



GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (adapted from *This Far by Faith*)

Christ the Lord is risen.

The stone is rolled away!

Death has now been vanquished.

The stone is rolled away!

Come, bow down and worship.

The stone is rolled away!

Give God all the glory.

The stone is rolled away!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SONG* - Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

SONG* - Aleluya/Alleluia

Aleluya, aleluya.
Aleluya, aleluya.
Aleluya, aleluya.
El Señor resucitó.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ the Lord is risen indeed.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Eternal God,
we praise you that the glory of your resurrection light
has dawned upon us and chased away the shadows of death.
We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son,
who conquered death
and was raised to rule over all powers of earth.
We praise you that he gives us his Spirit of peace,
lifts us from dread and despair,
and sets our feet in his holy way.
Praise, glory, and thanksgiving
be to you, our God, now and forever. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SONG* - As-salaamu lakum/Peace of God Be with You

Peace of God be with you.
Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam.
Peace of God be with you.

As-salaamu lakum.
As-salaamu lakum.
Salaam, salaam.
As-salaamu lakum.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

GOSPEL LESSON*

John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON

Thomas Reconsidered

Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

SONG* – *Now the Green Blade Rises*

1. Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain;
love lives again
that with the dead has been;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

2. In the grave they laid him,
love by hatred slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

3. Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain.
Jesus who for three days
in the grave had lain.
Raise from the dead
my risen Lord is seen.
Love is come again
like wheat arising green.

4. When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us
back to life again,
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front rows of the side aisles.

SENDING

SONG* - May the Love of the Lord

May the love of the Lord
rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell with you
throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you
as you leave this place.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

*Stand, as you are able

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