



***Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.***  
**Third Sunday of Easter                      April 14, 2024**

**Prelude:** *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* | Georg Frideric Handel | Arr. Jan Sanborn

**Opening Hymn:** H-492 | Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

**Gospel Hymn:** H-295 | *Sing praise to our Creator*

**Offertory Anthem:** *Now the Green Blade Rises* | Words: John M. C. Crum | Music: Tune: NOEL NOUVELET, French carol; Setting by Ken Heitshusen

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;  
REFRAIN: Love is come again like wheat arising green

In the grave they laid Him, love by hatred slain,  
Thinking that He would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; REFRAIN

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; REFRAIN

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
Your touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; REFRAIN

**Communion Hymn:** H-306 | *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*

**Closing Hymn:** H-193 | *That Easter day with joy was bright*

**Postlude:** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* | Tune: DUKE STREET by John Hatton | Arr. Michael Cox

**The Collect/ Prayer of the Day**

**O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

**Readings:** [https://lectionarypage.net/YearB\\_RCL/Easter/BEaster3\\_RCL.html](https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEaster3_RCL.html)

**Psalm 44**– Prayed responsively by **whole** verse

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"**
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 **Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 **I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Eggs** – Please return empty plastic eggs to St. Nick’s so that we can reuse them next year. Thanks!

**Refugee Household Care Packages** - In partnership with St. John’s Olney, St. Nicholas’ Church will be collecting items that the IRC (International Rescue Committee) can use to set up homes for arriving refugee families. We hope to collect new or gently used items by the first week of May. If you are interested in helping, please use the Sign-Up Genius link below. We will also provide a list of needed items at Church. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DAAAE2DA0FFCF8-48548008-household>

**Solar Power at St. Nicholas** –Our solar panels were powered up on April 5<sup>th</sup>! Check out *What’s Happening* to see the effect of the solar eclipse.

**Roberta Miller Learning Cottage** – The permits are in hand and construction of the piers is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 15, weather permitting. The Learning Cottage will be used for Sunday School and other meetings.

PLEASE TAKE INSERT HOME &  
RETURN THE SERVICE LEAFLET TO THE WELCOME TABLE.

