

# Season of Easter

28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Led by Fiona Bennett & Eilidh Young



Where God grows  
By  
Jan Richardson

## Welcome & Gathering

### Call to worship

One: As Winter sleeps and Spring awakens,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: As a seed dies and a shoot is born,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: As Jesus dies and Christ becomes,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: Holy Source who weaves new life,

ALL: We give you thanks and praise!

### Hymn: O laughing light

O laughing Light, O first-born of creation,  
radiance of glory, light from light begotten,  
God self-revealing, holy, bright and blessed:  
you shine upon us.

Day's light is fleeting, yours is light eternal;  
we look to you, our light within the shadow.  
We sing to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit.  
You shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus Christ, we bless you.  
Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you.  
Hear as the universe proclaims your glory!  
You shine among us.

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### Opening Prayer with movement

ALL: The Source of Life, holds us (*hands clasped*)  
The Guide of living, leads (*hands making a cross*)  
The Spirit of re-birth, transforms us (*hands in butterfly*)  
Holy Three-in-One, we worship you.

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,  
Father and Mother of us all:  
Creation honours you!  
May your Realm of Justice & Joy  
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

### **Time for all ages by Fiona Bennett - Creation & Connection**

#### **Hymn:**

You are the vine  
We are the branches  
Keep us abiding in You  
You are the vine  
We are the branches  
Keep us abiding in You

And we'll go and we'll go  
In Your love in Your love  
And we'll go and we'll go  
In Your name in Your name  
That the world, that the world  
Will surely know, will surely know  
That You have power to heal and to save



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### **Reading read by Gill Lawrence**

#### **John 15:1-8**

15" I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed by the word that I

have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### **Reflection by Eilidh Young**

### **Meditation by Karl Macrae**

### **Prayers of the People by Gill Lawrence**

#### **Offering & Dedication**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow  
Praise God all creature here below  
Praise God above, You heavenly host  
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

*Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.  
Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

### **Notices**

#### **Hymn: Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning**

Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning  
bless the light that reason lends.  
Teach us judgment as we kindle  
sparks of thought your Spirit sends.  
Sanctify our search for knowledge  
and the truth that sets us free.  
Come, illumine mind and spirit  
joined in deepest unity.

Vine of truth, in you we flourish;  
by your grace we learn and grow.  
May the word of Christ among us  
shape our life, our search to know.  
Joined to Christ in living, dying,  
may we help the church convey  
witness to the saving gospel,  
bearing fruit of faith today.

Holy God, the hope of nations,

Tune us to your righteous will,  
As the symphony of ages  
Claims our best, our finest skill.  
Shape our search for peace and justice  
Through prophetic deed and word.  
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm,  
That God's praise be ever heard.

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**Blessing & Sung Amen**

## What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading and Eilidh Young is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	Online	
Carbon Literacy Course	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	12.45- 3.15pm	AUC	Part 2 of 3 sessions
Our Tribe Coffee Social	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	1.30pm	Coffee Saints, 2A Little King Street, EH1 3AR	All welcome!
Contextual Bible Study	Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> May	7.30- 8.30pm	Online	<i>Into Acts Acts 1:1-15</i> Email <a href="mailto:minister@augustine.org.uk">minister@augustine.org.uk</a> for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	12 noon - 1pm	Online	<i>Into Acts Acts 1:1-15</i> Email <a href="mailto:minister@augustine.org.uk">minister@augustine.org.uk</a> for the Zoom link
Our Tribe Online	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	7.30pm	Online	All welcome!
Sunday Worship	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	AUC & Online	Laurence is leading and Mike is preaching
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