

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: John 20:24-29

Focus on the Word

Music: "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV #79, vss 2,3

Refrain:

*Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,*

*in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. **R**

*Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: And now into God's world we go, to continue our walk with
Jesus in all the places life calls us to be. Let us go with joy,

All: for God calls us to share God's work.

One: Let us go with purpose,

All: for God equips us for the work to which we are called.

One: Let us go with hope,

**All: for God will show us the places where we are most
needed.**

One: And help us never to forget.

All: Best of all, God goes with us.

Music: "We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection" VU #586

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.