

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice 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 - joice and
 can - not die; and sing with hearts up - lift - ed
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
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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.**

KYRIE

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

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of all, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their gifts, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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 Lord, Amen.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you up with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, Son, and 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 glorify by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God has done 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 has made me alive, and that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and I will rejoice, and moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon me; let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me your 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 descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did he experience 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 not be able to say, "I have no fault."

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, nor will I 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 no fault.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; I will not be troubled.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. Your glory fills the earth; your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within the earth; and in the air. Give us your breath. **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, who gave himself for us, took 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 his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." After that, he sang a hymn, and went out to the place of faith: **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: **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 and for many," say, "Amen."** *When giving the bread and cup, the communion minister says:* **When you hear the words, "The blood of Christ, shed for you and for many," 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

I have set the LORD always before me,
 because God is at my right hand, I shall not
 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor
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 hard-
 faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope
 even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Chr
 given us a new birth into a living hope through the re
 the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable
 in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the po
 salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶*In thi*
little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so th
faith—being more precious than gold that, though per
be found to result in praise and glory and honor when
revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love
not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with
 joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith,
 Word of God, word of life. **Thank**

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'

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

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

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benedictio
 Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief pro*
¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of th
 house where the disciples had met were locked for fe
 stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰A
 them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoic
 Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with 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; reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe, for you have seen me." ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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, Christ our 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, 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 are in need for the 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, O God, 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 God, 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 Christ. **Amen.**