

MORNING WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 21, 2024 at 9:30 AM | Christ the King Lutheran

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Now the Green Blade Rises setting, Mark Sedio

WELCOME

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign made at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace, our Easter joy.

Amen

GATHERING SONG Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Meredith Bearden

FIRST READING Genesis 2:4b-19

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the Lord GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the Lord GOD made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ¹⁸Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord! LS 179
All may rise in body or spirit to welcome God's word among us.



Hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!



Hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!



Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu - jah!



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SECOND READING Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Alex Bearden
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY For the Wholeness of the Earth ACS 1067

All may rise in body or spirit to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



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lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin-ning in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

PRAYERS

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All may greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Nada me falta (Psalm 23)
Sanctuary Choir

Mark Sedio

**An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need.**

**Kids are welcome to go to the back of the Sanctuary
to bring forward the gifts.**

WAYS TO GIVE



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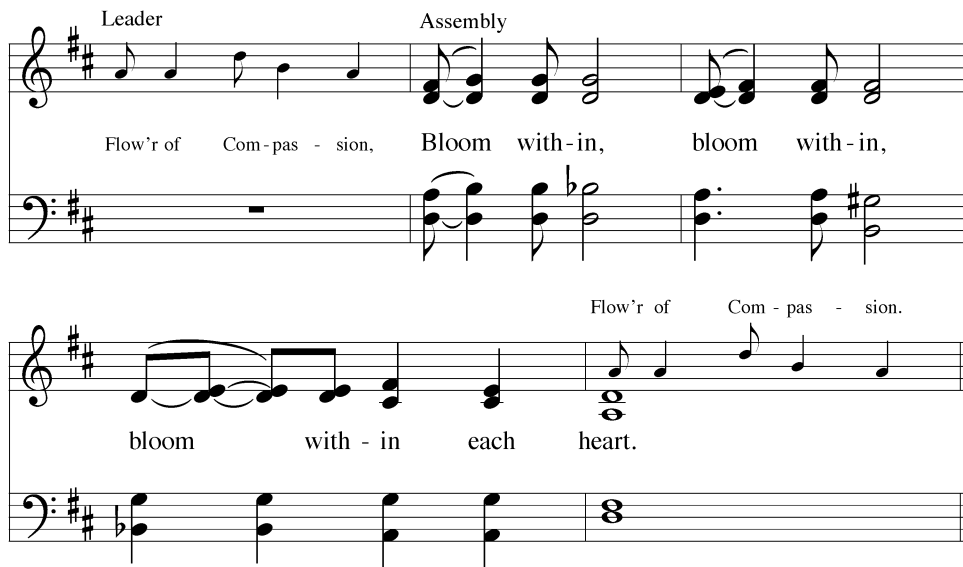
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SETTING THE TABLE

Flower of Compassion

Hesla

Leader Assembly



Flow'r of Com- pas - sion, Bloom with-in, bloom with-in,
bloom with - in each heart.

Leader sings:

Blossom of Love... Vision of Justice... Garden of Mercy... Promise of Beauty...

OFFERING PRAYER

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest;
and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Your love breaks open seeds of sin
to let your joy bloom from within. Amen**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father...

FIRST COMMUNION FAITH STEP

William Bearden, Alex Britton, Linus Lemke, Zach Michog, Eliza and Lucille Moran, Rozlynn Risvold

INVITATION

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Those who do not yet commune or who do not wish to receive communion may still come forward to receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion server know. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available. Please, let an usher know if you would like a pastor to bring communion to you while you remain seated. Come as you are. See for yourself.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

Andy Pokel

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; your love sets us
free. Lamb of God, you wipe a-way our tears at the grave; your
life con-quired death. Fill our souls and bod-ies with your peace. A - men

COMMUNION SONGS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ELW 735

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen

SEND

God blesses us and sends us to join God's mission in the world.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Pastora Ana Becerra

And her family: Jose Luis, Sader, Joshua, Luis, and Jacob

BLESSING

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

Amen

SENDING SONG

We Are All One in Christ

ELW 641



So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no. So - mos
We are all one in Christ, we are one bod - y, all one



u - no, u - no so - lo. So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos
peo - ple out of man - y. We are all one in Christ, we are one



u - no. So - mos u - no, u - no so - lo.
bod - y, all one peo - ple out of man - y.



Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la
There is one God, and on - ly one Lord; there is one



fe, un so - lo a - mor. Un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -
faith, one ho - ly love. There is one bap - tism; there is one



pí - ri - tu, ye - se es el con - so - la - dor.
Spir - it, who is God the com - fort - er.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Jeanne Cotter

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peder Eide, Carolyn Erkfitz, Joyce Fuhrman, Jim Hanson, Sue Heurung, Laurie Johnson,
Shelly Lausche, Aubrey Olson, Ron Olsen, Bruce Phelps, Bill Stone, Raymond Wolf

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Leila Fischer, Joe Miskowic, Bob Noer, Billie Ward, Cliff Weiss, Kao Yang



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