

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Psalm 150:3-6

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## THE GREAT FRAMINGHAM CLEANUP 2.0

From April 9 to April 22, hundreds of Framingham's finest have participated in *Keep Framingham Beautiful's* second annual, city-wide cleanup! *TODAY*, after worship, the "Plymouth Church Crew" will meet in the Church parking lot.

## CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 27-28

The Social Action Committee is collecting gently-used clothing for its annual Rummage Sale. Women's, men's, and children's clothing accepted, in all sizes. If possible, please bundle women's, men's, and children's items in separately labeled bags to help make sorting easier. **All items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall foyer beginning Sunday, May 22.** Rummage Sale dates are: Friday, May 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday May 28, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you're interested in helping sort clothing or assisting on sale day, please contact the Social Action Committee for more details: Mattie Schadt, Robyne Jerome, Al Rapoza, or Sam Swisher.

## ANNUAL PERENNIAL PLANT SALE RETURNS

The Plymouth Church Perennial Plant Sale, sponsored by Women's Fellowship, will be held on Saturday, **May 28**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the front of the church (concurrent with the Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall). Both sales will need volunteers for set-up and staffing. The plant sale will need your extra empty pots (at least 6" in diameter) which may be left next to the shed at your earliest convenience and perennial plants to be left the week of the sale. Please check your perennial beds for seedlings and for plants to divide later in the month for potting up. Volunteers should contact Ellen Rivoir, at [evrivoir@gmail.com](mailto:evrivoir@gmail.com), or 508.877.8482

## SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE MATCHING GRANTS A HUGE SUCCESS

The Social Action Committee would like to extend a big thank-you to the congregation for making our "Matching Grant" fundraiser for Ukraine a smashing success! We met our goal of \$2,500 and we will be matching that amount dollar-for-dollar! You may continue to send contributions to the church office through Sunday, **May 1**. Please make checks payable to Plymouth Church noting "Ukraine" on the memo line. Watch for an update on the organizations chosen to receive these funds in the May 4 Wednesday Email!

## AFRICA EXCHANGE PROJECT HOSTS COMMUNITY WALK...SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, **May 7**, The Africa Exchange Project will host a Community Walk along the Cochituate Rail Trail, at the AMVETS Post, located at 79 Superior Drive, in Natick. Funds raised from this event will go towards completing the Science Center at the Secondary School. Our event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We encourage participants to walk the 3-plus mile route and join us afterwards for a short presentation and celebration featuring local African food, music, and drinks. **We are looking for volunteers...**to work in 1-hour shifts to staff our information tables at the AMVETS Post and along the Rail Trail. For more information, contact Rob Schadt ([rschadt@bu.edu](mailto:rschadt@bu.edu)).

## SMOC SEEKS BLANKETS

One of our supported SMOC shelters has a need for single bed sized blankets and sheets. (No children/Disney designs, please.) Leave items in the playpen in the Parish Hall foyer.

## ORDER CHANCEL FLOWERS ONLINE

You may now order Chancel flowers online. Visit our website and click on the *Church Family* tab. You'll find *Order Chancel Flowers* in the drop-down menu.

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Prelude *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* Praetorius/Wood  
Tolling of the Bell  
Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises*  
Responsive Psalm of Invocation

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**All: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

One: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Hallelujah! Amen!**

*Psalm 118:20-24*

Passing of the Peace

John 20:19-31

Blessing

Time for All Ages

Anthem *Lift High The Cross* Hopson

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain* Biery

Doxology (ASL) *Pilgrim Hymnal, 514*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.*

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## Now the Green Blade Rises

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*John M. C. Crum, 1928; alt.**Matt. 27:57-28:7; Luke 23:50-24:12*

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;  
 2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
 3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;  
 Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
 Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:  
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*  
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

*John M. C. Crum, an English priest who was canon of Canterbury for fifteen years, wrote these words for this ancient French Christmas carol tune when it was included in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928).*

Tune: NOËL NOUVELET 11.10.10.11.  
*French noel, 15th century  
 Harm. Martin F. Shaw, 1928*