

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING HYMN Now the Green Blade Rises 379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Denise Vick

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With

great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Heather Wigdahl**HYMN OF THE DAY** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright 384

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we sing, *The Lord is My Song*, ELW 751.

The Lord Is My Song

OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
 Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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SHARING THE PEACE

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT Luther Park Spring Work Day

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* 674:1

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

The musical score is written on a single treble staff. It includes a main melody and a refrain. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
 Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980
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OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

BENEDICTION

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

SENDING HYMN Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises 535

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

End

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Prayer Concerns

Deb Johnson, Ken Breckner, Bo and Orv Gabriel, Suzi Girolamo, Caroyl May, Tim Lutz,
Robert Federico and Holly Long

In Thanksgiving

Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan
Kasunga Central, our sister parish in Malawi