

# Morning Gathering & Vespers for Sunday, May 24

Welcome

6:30PM ONLY: Candle Lighting: The Phos Hilaron

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving God in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun  
And our eyes behold the vesper light,  
We sing your praises, O God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Word of God, O Giver of Life,  
And to be glorified through all the worlds.

Opening Acclamation & Collects

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Presider* O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "Now the green blade"

Hymn #204

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

**2 In the grave they laid Him, Love whom Hate had slain,  
Thinking that never he would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

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

**4 When our hearts are wintry, 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.**

First Lesson: Acts 17:16-34

*Performed by St. Dunstan's youth: Griffin H., Simon G-V., and Ian S.*

Psalm Refrain: Psalm 13, verses 1, 5

**How long, O God, will you hide your face?  
I put my trust in you.**

A Modern Psalm

*Poem by Gail Sosinsky Wickman*

It matters not, the loneliness I feel.  
The world is locked alone, each to her cell,  
and though we stay connected, most can tell  
the isolation will be hard to heal.

I wish I had a great, bronze bell to peel,  
a noisy, bonging, pushy clang to knell  
the death of every sacred soul who fell  
who did not need to die.

The world will reel

when all the cost of life is in the scale,  
when grief and loss well up into the light,  
when numb inaction is cast off at last.  
May God grant that we analyze our past,  
discard the evil, cling hard to what's right.  
I shudder for the world if we should fail.

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Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

Office Hymn

Hymn #459

**And have the bright immensities received our risen Lord,  
Where light years frame the Pleiades and point Orion's sword?  
Do flaming suns His footsteps trace through corridors sublime,  
The Lord of interstellar space and conqueror of time?**

**The heavn' that hides Him from our sight knows neither near nor far;  
An altar candle sheds its light as surely as a star.  
And where His loving people meet to share the gift divine,  
There stands He with unhurrying feet; there heavn'ly splendors shine.**

*- Howard C. Robbins, Hymnal 1982*

## Prayers

### *Intercessor*

Show us your mercy, O God,  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
Give peace, O God, in all the world;  
God, keep this nation under your care,  
Let your way be known upon earth,  
Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,  
Create in us clean hearts, O God,

### *People*

**And grant us your salvation.  
Let your people sing with joy.  
For only in you can we live in safety.  
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
Your saving health among all nations.  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## Open Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

### Closing Prayers

9AM:

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well- beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

6:30PM:

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

### Blessing & Dismissal

Cast all your worries upon God, because God cares about you. Be clearheaded. Stay alert. Your adversary the Devil prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith. Know that your fellow believers are enduring the same suffering throughout the world, and that the God of all grace will mend, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

*(1 Peter 5:7-10)*

### Easter Troparion (Sung)

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!**

### Coffee Hour

## Prayer List

We pray for those serving our country and their families, including Jerome, Doug, Joseph, Nicholas, Michael, Anthony, Diane, Eric, Sam, and Brian.

We pray for all those on our parish prayer list: Mick and Judy, Roger, Tracy, Davette, Frances, Barbara, John, Marvalene, Helen and Jim, Dan, Marie, and Sagu.

We pray for all those providing health care - physical or mental - in this difficult time: Krista, Linda, Jim, Rasidat, Sean, Zach, Cynthia, Tracy, Mike, Hayden, Misty, Cass, John, Becca, Amy, Jess, Shirley, James, Suzanne, Debra, Heidi, Eric, and Madelynn.

We pray for those who have died, especially Brent and Francis, and for those who mourn.

*Send your prayer requests at any time to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).*