

Elizabeth VanDuine



Grace Episcopal Church

April 12, 2020

EASTER DAY

9:30am

Ministers | All of Us
Rector | Wren Blessing
Music | Martin Cockroft

Spring Song

the green of Jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious Jesus
is opening the house and
the dance of Jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of Jesus and
the future is possible

~ *Lucille Clifton*

Pied Beauty

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

~ *Gerard Manley Hopkins: Poems and Prose*
(Penguin Classics, 1985)

Opening Song | Jesus Christ is Risen Today *Led by Marcus Lang & Dusty Collings*

Words: Charles Wesley | Music: Easter Hymn, from *Lyra Davidica*; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*.

The trumpet plays one verse as a solo, then we all sing verses 1, 2, and 4.



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Officiant then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Living God, we rejoice in your everlasting love. Gladness is our song, for you are making all things new. Overcome us with your surprising joy, your abiding friendship, your life-giving presence, that all of creation might know hope and renewal in you. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE STORY

We hear the first reading.

First Reading | Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.”

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We say the psalm.

Psalm | 118:1-2,14-24

From A New Zealand Prayer Book

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are gracious
and your love endures forever.

**Let the house of Israel say,
“Your love endures forever.”**

The Lord is my strength and my defense
and has become my deliverer.

**There are shouts of joy and deliverance
in the tents of the righteous!
The right hand of the Lord does mighty things.**

The right hand of the Lord raises up;
The right hand of the Lord does mighty things.

**I shall not die but live
and proclaim what the Lord has done**

The Lord indeed has punished me
but did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of the temple
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;
through which the righteous shall enter.

**I will thank you because you have answered me
and you have become my deliverer.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner.

**This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day which the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading | Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We stand for the Gospel hymn.

Gospel Hymn | All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: St. Francis of Assisi; tr. William H. Draper | Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
7 ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel is introduced by saying

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead and behold I am alive forevermore.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Gospel | John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the Gospel the Officiant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord, Christ. Alleluia!**

The Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Officiant Praise to God who has given us life.

People **Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

All



Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia..

Officiant Let us renew the promise of the faith we share.

Do you believe in God?

People **We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all humanity.**

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People **We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor,
he was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his Kingdom will one day be known.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church.
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting.**

Officiant Will you continue in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People We will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?
People We will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People We will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People We will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People We will, with God's help.

Officiant Let us pray.
God of life, by water and the Spirit you have bestowed upon us forgiveness, and you have raised us to a new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, by your Spirit. Give us compassionate and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

As we sing, we remember the gift of new life in baptism. You may wish to use a bowl of water and a small branch to sprinkle water on yourself or your companions.

Now the Green Blade Rises *Offered by Dusty Collings & Marcus Lang*

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum | Music: Medieval French carol



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.

Prayers of the People

Please add your intentions to our prayers by including your concerns or thanksgivings in the chat window at each bidding.

Blind Willie Johnson



Shine on, Let it shine on, Let your light from the light- house shine on me,



Shine on, Let it shine on, Let your light from the light- house shine on me!

Leader God of compassion, you met Mary outside the tomb. We pray for those who weep today as Mary did, and for those who know fear, loss, grief, or despair.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader God of peace, we pray for people in this community and around the world for whom relationships are fragile, work is uncertain, or for whom violence is a fear or temptation. Make us instruments of your peace.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader God of wisdom, guide those who lead, and provide for all who serve in places of suffering and need. Give endurance and patience to those who care for others.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader God of wholeness, mend what is broken in our lives and in the ecosystems in which we live. Heal and comfort those who are sick.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader God of gentleness, draw near to those who are alone or who long for human touch today.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

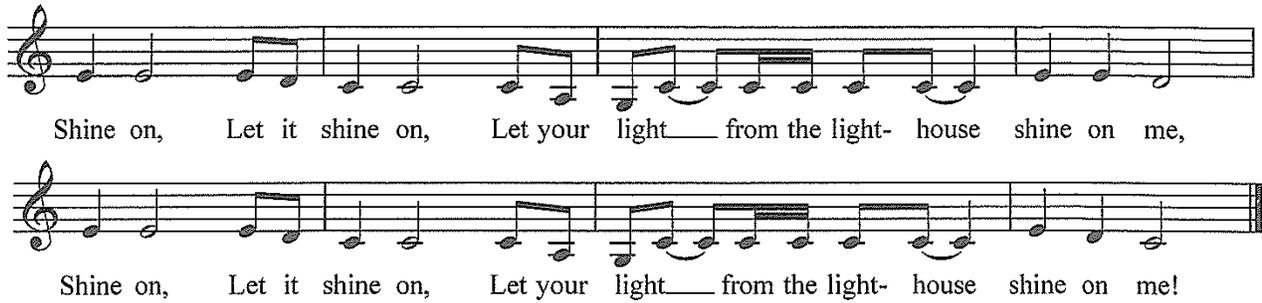
Leader God of surprise, thank you for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader God of kindness, thank you for the people through whom we receive your love.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,

People hear our prayer.



Shine on, Let it shine on, Let your light from the light-house shine on me,
Shine on, Let it shine on, Let your light from the light-house shine on me!

Officiant Our prayers continue.

**Our Father, 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Song | This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual; harm. by Horace Clarence Boyer

This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Ev'ry where I go
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, ev'ry where I go
I'm going to let it shine
Ev'ry where I go
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All around the world
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, all around the world
I'm going to let it shine
All around the world
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

The Peace

At the peace, we will disperse into breakout groups to share the peace and to greet one another. You may leave the gathering from the breakout groups when you are ready.

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**