

# Morning Gathering & Vespers for Sunday, May 24

Welcome

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

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*

Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

**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

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