

VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH

WE INVITE YOU TO BRING YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY
TO WORSHIP WITH US.

NO PART OF YOU NEEDS TO BE LEFT AT THE DOOR.

GOD'S LOVE IS INCLUSIVE, EVER ABUNDANT, AND MEANT
TO BE EXPRESSED THROUGH OUR ACTIONS IN THE WORLD.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!



Vashon Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

PRELUDE

CANDLELIGHTING

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation stands as able

Marita Ericksen
Frank Ericksen, Acolyte
Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn (next page):

ACS, #933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE (next page): fr. "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, by Marty Haugen, pg. 6

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor

KYRIE

1. In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

5. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

9. 1. For the reign of
2. For your peo - ple

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

14. God, here and who for have peace through - out give the world, for the

17. u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord:
strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord:

21. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

25. Help, save, and de - fend us, O

mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

30. God. A men.

Simple ending To Hymn of Praise*

GLORY TO GOD

Strong ♩ = ca. 56-58

♩ Refrain



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,

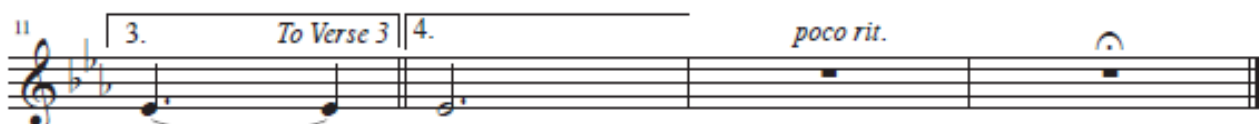


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1.2. To Verses 1 and 2



earth. earth.

poco rit.

To Prayer of the Day

Verse 1



I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God- and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we_ give_ you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

D.S.

Verse 2



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the_ sin of the world: have

30

 mer - cy on us. [I+II] You are seat - ed at the

33

 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. D.S.

Verse 3
 37

 [I] For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, —

41

 [II] You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

44

 Ho - ly Spir - it, [I+II] in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. D.S.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God, Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Congregation sits*

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Marlee Koch, Lector (L)

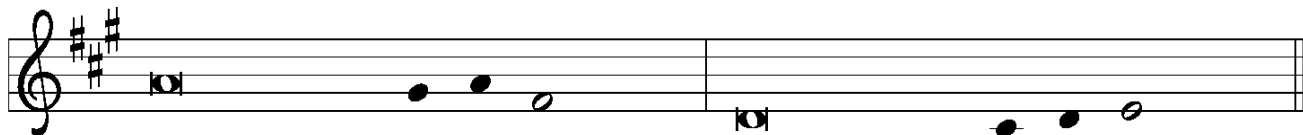
Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 4.

L: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 133

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



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How good and how pleas-^lant it is, when kindred live togeth-^ler in unity!
**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-^lon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar^l of his robe.**
It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the^l hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for-^levermore.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

Marlee Koch, Lector

L: A reading from 1 John, Chapter 1.

L: We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (next page): *from “Tree of Life”, by Marty Haugen, p. 10*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For
you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -
ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The holy gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation may be seated

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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APOSTLES' CREED (next page):

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Patte Wagner, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

P: (At the end of passing of the peace) Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE (next page):

ELW, #512

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Please stand as able

The Great Thanksgiving: "Tree of Life", p. 18, 20, by M. Haugen Rev. J. M. Barich, Cantor (P)

The GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.
☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY

Introduction omitted when Preface is sung.

© Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
5 God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
9 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
12 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
15 bless - ed is he who comes in the name - of the Lord. Ho -
18 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
21 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Invitation to Communion: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here.

Communion Hymn #1: "Lamb of God", from "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, p. 17, by Marty Haugen

LAMB OF GOD

6
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have

10
mer - cy on us. Lamb of

14
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

19
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

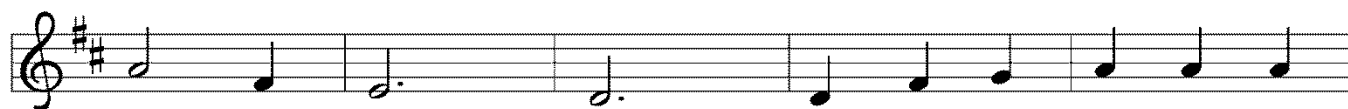
Communion Hymn #2 (next page):

ELW, #815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

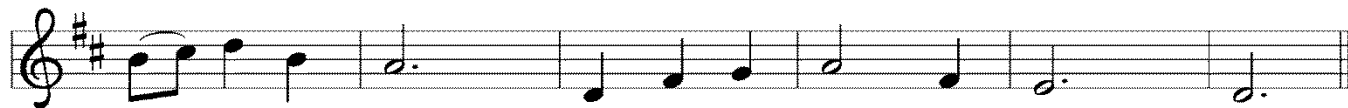
Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Congregation stands as able

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*next page*):

P: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always. **C: Amen**

Sending Song:

ELW, #535

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
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DISMISSAL:

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Marita Ericksen

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Worship Assistants This Morning:

Guest Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assisting Minister – Patte Wagner
Lector – Marlee Koch
Communion Assistant – Janet Williams
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Marita Ericksen
Cantors – Dr. Gary Koch, Rev. John Barich
Communion Set Up – Gail Larson

Worship Assistants Next Week (4/14/24):

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assistant Minister – TBA
Lector – TBA
Communion Assistant – Janet Williams
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Dinah Helgeson
Cantors – TBA, Rev. John Barich
Communion Set Up – TBA

Easter Lilies were provided in memory of or recognition of loved ones:

Given By:

Judy Carr & Jack Kirkman
James Dam
Marita, Elise & Frank Ericksen
Roger & Martha Gebhard
Reynold Hokenson
Gary & Marlee Koch
June Langland
Judy Lorance
Sindy Rice
Marlys Svensson
Patte & Mike Wagner
Cheryl Weise

In Memory of:

Jean & Tom Kirkman; Thelma & Stan Willis
Ivan Dam
Rev. John Ericksen, husband, father, Grandpa
Doris & Ted; Vene & Paul
Diana Hokenson
Lee & Jackie Luers; Cleo & Halo Koch
Dwayne Langland (husband)
Richard Lorance (husband)
Joyce Husmoe
Einar Svensson (husband)
John Koehler
Volker Weise (husband)

Given By:

June Langland
Cheryl Weise

In Recognition of:

My church family
Jeffrey S. Falk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

IFCH Dinner Program: VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: pattewags@aol.com to help.

The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-473-8715.
Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at VLC. ?? Call Kathy Shafel, kshafel@comcast.net, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, victoriansmith@comcast.net.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
10:30 AM
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday
Worship Service, followed by coffee & cookies
AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM
4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer Group
VCN Board Meeting

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon
Apr. 24, 7:00 PM

Lutheran Quilters Group
VLC ZOOM Council Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM
Apr. 25, 5:00 pm

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC
IFCH Dinner, prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men

SATURDAY

April 13, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Care Closet Open House & Giveaway



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Hymns for April 7, 2024

ACS, 933

Day of Delight & Beauty Unbounded

ELW, 385, v.1, 3-4

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing!

ELW, 512

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW, 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW, 535

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