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I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. Job 19:25

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy this
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
 4. He lives, my kind, wise, heav - enly friend; he lives and
 5. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my

blest as sur - rance gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
 loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
 Sav - ior, still the same; what joy this blest as -

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King!
 sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

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In the Garden

(I Come to the Garden Alone)

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone while the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a -

still on the ros - es, and the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ings, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me
 round me be fall - ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe

the Son of God dis - clos - es. And he walks with me, and he
 with - in my heart is ring - ing. his voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the
 joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we celebrate your Easter miracle
of bringing life out of death,
we express our gratitude and joy
for the new life budding within us
and all around us.
Bless the gifts we offer you this day,
that they may bring hope and new life
to a world that clings even now
to the illusion of death's victory
over the Lord of Life. Amen.

HYMN I Come to the Garden

COMMISSION

Through Christ, God has given us a new birth into a living hope.
God has given us an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading—
an inheritance protected by the power of God.
Rejoice, therefore, even if for a while we suffer various trials.
For life is stronger than death,
love is stronger than hate,
joy is stronger than sorrow,
and the promises of God are sure.

BLESSING

May the God who loves and resurrects us
give you a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit
and new birth into a living hope. Amen.

GOING FORTH O Sons and Daughters Alfred V. Fedak

April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter

CENTERING WORDS

All the doubt in the world
cannot wash away our inheritance from God—
an inheritance of love, refuge, and strength.

CENTERING MUSIC Let There Be Joy Beatrice A. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

P: *God has given us a new birth
in the living hope of the resurrection.*

L: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.
P: *In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.*

L: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

P: *For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.*

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MORNING PRAYER

God of signs and wonders,
breathe new life into us this day,
that our spirits may awaken to the joy and the hope
of our glorious inheritance through the living Christ.

Clear our vision, Holy One,
that we may see the promise of Easter
in the stirrings of this precious earth
and in the life energy flowing through our bodies.
Help us find the faith to believe where we have not seen,
that others may see,
in our living and our loving,
the glory of the risen Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayers, Pastoral Prayer, and the Prayer of Our Savior
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

MEDITATION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Sisters and brothers, we have no good apart from God.
Therefore, let us keep God at the forefront of our minds
and give generously from all that we have been given,
that others may also receive from the fullness of God.