

Second Sunday of Easter



Alleluia!
Christ is risen!

April 7, 2024

9:30 AM

(You are welcome to share a prayer request to be used in worship today. Prayer Cards will be offered by the ushers and later collected during the Praise Song.)

WELCOME AND HIGHLIGHTED HAPPENINGS TO COME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Kent Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Duwamish and Muckleshoot peoples. We recognize, honor, and thank these Indigenous siblings – caretakers of this land who have lived, and continue to live here since time immemorial.

PRELUDE (and lighting of the altar candles)



EASTER DECLARATION

Leader: Christ is risen.

All: **He is risen indeed.**

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Alleluia!

OPENING SUPPLICATION

Leader: As early followers of Jesus gathered
for fellowship and worship,
praying and singing and reading the scriptures,
so we gather this morning.
May our devotion to you, O Divine goodness,
be a blessing to you.

OPENING SONG

Gather Us In

ELW 532



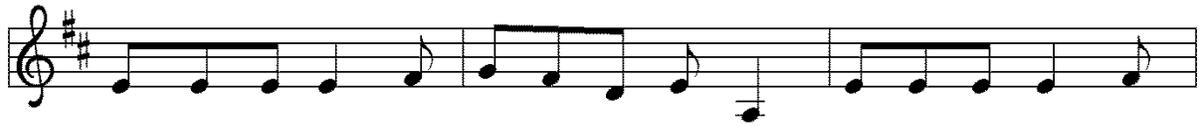
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:
 Christ is risen.

Response: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: God is alive...

Response: New birth is given.

Leader: Hope is alive...

Response: A new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive...

Response: Redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive...

Response: Death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive...

Response: New life is within us.

Leader: The church is alive...

Response: God's spirit is within us.

God of life, we worship you.

God of creation, we praise you.

God of revelation, we learn from you.

God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life.
Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

Response: You, O God, wash us clean.

Pastor: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair --
ALL are washed away by grace.

Response: You, O God, wash us clean.

Pastor: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us
no longer have the power to define us.

Response: You, O God, give us new life.

Pastor: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery,
so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

Response: You, O God, give us new life.

Pastor: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace,
not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

Response: You, O God, give us new life.

Pastor: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God
for the gracious gift of baptism
that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power.
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Response: Amen.

PRAISE SONG Oh Let the Son of God Enfold You (*Spirit Song*) CCLI 27824 (TFF 105)

Words and Music by
John Wimber

VERSE

The musical score is for the verse of the song 'Oh Let the Son of God Enfold You'. It is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 90. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The score consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has two verses of lyrics. The chords are D, A/E, D/F#, G, A7, and F#m7. The lyrics are: 1. Oh let the Son of God en-fold you with His Spir-it and His; 2. Oh come and sing this song with glad-ness as your hearts are filled with.

love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name.

8 A/E D/F# G A⁷ F#m⁷

Oh let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it like, a
Oh give Him all your tears and sad - ness; Give Him all your years of

12 Bm Em⁷ A G/A A⁷ D

dove, will des - cend up - on your life and make you whole.
pain, and you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

CHORUS

17 G A⁷/G F#m⁷ Bm⁷ Em⁷ A

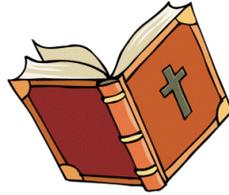
Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your

23 D G A⁷/G F#m⁷

lambs. Je - sus, oh Je -

28 Bm⁷ Em⁷ A A⁷ G/A D

-sus, come and fill Your lambs.



THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

Reader: The first reading today is from the fourth chapter of the book of Acts:

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING 1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader: Our second reading begins in the first chapter of First John:

¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of life.

Response: Thanks be to God.

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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We invite you to stand for the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

Reader: The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reader: ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

If you are standing, you may now be seated.

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL (See page 7)

Give Me Jesus

ELW 770, Verses 3 & 5



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





SONG OF RESPONSE

Touch That Soothes and Heals

ACS 939



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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DECLARATION OF FAITH

Leader Do we believe?

Response: Yes, in spite of ourselves, we do believe!

Leader While some follow fad and fashion,
changing with the seasons in Paris, London and New York,

Response: we follow the man from Nazareth.

Leader While some put their hope in a big lotto win,
or chase profits at no matter what cost to family,

Response: we put our hope in loving one another as our Christ has loved us.

Leader While some may give in to a sophisticated cynicism,
or some fall into apathy or despair,

Response: we put our faith in the God who has given us his only true son.

Leader While some may boast of their superior education,
culture, race, or living standard,

Response: we boast in the self-giving of that Son on a Cross.

Leader While some try to justify themselves by prizing fame or power,
or by claiming superior morals,

Response: we allow the grace of our Lord to Jesus to be our best prize.

Leader Because of Jesus,

**Response: we believe in the living God
by whose Holy Spirit all things are open to change and renewal.
And that includes us and the church.
Thanks be to God!**



COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Leader: Let us pray:

Holy Spirit,
help your fractured church to be of one heart and soul,
that our proclamation will resonate with great power,
and great grace may be upon us all.

Set our minds on heavenly things.

Response: Fill us with your joy.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,
you prayed to Our God that we would be one church.
Help us receive you like Aaron,
rejoicing with precious oil upon his head.
Help us receive you like morning dew
upon the mountains, valleys and prairies.
Help us rely upon your precious promise of life forevermore.
Bless our church, its congregations and its leaders,
especially our ELCA leadership – our national Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton,
and our Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, Shelley Bryan Wee.

Leader: Set our minds on heavenly things.

Response: Fill us with your joy.

Leader: Word of Life, eternal life,
make our joy complete with the God of light,
in whom there is no darkness at all.

Set our minds on heavenly things.

Response: Fill us with your joy.

Leader: Heavenly Redeemer, forgiver of our every sin,
help us look to Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
as our advocate and redeemer,
not only for ourselves, but for your whole world.

Set our minds on heavenly things.

Response: Fill us with your joy.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,
when we behave like Thomas, letting ourselves be filled with doubt,
give us strength to constantly return to your church, with our doubt,
until we confess "My Lord and My God" on the day of your visitation.

Set our minds on heavenly things.

Response: Fill us with your joy.

Leader: God of mercy,
we bring before you people we know with special needs...
afflictions that can be healed by your precious touch,
disease that will not be healed on this earth,
those with burdens too heavy to bear alone,
especially those missing love ones....
Hear our cry as we pray to you now from our hearts, either aloud or silently....

(silence for personal prayers)

(congregational prayers are lifted up)

Set our minds on heavenly things.

Response: Fill us with your joy.

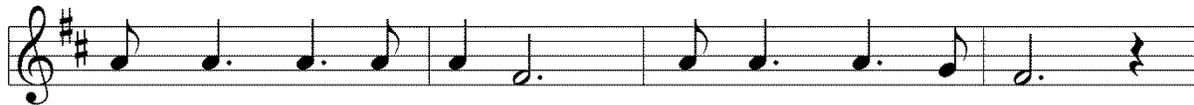
Leader: Help us listen closely to your Word,
even as you listen closely to our prayers.

Response: Amen.

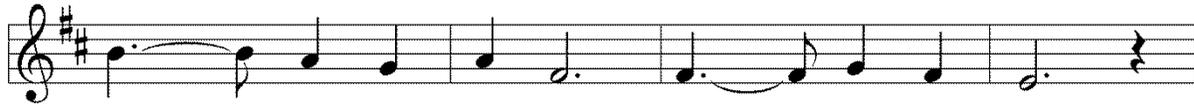
PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS AND RECEIVE THE MEAL OF GOD'S PRESENCE



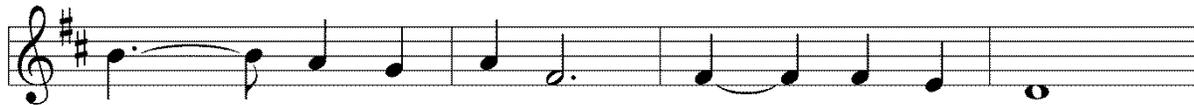
(Note: The ushers will collect your offerings in the center aisle during the song)



1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
 2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
 3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



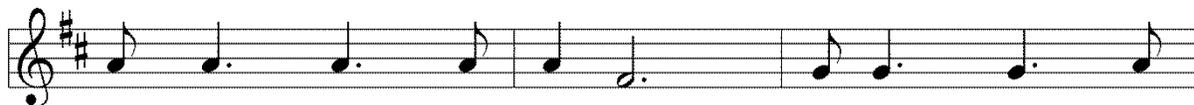
Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
 Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
 Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



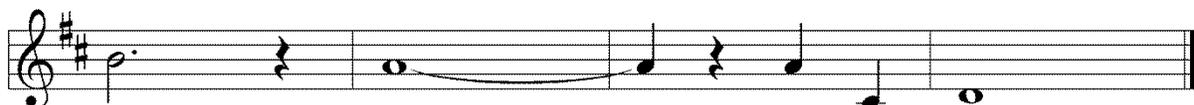
God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
 dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
 truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
 Lay it at the al - tar then.
 Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

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Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

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OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Generous and surprising God,
 when we thought that death
 had claimed your only Son,
 you amazed us with the resurrection.

All: **Surprise us again,
 with your ability to turn these humble offerings
 into gifts that will transform the world
 through our witness to your love.**

Leader: We lay our very lives at your feet, O God,
knowing that you will use us
to proclaim and embody the gospel.

All: Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

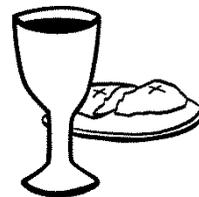
Reader: Come to the table to be made whole.
Come to participate in the work of making us one with Him and each other.
Come, for this is a table where all are invited.
All are welcome.

If you are joining us online and want to participate in Holy Communion, gather your bread or cracker and your wine or juice. You will be communed after those who partake in the sanctuary.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We join in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**



ABOUT COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. Please wait in your pew until the usher indicates that it is your turn, then come forward using the center aisle. If you and/or your children are not comfortable participating in the Rite of Communion, **know that all are still welcome to come forward for a blessing – just let the presider know your preference when you and/or your children are at the rail.** When you are at the front, please fill in a vacant spot at the altar rail. You may either kneel or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you. **If you would like a gluten free alternative to the bread, or If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the presider.** After you have communed, please discard the empty cup to be recycled in the trash can by the side wall before returning to your seat.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Pastor: Come, for this is a table where all are invited and all are welcome.



COMMUNION SONG

Deep Peace

ACS 1018, Repeated

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the

flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to

you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

To repeat *Last time*

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(when all in the sanctuary have been fed)

Those joining us online – pick up your bread and hear these words:

This is the body of Christ given for you.

Eat and receive saying, "Amen."

Lift up your cup of wine or juice and hear these words:

This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

Drink and receive saying, "Amen."

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Response: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172, Repeated

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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WE GO

Leader: Go forth in joy.
You have God's kingdom in your heart.

Go forth in love.
Live for the Lord.

Go with hope and forgiveness.
The grace of God sustains.

Go forth in peace.
Go forth in light.

Response: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Christ is risen.

Response: **He is risen indeed!**
Alleluia!

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Rejoice and be glad.

All: **Thanks be to God!**
Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us share God's peace with one another as we leave today.

*(As we pass the peace, **ALL** people have the right to choose if they would like a verbal greeting, a handshake, or a hug.)*

POSTLUDE





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KENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

lives and celebrates the accepting love of Christ

CORE VALUES

We affirm the following values:

- * We value the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus;
- * We value God's love as a gift to be shared with everyone;
- * We value everyone as a child of God, and invite all to be embraced by God;
- * We value providing a loving, caring environment supporting spiritual needs;
- * We value that all people are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God and community.
- * We value the participation of people of all ages, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, educational background, different abilities, and economic conditions.

OUR VISION

Kent Lutheran Church, a Christ-centered, sacred place
for spiritual, cultural, and community enrichment.

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