 1 (read responsively)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.** They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to John 17:6-19. Glory to you O Lord

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (LBW#324 all vss)

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee; my hear restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day my brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.

Offering Response: We give thee but thine own, whatever that gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O, Lord, from thee.

Apostle's 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the people (God of grace, hear our prayer)

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world and all those in need of good news. **Amen**

Meal

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. Amen

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.** Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

At Jesus's table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.