

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

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

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

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing -
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is na

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright ra
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with gla
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than co

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, co
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the
Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

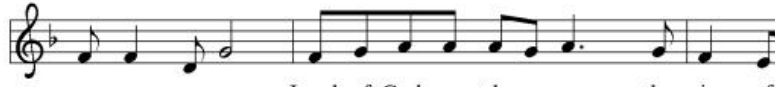
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; h

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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way



sin of the world; grant us peace.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the **Lord.**



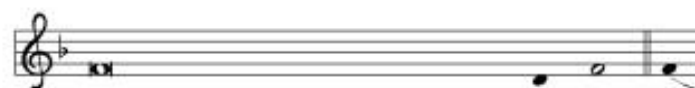
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their



let us pray to the **Lord. Lord, ha**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts are strengthened. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now give us the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you up with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, the strength of our faith, the hope of those who doubt, the power of those who are not seen, have faith in you and receive the full blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, now and forever. Amen.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the Gospel. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that, though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed those that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, whom you worship by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed, but those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For we are witnesses concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he did not let me go, and that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my flesh was secure, moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon me, nor let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to us life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. For the prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set his descendant on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us

Psalm: Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all others."

²**All my delight is in the Godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their trouble multiplied, and they will be despised.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all others."**

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; I will not be troubled, nor will I be afraid.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. Praise you, O God, in the heavens; praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within the earth; and in all creation. We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the wilderness; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the height of heaven; among those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the people. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." After the singing of the hymn, Jesus went out to the garden of Gethsemane, and he loved for us on the way, at the table, and to the end of his life. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gatherings; in our homes; among your people; throughout the world. Bless us, O God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together: **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 our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion minister says: **When you hear the words, "The body of Christ, given for you," say, "Amen."** *When giving the bread and cup, the communion minister says:* **When you hear the words, "The body of Christ, given for you," say, "Amen."**

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in t'

I have set the LORD always before me, because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; and my tongue will praise the LORD, because
¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One suffer affliction.**
¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and loss of faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have, even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God's salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶*In this trial, though a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is found to result in praise and glory and honor when it is revealed.* ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the

Word of God, word of life. **Thank**

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

**Gospel: John 20:19-31
 Glory to you, O Lord.**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction and the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief produces doubt.
¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked where the disciples had met, and Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰And he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced because of the Lord's resurrection. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent me, so I send you."

the Holy Spirit. "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then 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, for you have seen me." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing in his name you may have life forever.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Lord.**

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Comforter, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence.

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who are different. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may live in peace and love, sharing our commonalities. Let us not prioritize financial gain over the needs of the earth, to our fellow humans. Lord, in your mercy,

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live with fear and uncertainty. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and safety to those who are persecuted. We pray that elected leaders as they make decisions and speak to the people, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those who are isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace and justice. Bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, relief workers, especially those who find themselves in the new ministry of Messiah, the Dala Pantry. Bring it to life for those who are called to serve through it's work as well as all those who support it will offer. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Here other intercessions may be offered.

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember the lives of the saints, especially Leon Burch. Free us from the fear of death, as you have promised. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we pray for your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a great purpose, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our prayers. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**