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Prelude Andante in C Major W. Mozart

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash and Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship Son-Mey Chiu

One: Sing a new song!

**All: A springtime shout-out to life!**

One: Sing praise to our joyful Easter God

**All: Whose power brings new life out of death!**

One: Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth

**All: Find refreshment and strength for a future of hope!**

One: For God has taken ordinary things

**All: And made them extraordinary. Let us sing a New Song!**

# Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

Luke 24:36-37

## Opening Hymn

1 Joy dawned again on Easter Day,  
the sun shone out with bright array;  
For when the Apostles hid in fear,  
the Risen Christ to them appeared.

2 O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One,  
come take our hearts to be your own,  
That we may give you all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise.

3 O Sovereign One, with us abide  
in this our joyful Easter-tide;  
From every weapon death can wield,  
your own redeemed forever shield.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone  
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our  
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles  
hearts to be your own, That we may give you  
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.  
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.  
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

Unison Prayer

**Holy God,  
Nothing is beyond your power to transform!  
In a gray dawn, you coax songs of Alleluia!  
From the tombs of despair we take refuge in  
You call us to wake up and work.  
We praise you for this amazing day!  
Come, Risen Christ,  
in newness and hope on this Eastertide morning. Amen.**

19 When 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.’<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So 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.’

26 A 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.’<sup>27</sup> Then 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.’<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But 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.

Anthem

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Dave McClave and Stephanie Shore

Children's Time

Sarah Fuller

Hymn

Halle Halle

Sermon

Rev Reebee Girash

# Response Hymn

- 1 Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.
- 2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
Thinking that their Love would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.
- 3 Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus, who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

# Now the Green Blade Rises

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*John M. C. Crum, 1928; alt.**Matt. 27:57-28:7; Luke 23:50-24:12*

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;  
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Christ came forth 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 for man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,  
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
Christ's warm 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 the ris - en One is seen:  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.



Pastoral Prayer

**Lord's Prayer (In unison)**

**Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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## Closing Hymn

1 My shepherd is the living God, I therefore nothing need;  
In pastures fair, near pleasant streams you settle me to feed.  
You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
And lead me for you mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;  
A word of your supporting breath drives all my fear away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessing overflows, your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go -  
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

C G C G7 C F G F C

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2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;  
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Am G C F G Am G7 C G C

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A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7

You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go -

Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C

And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.  
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No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Benediction

Postlude

Minuet in C Major

W. Mozart



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