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April 23, 2017 2nd Sunday in Easter



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs Hallelujah (words only) & Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

HALLELUJAH

Music by Leonard Cohen
Adapted for Easter with Lyrics by Kelly Mooney

A crown of thorns placed on His head He knew that He would soon be dead He said did you forget me Father did you?

They nailed Him to a wooden cross soon all the world would feel the loss Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

He hung His head and prepared to die Then lifted His face up to the sky Said I am coming home now Father to you.

A reed which held His final sip was gently lifted to his lips
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body of our Lord Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior.

He looked with fear upon his sword then turned to face his Christ and Lord Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Took from his head the thorny crown and wrapped him in a linen gown And laid him down to rest inside the tomb.

The holes in his hands, his feet and side now in our hearts we know he died To save us from ourselves oh hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Three days went by again they came to move the stone to bless the slain With oil and spice anointing hallelujah.

But as they went to move the stone they saw that they were not alone But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Dear Jesus, Help us to see your love and life in those around us: friends, enemies, and strangers alike. You always show up in who we'd rather just call the "other." Help us to call them what you call them: a precious child of God. Amen.

Meet Someone New

We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. "Hi, my name is ______. You're new to me." OR "Can I introduce myself to you?" are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.

Reprise: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Confession

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for confession

Transforming God,

we confess that we are turned in on ourselves and cannot save ourselves, no matter how hard we try. We have sinned against you in the things we think and don't speak, in the words we regret or delight in saying, and in the way we live our lives. We have sectioned off our hearts. We excel at building walls. We are good at reasoning and legitimizing our behaviors and thoughts. We want to be safe, never hurt again. We are sorry. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Please forgive us, make us new and ready to praise your name.

Amen.

Hear this Good News:

God never tires in forgiving us, always rebuilding hope in the name of Jesus Christ. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to transform our lives. God does not leave you the way that God found you. Your stumbling blocks are turned into bridges. Your stony heart is turned to flesh. The walls of your heart have been broken down. You are forgiven. You are loved. In the name of the risen Christ, rejoice in this good news! **Amen! Alleluia!**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all **And also with you.**



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Mysterious God,

Too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Story

NARRATOR: Today, our story and God's story is found in the book of Luke, the 24th chapter, verse 18, through 35.



Halle, Hallelujah

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr. $\ensuremath{\mathbb{G}}$ 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

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Narrator: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them,

Jesus: What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?

Narrator: They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

Cleopas (group 1): Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?

Narrator: He asked them,

Jesus: What things? **Narrator:** They replied,

Cleopas (group 2): The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

Cleopas (group 1): and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

ALL: But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Cleopas (group 2): Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Cleopas (group 1): Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.

Cleopas (group 2): They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Cleopas (group 1): Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.

Narrator: Then he said to them,

Jesus: Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?

Narrator: Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying,

Cleopas (ALL): Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.

Narrator: So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other,

Cleopas (ALL): Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?

Narrator: That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying,

Disciples (ALL): The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!

Narrator: Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

NARRATOR: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Sing Halle Halle Halle

Sermon

Prayers of the People Prayers will be written on papers or texted by the people and prayed out loud, anonymously, by two people from the congregation. After 3-4 prayers are read, the reader of the prayers will say "Lord, we depend on your mercy" with the response: "Hear our prayers."

Pray-er: God of mercy.

ALL: Hear our prayers.

Offering

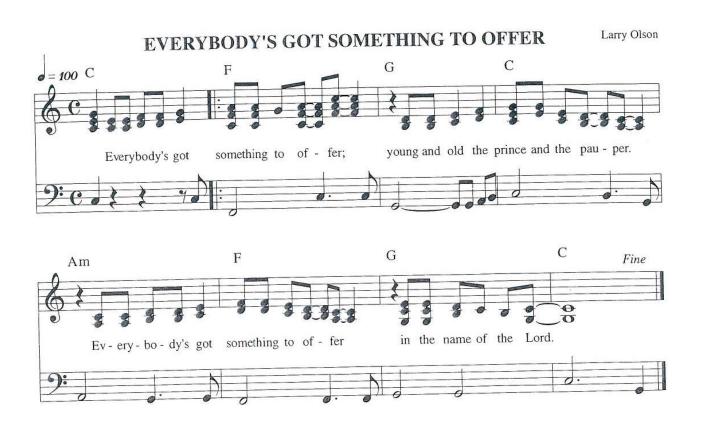
All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough.

Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive.

The watering can is for Laundry Love

The Backpack is for pudding for Common Cup and the Backpack program.

Offering Song Everybody's Got Something to Offer



The Feast

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Risen Lord.

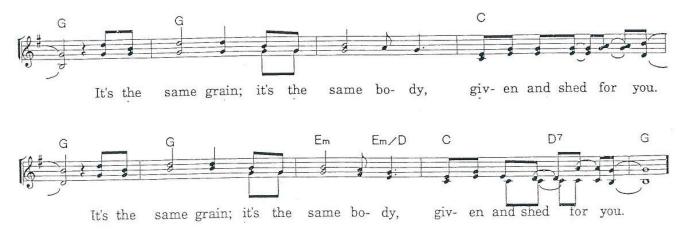
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

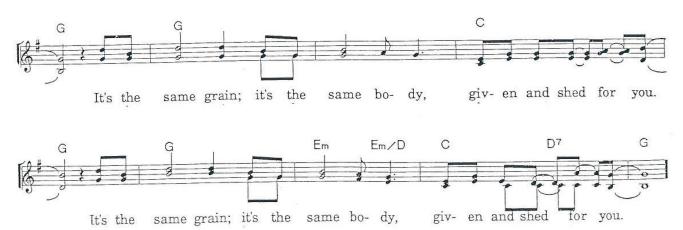
O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

SING:



After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."



Remembering his death, we cry out Amen! Amen! Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen! Amen! Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. Amen.

O God, you are Breath:
send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread:
feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine:
warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire:
transform us with hope.

O God most majestic,
O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all
and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
and the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

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.

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, forever and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

Communion Songs Given and Shed for You & Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

GIVEN AND SHED FOR YOU

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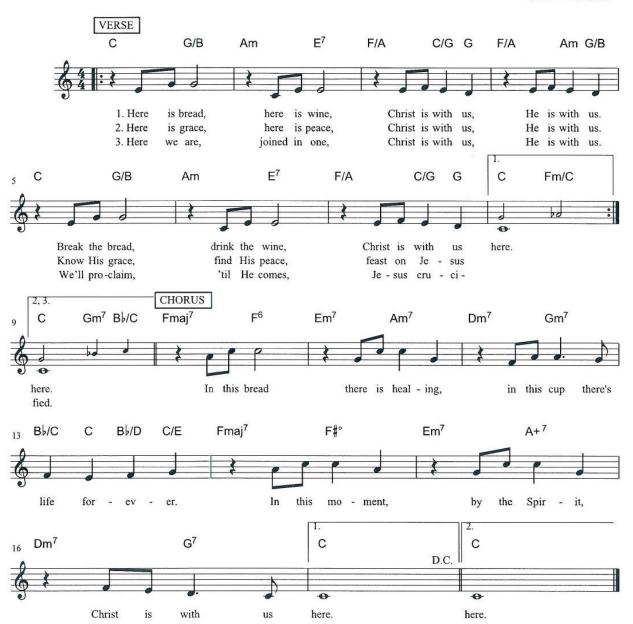
("Worried Man Blues")

American Tune



Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

Words and Music by Graham Kendrick



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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Grace-filled God, your welcome of all who hunger and thirst at your table never ends. Thank you for your grace and your mercy that gathers us at this meal and gives us the gift of forgiveness and grace. At this table, we are one. Send us out as one. Let this meal bring us together. Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

MILESTONES

"It's time for milestones-a time of sharing milestones in our community. Big, small, good, bad. Come on up if you have one to share." After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!" "

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)



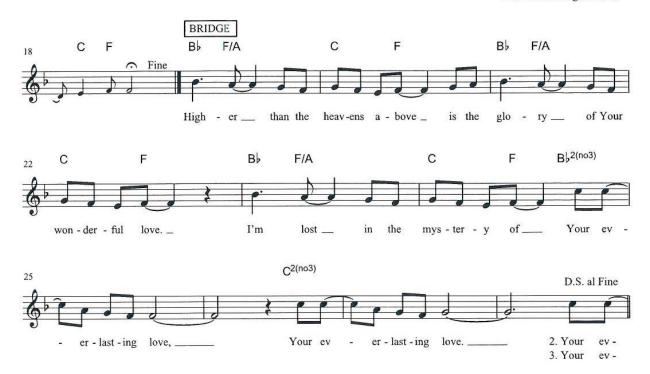
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Sending Song Your Everlasting Love

Your Everlasting Love

Words and Music by Bill Batstone





Go in peace, share the hope of Jesus! Thanks be to God!

Music to Send You Out

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