

**NEW LIFE METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

10:45 a.m.

April 25, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide

**MORNING WORSHIP**

Rev. Mark Byrd

***"Oh, To Fish With Jesus Just One More Time!"***

**GATHERING CALL**

Let heaven celebrate!

**Let the earth rejoice! ¡Que la tierra se regocije!**

Let the sea and everything in it roar!

**Let the earth rejoice! ¡Que la tierra se regocije!**

Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!

**Let the earth rejoice! ¡Que la tierra se regocije!**

Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully  
before the LORD because he is coming!

**He is coming to establish justice on the earth!**

**¡Viene para establecer la justicia en la tierra!**

He will establish justice in the world rightly.

**He will establish justice among all people fairly.**

**Él establecerá justicia entre todos los pueblos con  
equidad.**

**John 21**

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing." They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus. Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are

you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. This was the one who had leaned against Jesus at the meal and asked him, "Lord, who is going to betray you?" When Peter saw this disciple, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus replied, "If I want him to remain until I come, what difference does that make to you? You must follow me." Therefore, the word spread among the brothers and sisters that this disciple wouldn't die. However, Jesus didn't say he wouldn't die, but only, "If I want him to remain until I come, what difference does that make to you?" This is the disciple who testifies concerning these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. Jesus did many other things as well. If all of them were recorded, I imagine the world itself wouldn't have enough room for the scrolls that would be written.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**One:** *The Lord is with you!*

**All:** *And also with you!*

**One:** *Lift up your hearts!*

**All:** *We lift them up to the Lord!*

**One:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord!*

**All:** *It is right to give God thanks and praise!*

**All:** *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 in the highest!*

*Proclamation of our faith:*

**All:** *Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ shall come again.*

*Hallelujah*

## NLMCC Song Sheet

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### OPENING CELEBRATION

#### **What a Mighty God We Serve**

C: What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve.  
V: I command you, Satan, in the name of the Lord to take up your weapons and flee, for the Lord has given me authority to walk all over thee.

### GATHERING CALL

Choral Response:

#### **Come Now Is the Time to Worship**

V: Come now is the time to worship. Come now is the time to give your heart. Come just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God – Come

C: One day every tongue Will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains, For those who gladly choose You now.

E: Come come just as you are come come.

### WELCOME

### LIFTING OUR VOICES

#### **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

V1: Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be With God as our Creator Family all are we. Let me walk with my neighbor In perfect harmony.  
V2: Let peace begin with me; Let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment And live each moment In peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.

### Eastertide Call to Prayer & Action

- Concerning Gun Violence
- Awareness/Prevention of Child Abuse/Domestic & Sexual Violence
- HIV/AIDS
- COVID Pandemic
- For the Earth & Creation

### Our Prayer(s) in Song:

#### **If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers** - Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

V1: If we just talk of thoughts and prayers And don't live out a faith that dares, And don't take on the ways of death, Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

V2: If we just dream of what could be And do not build community, And do not seek to change our ways, Our dreams of change are false displays.

V3: If we just sing of doing good And don't walk through our neighborhood To learn its hope, to ease its pain, Our talk of good is simply vain.

V4: God, may our prayers and dreams and songs Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs — That works for peace and justice, too. Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

#### **All the Earth**

V1: Father into Your courts I will enter; Maker of heaven and earth I tremble in Your holy presence. Glory glory in Your sanctuary Splendor and majesty Lord before You All life adores You.

C: All the earth will declare That Your love is ev'rywhere; The fields will exalt seas resound Hear the trees' joyful cry Praising You and so will I. A new song I'll sing Lord I will. (Glorify and bless Your holy name).

E: Glorify and bless Your name (4X)  
Glorify and bless Your holy name

#### **All Our Prayers Together:**

Choral Response: **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.

### OFFERTORY

#### **Peter Said, "I'm Going Fishing"**

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

V1: Peter said, "I'm going fishing," so his friends went out with him. Through the night, they labored, watching, Hauling empty nets back in. In the grey of early morning, Jesus, you came walking by. From the beach you called a greeting, "Cast out on the other side!"

V2: Soon their nets were filled to brimming; Someone cried, "It is the Lord!" Jumping in, he started swimming; Christ, you met him on the shore. Guiding them to better waters, Eating fish, and sharing bread — You showed Peter and the others: You were risen from the dead!  
V3: Risen Christ, you send us fishing! God's great sea is everywhere. You have guided us in mission, You have given love to share. Through the years, our church has heard you, We have answered your great call: "Cast your nets where I have told you. Bring my word of love to all!"

V4: Lord, be with our congregation; By your spirit, send us forth! May we care for your creation; May we work for peace on earth. In our worship, in our giving, In our serving those in need, May we know, Lord; you are living, Guiding us in ministry.

Congregational Response:

#### **Doxology**

### MORNING MESSAGE

### HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Meditation:

#### **Pescador de Hombres**

V1: Tú has venido a la orilla no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos tan solo quieres que yo te siga.

C1: Señor, me has mirado a los ojos sonriendo has dicho mi nombre En la arena he dejado mi barca junto a ti buscaré otro mar.

V2: Lord, You have come to the lakeshore Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones You only asked me to follow humbly

C2: O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me And while smiling have spoken my name Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me By Your side I will seek other seas  
V3: You know so well my possessions My boat carries no gold and no weapons You will find there, my nets and labor. (C2)

### THE LORD'S PRAYER - unison

## **CLOSING SONG**

### ***He's Got the Whole World in His Hands***

V1: He's got the whole world in His hands. (3 Xs) He's got the whole world in His hands.

V2: He's got the wind and the rain in His hands. He's got sun and the moon in His hands. He's got all of creation in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

V3: He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got you and me, sister, in His hands. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

## **BENEDICTION**

Choral Response:

### ***This Little Light of Mine***

V1: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

V2: Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine...

V3: God will bless us all, if we let it shine...

## **OUR MISSION:**

***We are an inclusive, diverse, Christ-centered church, in which you have the freedom to be who you are, participate in community, explore spiritual transformation, and be part of social action.***

## **OUR VISION:**

*We Are...*

**ORDINARY PEOPLE**

*Somos...*

**PERSONAS REGULAR**

*Believing...*

**GOD'S LOVE IS FOR ALL**

*Creemos...*

**EL AMOR DE DIOS ES PARA  
TODOS**

*Called To...*

**REVEAL GOD'S PRESENCE IN  
EVERYONE**

*Llamados...*

**A REVELAR PRESENCIA DE DIOS  
EN TODO Y TODO**