

The Third Sunday of Easter: April 19, 2026

Gathering Hymn

This is the Feast of Victory – H417

All stand as able

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

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

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Collect of the Day All stand as able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

First Reading – Acts 2:14a; 36-41 *All may be seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Fellow believers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *All remain seated; text is read in unison.*

**I love the Lord, because the voice of my supplication has been heard,
because the Lord has inclined the ear to me whenever I called.**

**The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.**

**Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

**How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things the Lord has done for me?**

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people.**

**Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of the Lord's servants.**

**O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people,**

**In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Hallelujah!

Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:17-23 *All remain seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of First Peter

If you invoke as God the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Luke 24:13-35 *All stand as able*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how those who cooperate with Rome handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to set Israel free from Roman rule in Judea and in Galilee. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Riseth – H204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had 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,

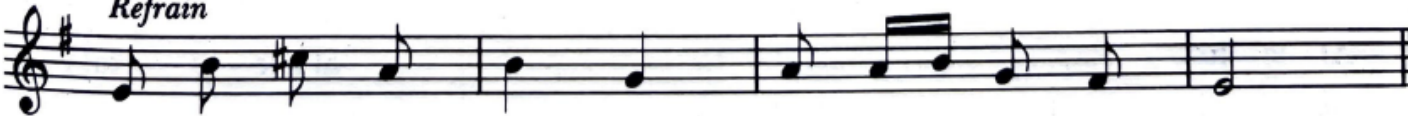


wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.

Communion

Come Risen Lord and Deign to Be Our Gues – H306



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,




may, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 one Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;




thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;




in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



1-3

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____ Al - le -
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____



Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.