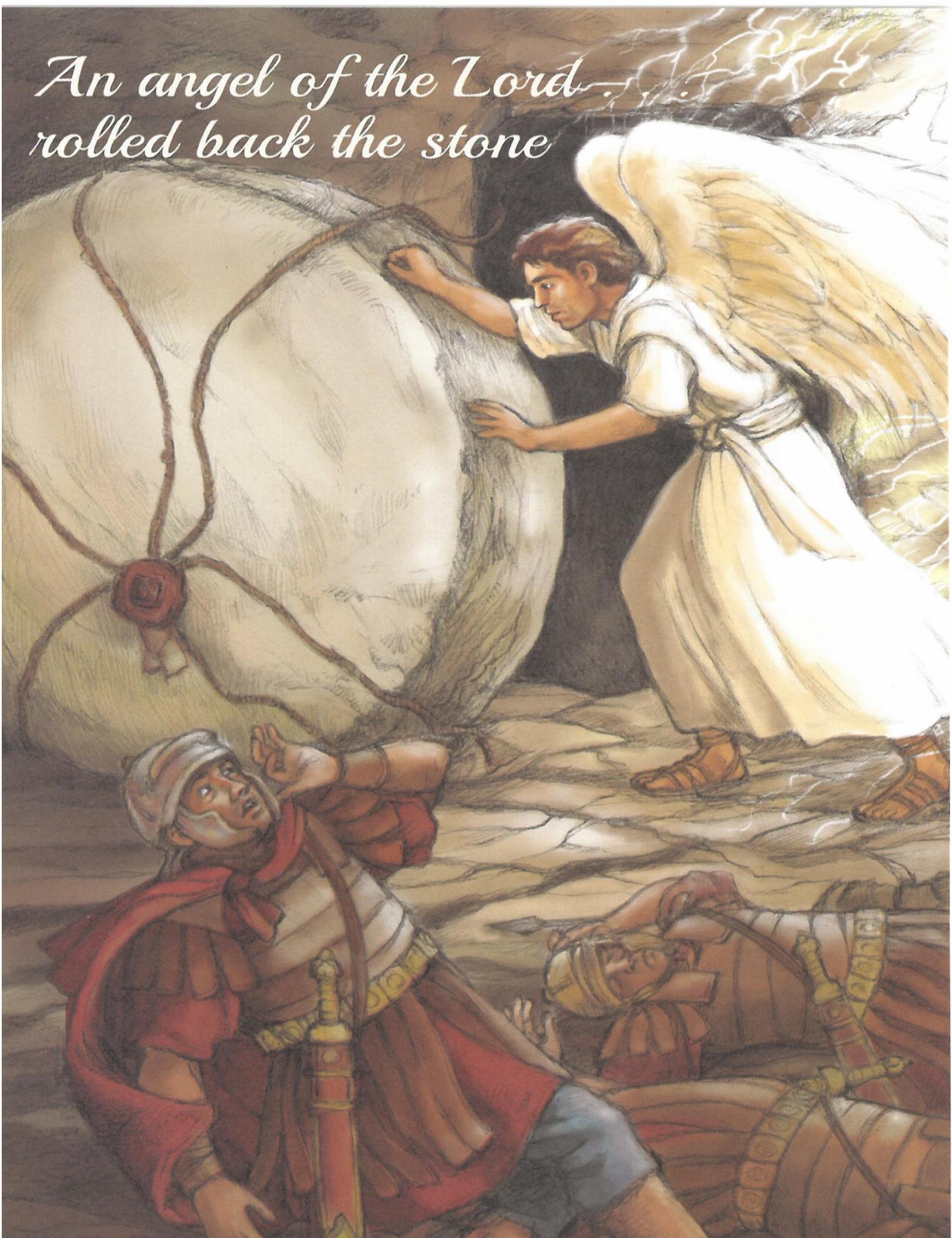


*An angel of the Lord  
rolled back the stone*



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EASTER MORNING SERVICE  
April 12, 2020

**Welcome and Announcements**

**P** He is Risen!

**C** *He is Risen indeed!*

**Opening Hymn**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today!**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *Amen.*

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** *the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

**CONFESSION**

**P** In the brilliant light of the empty tomb, I invite you to bring your sins to God, asking Him for the forgiveness that the Easter message assures.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** *We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.*  
*Amen.*

**P** The glorious Good News of this Easter morning is that our Heavenly Father has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!*

**P** He is Risen!

**C** *He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

## Song of Praise

### LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

### CHORUS

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

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Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

'Cause Jesus Yours is the victory

### CHORUS 2x

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;  
**C** *the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*  
**P** The LORD is my strength and my song,  
**C** *and He has become my salvation.*  
**P** Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
**C** *Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.*  
**P** You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;  
**C** *You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.*  
**P** You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,  
**C** *the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,*  
**P** the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.  
**C** *The LORD will reign forever and ever.*

**ALL** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;  
**C** *the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** *And also with you.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** *And also with you.*

**P** Let us pray:  
Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** *Amen.*

## WORD

### First Reading

*Exodus 14:10-15:1*

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.” <sup>15</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” <sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.” <sup>26</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup>Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.  
<sup>15</sup><sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered

to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## Children's Message

### Alleluia Verse

- C** *Alleluia.*  
*Lord, to whom shall we go?*  
*You have the words of eternal life.*  
*Alleluia.*

### Holy Gospel

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*John 20:1-18*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

- P** The Gospel of the Lord  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Sermon Song

#### IN CHRIST ALONE

*Stuart Townend & Keith Getty*

In Christ alone my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe;  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## SERMON

“Darkest Hour/Brightest Hope”  
Pastor Ishimaru

**Special Music:** “*It Is Finished*”

Grace Allen

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**P** Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

ALL *I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
the holy catholic\* Church.  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen*

\*(Christian Church Universal)

## PRAYERS

**P** Let us now pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.

*After each request:*

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** *Hear our Prayer*

*After the closing petition:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** *Amen.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** Let us join together praying the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** *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 this day 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*

**Benediction**

**P** He is Risen!

**C** *He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn**

**LIFT HIGH THE CROSS**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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