

**ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD**

**28 April 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Dr. Ken Hood**

**PRELUDE** Eastertide hymns

**SHARING IN OUR COMMON LIFE**

Introductions & Announcements

**CHIMES & CANDLELIGHTING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come here to be disciples

**Some of us can preach like Peter**

We come here to be disciples

**Some of us can pray like Paul**

We come here to be disciples

**All of us argue like James and John at times**

We come here to be disciples

**All of us have played the part of Judas**

We come here to be disciples

Often faithful. Sometimes not.

Always with one more chance to worship God!

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(From the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship)

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence

we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

set neighbor against neighbor

And nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come**

**Hover over us as you hovered**

**Over the waters of creation**

**Soften our hard hearts**

**Make us ready to hear again. Amen.**

**MUSIC FOR WORSHIP** Dave Smith, soloist  
"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

**READING:** Matthew 27:1-10

**SERMON** "Felix Culpa"

Ken Hood

\*HYMN #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Chorale" Telemann (1522)

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him, above ye heavenly hosts;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What you have given us, O God, you gave for our living

and our sharing. Use these gifts, and our lives to touch, to

teach, to hear, to heal, and to serve in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Preludio" C. Adolfo Bossi