

EASTER SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
** Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Pastorale (Annees de Perlerinage – Liszt)
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - **During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.**

APRIL MISSION MOMENT: Operation We Care and CRICKET Center

INTROIT: “Now the Green Blade Rises” *(See Insert to follow along)*
*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
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OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:
All: Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus’ rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God’s mercy. Let us pray:
All: All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. What good news!
All: We believe this good news! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**
(Take a moment to turn to those gathered and offer a sign of Christ’s peace.)

YOUTH MESSAGE: The BEST Gift!

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SONG OF PRAISE: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks *(See Insert)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us ask the Spirit to give us understanding of God’s holy word. Let’s pray:
All: Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 118:19-20
Mark 16:1-8

Response to the reading of God’s Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Let’s Finish This!”

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*HYMN: “Celtic Alleluia” *(See Insert)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERING *(Including One Great Hour of Sharing)* / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: “Thine Is the Glory” *(See Insert)*

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE “Go now in peace”

POSTLUDE: Au Chapelle de Guillaume Tell (Annees de Perlerinage – Liszt)

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Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
2 In the grave they laid Him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that He would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
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3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
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4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
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OPENING HYMN: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
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SONG OF PRAISE: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS

(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise to his Name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **(Refrain)**
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. **(Refrain)**
We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever. **(Refrain)**
Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. **(Refrain)**

2ND HYMN: CELTIC ALLELUIA

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2. He is the first fruits from death, now are our lives filled with glory!
Darkness vanishes in the light of his power. **(Refrain)**
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5. The stone which the builders rejected, becomes the cornerstone
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CLOSING HYMN: THINE IS THE GLORY

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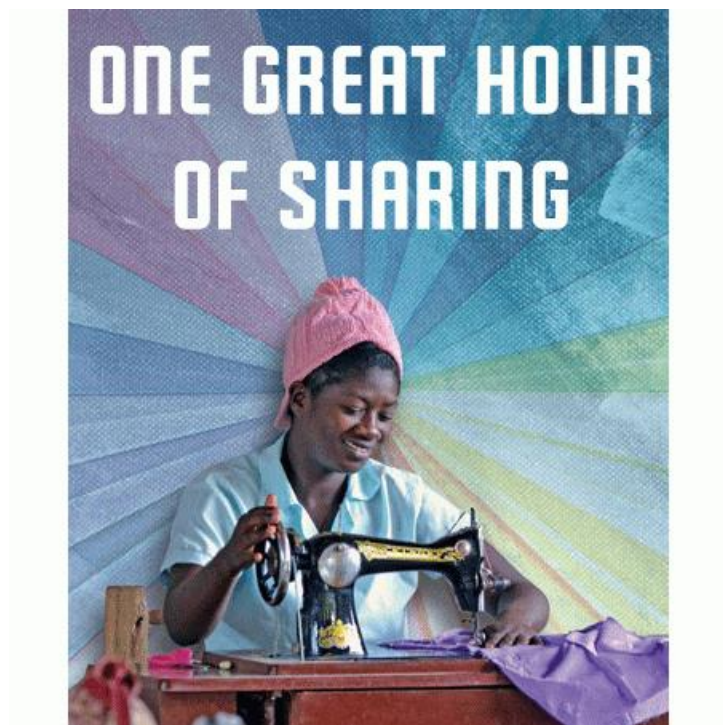
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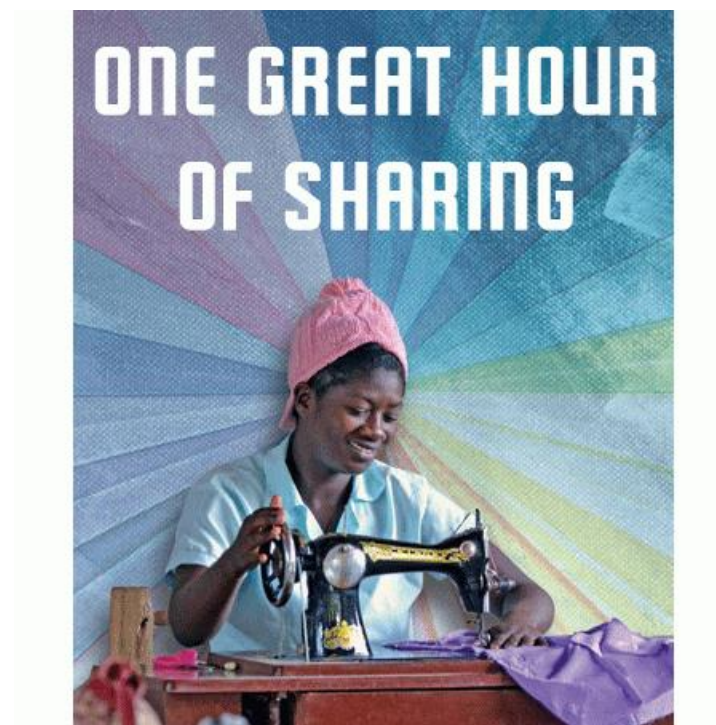
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