

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Easter Day 12 April 2020

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Call to worship

♪ Jesus Christ is risen today, Hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day, Hallelujah!
Who did once upon the cross, Hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing
Unto Christ our heavenly King,
Who endured the cross and grave
Sinners to redeem and save.

But the pain which He endured
Our salvation has procured;
Now above the sky he's King
Where the angels ever sing.

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Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – *traditional version*

For all the family

Jeremiah 31:1-6 – Israel's return home

Matthew 28:1-10 – Jesus has risen

♪ Now the green blade riseth from the
buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days hath
lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has
been:
Love is come again, like wheat that
springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love whom
men had slain,

Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps
unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that
springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen
grain,
He that for three days in the grave had
lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that
springeth green.

When our hearts are weeping, grieving or
in pain,
Thy 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
springeth green.

John Crum, French carol arr Martin Shaw. © 1928 Oxford University Press. Performance: Choir of Ely Cathedral.

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

Introduction and invitation to Communion

♪ Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one,
At the table he set the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again ...

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God – Immanuel – everywhere!

Jesus lives again ...

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Communion

Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory ...

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee:
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above.

Thine be the glory ...

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Blessing

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