

“As on a Day of Festival” by Jan Richardson



Grace Episcopal Church

Easter Day

Liturgy of Holy Baptism

April 4, 2021 | 9:30 am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Curate | Stephen Crippen

Music | Martin Cockroft and

Ann Strickland

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: *The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton, 1965-2010*
(BOA Editions, 2012)

Procession | The Great Alleluia

The Great Alleluia is sung three times.



The Priest proclaims

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

All there is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All One God, Creator of all. Amen.

Opening Song | Rise

Words and music by Eddie Vedder, additional lyrics by Scott Lawrence; Offered by the Webb Family

Such is the way of the world, can never know.
Just where to put all your faith, and how will it grow.
Gonna rise up, burning black holes in dark memories.
Gonna rise up, turning mistakes into gold.

Such is the passage of time, too fast to fold.
Suddenly swallowed by signs, lo and behold.
Gonna rise up and find my direction magnetically.
Gonna rise up and throw down my ace in the hole.

Such are the stories we bring, telling the toll.
Laughter and tears fill the sky, echo below.
Gonna rise up and stand in the light that I cannot see.
Gonna rise up and live all the stories I know.

Such are the songs that we sing, fears to unfold.
Music, like water, wells up, unbending our soul.
Gonna rise up and fly from the tomb that's been holding me.
Gonna rise up and sing myself a new home.

The Priest then says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Resurrecting God, we rejoice in your everlasting love. Raise our eyes to see you as this new day dawns, that we may be surprised by your presence, strengthened by your companionship, and sent forth to announce your Good News. **Amen.**

Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book

WE HEAR THE STORY

We hear the first reading.

First Reading | Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We pray the psalm.

Psalm | 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

**There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading | Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song | Now the Green Blade Riseth

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum | Music: Medieval French carol; Offered by Matt and Molly Perri



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:



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

The Gospel is introduced by saying

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

All **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 Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidate for Baptism comes forward.

The Priest says

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Families and Godparents say

We present Eleanor Alleva Allan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Priest asks the Parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is nurtured in the Christian life of faith, hope and love?

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

Priest

Will you by your prayers and witness help Eleanor to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

The Priest asks the following questions. The Parents and Godparents speak on behalf of Eleanor.

Do you renounce all spiritual forces that rebel against God?

Answer We renounce them.

Do you renounce all the evil powers that harm and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer We renounce them.

Do you renounce those desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer We renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer We do.

Do you put your trust in God's grace and love?

Answer We do.

The Priest addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Eleanor in her new life in Christ?

All We will.

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God?

**All We believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth,
maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,
of water and earth, of all humanity.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All 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.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All 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.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All We will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All We will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All We will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All We will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All We will, with God's help.

Priest Let us now pray for Eleanor who is to receive this Sacrament of new birth.

Prayers for the World and for the Candidate

Leader Open Eleanor's heart, O Lord, to your grace and truth. God of life,

All hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for all who weep today, as Mary did, for those who have died, and for those who know fear, loss, grief, or despair. In times of joy and grief, fill Eleanor with your holy and life-giving Spirit. God of life,

All hear our prayer.

Leader We give thanks for all who rejoice in your resurrection today. Keep Eleanor in the faith and communion of your Church. God of life,

All hear our prayer.

Leader Give wisdom to those who lead in this city, and around the world. Give endurance to all who care for others. Teach Eleanor to love others in the power of your Spirit. God of life,

All hear our prayer.

Leader Mend what is broken in our lives and in the ecosystems in which we live. Send Eleanor into the world in witness to your love. God of life,
All hear our prayer.

Leader Bring Eleanor to the fullness of your peace and joy. God of life,
All hear our prayer.

Priest God of mercy and love, new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift, a gift that none can take away. Grant that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection, be filled with the joy of your presence, and bear the fruit of your Spirit. **Amen.**

As I Went Down to the River to Pray

African American Spiritual; Offered by Marcus Lang and Dusty Collings; we sing verses 1 and 5

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: "As I went down to the ri-ver to pray, Stu-dy-ing a - bout the good old_ way and who shall wear the star - ry crown good Lord show me_ the way._ 1. Oh sis - ter lets go down, Lets go down, come on_ down,_ Oh sis - ter lets go down, Down to the ri-ver to pray._"

2. Oh, brother, let's go down ...

4. Oh, father, let's go down ...

3. Oh, mother, let's go down ...

5. Oh, Ellie, let's go down ...

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Priest blesses the water.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your son Jesus was baptized and was named the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us through his life, death, and resurrection, into an everlasting life with you.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death and by it we share in Christ's resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son Jesus, we bring into his company those who come in hope and faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now bless and sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Priest baptizes the candidate saying

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Following the baptism, the Priest says

Let us pray.

Faithful God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Eleanor the gift of forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, 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.**

The Priest then takes oil and marks the child's forehead with the sign of the cross, saying

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Then the Priest says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

The Priest and People then say these words of welcome

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory

While we cannot gather in person, we make our weekly offerings online here: <https://www.gracehere.org/give/>

Offertory Song | Rise Up

Words and Music: Cassandra Monique Batie and Jennifer Decilveo; Offered by Elspeth Cockroft

You're broken down and tired
Of living life on a merry go round
And you can't find the fighter
But I see it in you so we gonna walk it out
And move mountains
We gonna walk it out
And move mountains

Chorus:

And I'll rise up
I'll rise like the day
I'll rise up
I'll rise unafraid
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again
And I'll rise up
High like the waves
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again
For you, for you, for you, for you

When the silence isn't quiet
And it feels like it's getting hard to breathe
And I know you feel like dying
But I promise we'll take the world to its feet
And move mountains
Bring it to its feet
And move mountains

(Chorus)

All we need, all we need is hope
And for that we have each other
And for that we have each other
And we will rise
We will rise
We'll rise, oh, oh
We'll rise

(Chorus)

At the close of the offertory, a candle is lighted from the Paschal candle and handed to Ellie as the Priest says
Receive the light of Christ.

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

The Priest says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity lifting our voices to you as we sing:

Traditional Argentine. Translated by Josué Alvarez and Debi Tyree; Offered by Tom Ringo



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!



My heart is glad to say the words you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!
My heart is glad to say the words you are ho - ly, Lord!

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We are now invited to share the gifts of Communion.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to come to Grace to receive Eucharistic bread immediately following this liturgy.

Music during Communion | Morning Has Broken

Words: Morning Song; Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; Offered by Lyra and Elizabeth Cromwell



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

*Following Communion we share silence with one another.
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.*

Our Prayer after Communion

We stand and say together

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Priest offers a blessing.

Walk in God's love in the power of the Spirit, and bear good news to those to whom Christ sends you. The peace of Christ, the joy of the Spirit, and blessing of God rest upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Joyful Joyful

Words: Henry Van Dyke; Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven; Offered by the Cockroft Family



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.



The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thank you for joining us for Easter at Grace Episcopal Church! If you'd like more information about Grace or would like to speak with one of our clergy, email our office (office@gracehere.org) or complete this form (<https://www.gracehere.org/visitors-newcomers/>) and we will get in touch with you.

Like The Water

Like the water
of a deep stream,
love is always too much.
We did not make it.
Though we drink till we burst,
we cannot have it all,
or want it all.
In its abundance
it survives our thirst.

In the evening we come down to the shore
to drink our fill,
and sleep,
while it flows
through the regions of the dark.
It does not hold us,
except we keep returning to its rich waters
thirsty.

We enter,
willing to die,
into the commonwealth of its joy.

~ Wendell Berry

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 áll trádes, 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)