



Reflection for Wednesday in the Second Week of Easter April 14, 2021

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.* [Psalm 34:8]

The Eastertide hymns are love songs. Song of praise and thanksgiving, they celebrate the fullness of life on this earth. "Practicing resurrection" means proclaiming hope in the resilience of love revealed in the cycles of the natural life made sacred through the resurrection.

John M. C. Crum's hymn expresses this hope and faith beautifully:

*Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that spring arising green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*