

# The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens

**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE**

**Eucharist #1**

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# New Life in Jesus!



• *New Hope*



*Verse 1*

**New hope, new hope is  
What we have been given by the Lord.**

**New hope, new hope is  
What we have been given by the Lord.**

*Refrain*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord.**

Verse 2

**New Life, new life,  
Is what we have been Given by the Lord  
New Life, new life,  
Is what we have been Given by the Lord.**

Refrain

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord.**

Verse 3

**New heart, new heart,**

**Is what we have been Given by the Lord.**

**New heart, new heart,**

**Is what we have been Given by the Lord.**

Refrain

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord.**

*Repeat Verse 1*

**New hope, new hope**

**Is what we have been Given by the Lord.**

**New hope, new hope**

**Is what we have been Given by the Lord.**

*Refrain*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord.**

*Repeat Refrain*





*HE IS RISEN!*

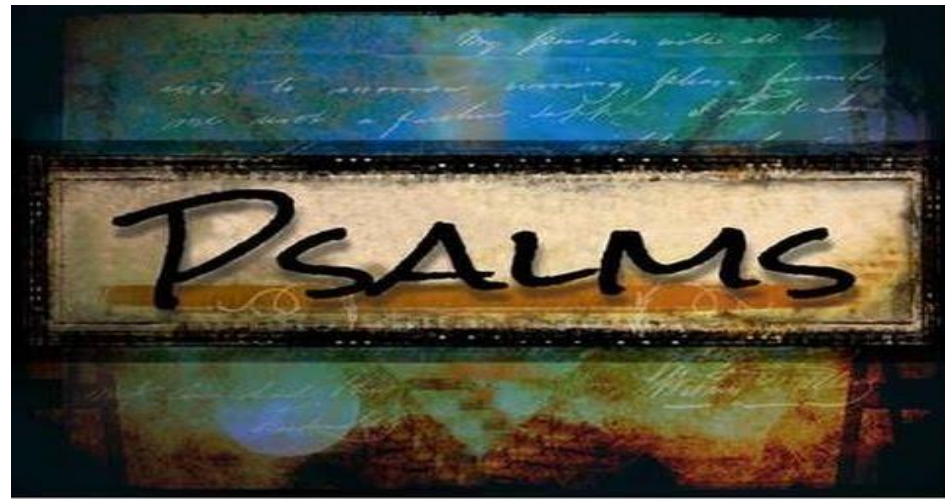


***Welcome & Announcements: Rev. Rob Henderson***

# Choir practice !!







*Psalm 16 (George Black Psalter)*

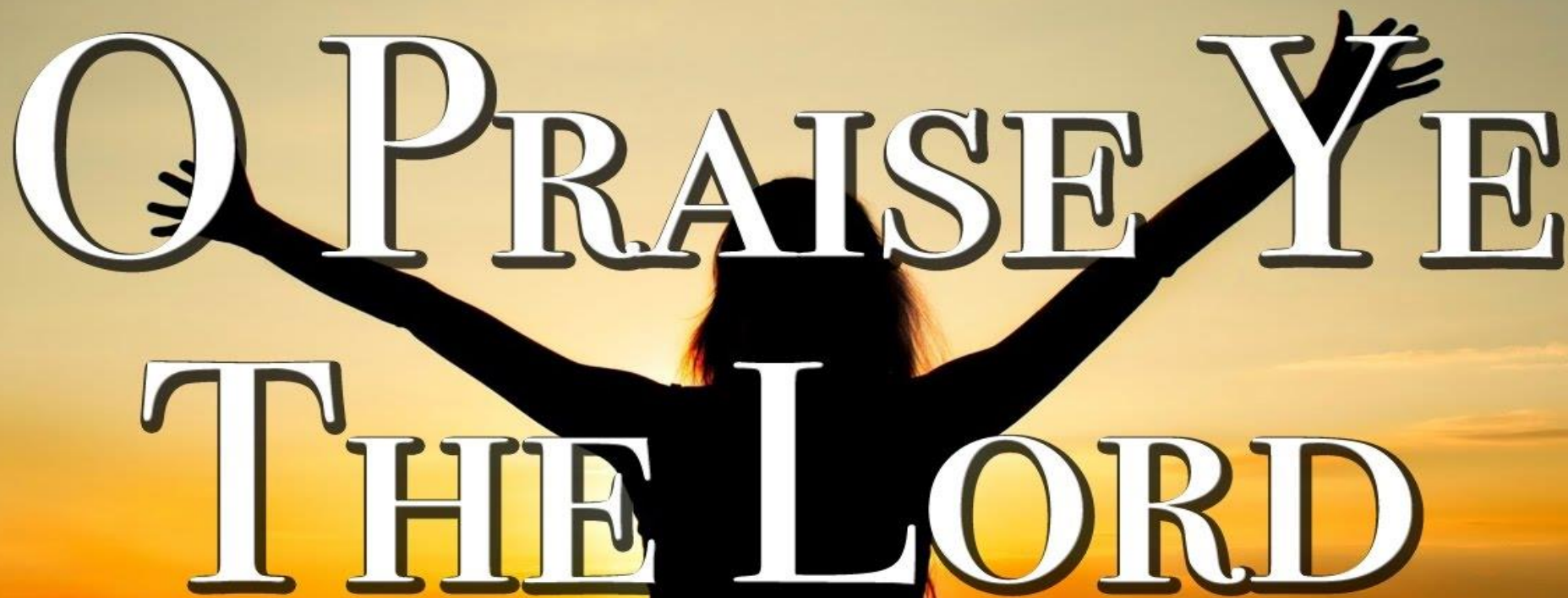
**Refrain:**

***“Protect me God, I trust in you,  
Protect me God, I trust in you.”***

# *Be Thou My Vision*

**Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
Save that thou art  
Thou my best thought,  
By day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.**





O PRAISE YE  
THE LORD

*Book of Common Praise 330*

Verse 1

**O praise ye the Lord  
Give praise in the height  
Rejoice in God's Word;  
Ye angels of light.  
Ye heavens adore him  
by whom ye were made  
And worship before him in brightness  
arrayed.**



Verse 2

**O praise ye the Lord,  
Give praise up-on earth;  
In tuneful accord give thanks  
for new birth**

**Praise God who hath brought you all  
grace from above**

**Praise God who hath taught you the  
path-ways of love.**

Verse 3

**O praise ye the Lord  
all things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord re-echo around  
Loud organs God's glory  
proclaim in deep tone,  
And sweet harp the story  
of what God hath done.**

Verse 4

**O praise ye the Lord  
Thanksgiving and song  
Be ever outpoured all ages along;  
For love in creation for  
heaven restored  
For grace of salvation.  
O praise ye the Lord!**



# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Celebrant:* **Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!**

*Celebrant:* **May his grace and peace  
be with you.**

*People:* **May he fill our hearts with  
joy!**



*Celebrant:* **Almighty God,**

*People:* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



T O G O D  
B E T H E  
G L O R Y

*Glory Be to the Father*

*Chorus*

**Glory be to the Father,  
Glory be to the Son,  
Glory be to the Spirit,  
All Glory to our God.**

Verse 1

**We praise you, we bless you,**

**We give you thanks.**

**We praise you for your Glory.**

**We praise you, we bless you,**

**We worship you,**

**O Lord, our God!**



*Chorus*

**Glory be to the Father,  
Glory be to the Son,  
Glory be to the Spirit,  
All Glory to our God.**

Verse 2

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only Son of God.  
You are One with the Father,  
Receive our prayer.**

*Chorus*

**Glory be to the Father,  
Glory be to the Son,  
Glory be to the Spirit,  
All Glory to our God.**

Verse 3

**You alone are the holy One,  
You alone are the Lord.  
With the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God.**



Chorus

**Glory be to the Father,  
Glory be to the Son,  
Glory be to the Spirit,  
All Glory to our God.**

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**All Glory to our God.**



*We say together the Collect for today:*

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have  
faith and receive the fullness of  
Christ's blessing;**

**who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**



**THE READINGS**

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***The  
Proclamation  
of the Word***

THE FIRST LETTER OF



PETER

**A Reading From  
The First Letter of Peter (1:3-9)**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,**

**who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to**

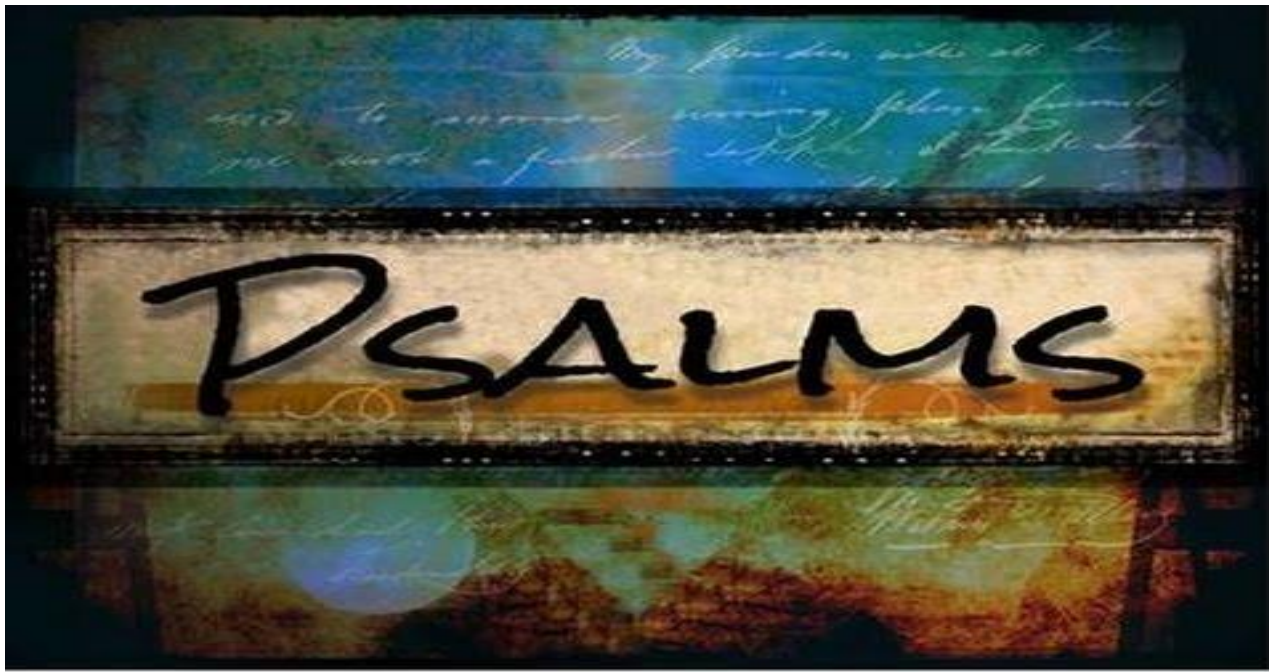
**result in praise and glory and honor  
when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

**Although you have not seen him, you  
love him; and even though you do not  
see him now, you believe in him and  
rejoice with an indescribable and  
glorious joy, for you are receiving the  
outcome of your faith, the salvation of  
your souls.**



*Reader:* **The word of the Lord.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



*Psalm 16 (George Black Psalter)*

**Refrain:**

***“Protect me God, I trust in you,  
Protect me God, I trust in you.”***

*Psalm 16 (George Black Psalter)*

**Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.  
I have said to the Lord, my God above all  
other.**

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the  
land.**

**Upon those who are noble among all  
people.**

***Protect me God, I trust in you,  
Protect me God, I trust in you.***

*Psalm 16 (George Black Psalter)*

**But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
I will not pour out drink offerings to  
such gods;  
Never take their names upon my lips.**

***Protect me God, I trust in you,  
Protect me God, I trust in you.***

*Psalm 16 (George Black Psalter)*

**You will show me the path of life  
In your presence there is fullness of  
joy.**

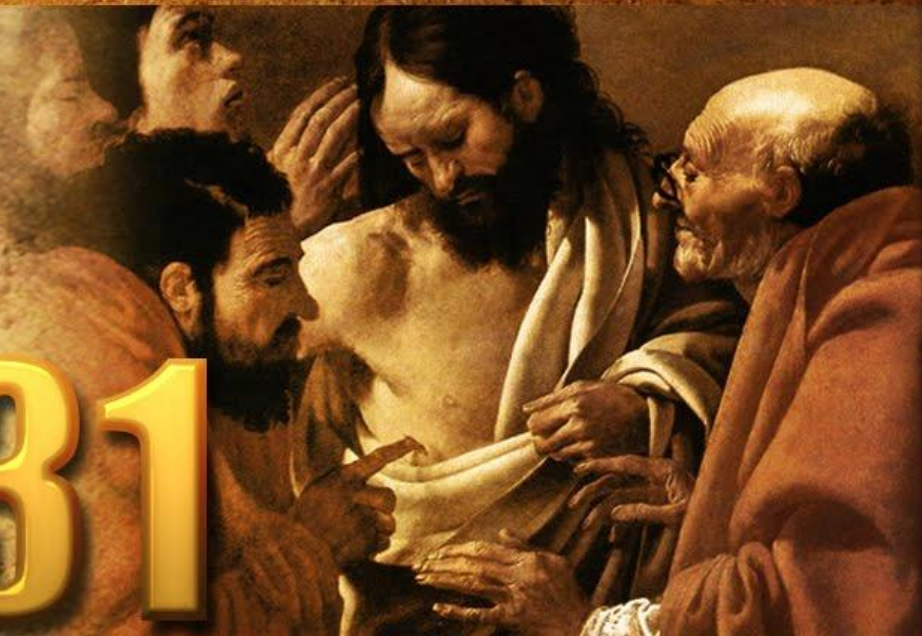
***Protect me God, I trust in you,  
Protect me God, I trust in you.***



**THE GOSPEL**

**JOHN**

**20:19-31**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a desert landscape. The sky is filled with vibrant, streaky clouds in shades of red, orange, and purple, with rays of light emanating from behind the horizon. The foreground shows a vast, flat desert plain with sparse, low-lying vegetation. The text "Word Of God Speak" is overlaid in the center in a stylized, cursive font.

*Word Of God Speak*

Verse 1

**Word of God speak.**

**Would you pour down like rain?  
Washing my eyes to see your  
majesty?**



Verse 2

**To be still and know  
that you're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
in your holiness**

**Word of God speak !**

*All stand for the Gospel*

*Reader:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* **The Holy Gospel of  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.**

*People:* **Glory to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

*John 20:19-31*

**When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.**

**Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;**

**if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in**

**the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."**



**Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.**

**But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.**

*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ.**

*People:* **Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Word of God speak.**

**Would you pour down like rain?  
Washing my eyes to see your  
majesty?**

**To be still and know  
that you're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
in your holiness**

**Word of God speak !**



*Homily Rev. Rob Henderson*

# *The Apostles' Creed*

*Celebrant:* **Let us confess  
the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,**

*People:* **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 to the dead.**



**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.**



# *Prayers of the People*

Easter Season

*Second Sunday of Easter – Year A*

**Heavenly Father, Lord of the empty tomb. We marvel at the work of your hands and are often frustrated at the frailty of our own, as we endeavour to put your will for us it into action. So, we come before you to ask our prayers and petitions in the name of Him whom you raised from the dead.**

**Let us with all confidence bring  
before God the needs of all our  
world, asking God for renewal, by  
saying:**

***Hear our prayer.***

**We pray for your Church. For Todd our Bishop and all in the Diocese of Huron. As we constantly adapt to an ever-changing world while proclaiming what is timeless and universal. Let it never lose the vision of establishing your kingdom here on earth. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for peace in your world.  
We remember all who work for  
peace between peoples and nations  
that they can draw inspiration from  
the life of Christ and so restore  
harmony where there once was  
discord and conflict.  
Lord in your mercy.  
Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for this, our country of Canada, for all nations of the world and for elected and appointed leaders. We pray they will always work together for the good of their peoples and serve with wisdom, humility, and justice and in respect for the dignity of all.**

**Lord in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**



**We thank you and pray for those who, in following your example, show concern and compassion to others. For those in healthcare, for first responders, for teachers, for those caring for the unhoused. May those who give of their love to others know of your unending love in their own lives also. Lord in Your mercy.**  
**Hear our prayer.**

**Lord Jesus, comforter and healer to those in physical, mental and spiritual need; we bring before you those known to us personally who are in need at this time.  
Lord in Your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

**Especially remembering today from  
our parish prayer list:**

***Dan L., Philip W., Raymie D., Ted M.,  
James L., and Nancy***

**All these we hold up to you and  
commit to your loving care.**

**Lord in Your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for ourselves in thanksgiving for this Easter season. As we go out into the world, we ask no more than that you walk with us each day so that we may come to see and believe. Lord in Your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

**Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# *Confession and Absolution*

*Celebrant:* **Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love  
and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.**

*Celebrant:* **Most merciful God,**

*People:* **we confess**

**that 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 neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry  
and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**



*Celebrant:* **Almighty God**  
**have mercy upon you,**  
**pardon and deliver you**  
**from all your sins,**  
**confirm and strengthen you**  
**in all goodness,**  
**and keep you in eternal life;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*People:* **Amen.**



*Celebrant:* **The peace of the Lord  
be always with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

PEACE



*The  
Peace of  
the Earth  
Be With  
You*

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Verse 1

**The peace of the earth be with you  
The peace of the heavens too.  
The peace of the rivers be with you  
The peace of the oceans too.  
Deep peace falling over you.  
God's peace growing in you.**





**Receiving the  
gifts of money  
and other gifts  
for the needs  
and  
responsibilities  
of the Church.**





# Altar Flowers

The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Chuck & Eileen McEwan in memory of parents Hilda & John Warwick, and Gordon & Winnie McEwan.

*Prayer Over The Gifts*

**God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Do This  
In Remembrance  
of Me



# Eucharistic Prayer # 1



*Celebrant:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* **Lift up your hearts.**

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* **Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God.**

*People:* **It is right to give our  
thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:*     **It is indeed right  
that we should  
praise you, gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
male and female you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,**

**but opened a path of salvation  
for all people.**

**You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants  
Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing  
to all nations.**

**Through Moses  
you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise  
of salvation.**

**Therefore, with them,  
and with all your saints  
who have served you  
in every age,  
we give thanks  
and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory  
of your name.**

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.**

**God of Power and Might**

**Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna on high.**

**Blessed is the one who comes**

**in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the Highest,**

**Hosanna in the Highest,**

**Hosanna, Hosanna on High.**

*Celebrant:*      **Holy God, source of life  
and goodness, all creation  
rightly gives you praise.**

**In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.**

**He healed the sick  
and ate and drank  
with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news  
of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things  
he fulfilled your gracious will.**



**On the night he freely  
gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
and said,**

**“Take, eat:  
this is my body  
which is given for you.**

**Do this  
for the remembrance of me.”**

**After supper  
he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said,**

**“Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood  
of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Whenever you drink it, do this  
for the remembrance of me.”**

**Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys  
the power of sin and death;  
  
By raising him to life  
you give us life forever more.**

**Therefore we proclaim  
the mystery of faith:**

*All:* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:*      **Recalling his death,  
proclaiming  
his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming  
again in glory,  
we offer you, Father,  
this bread and this cup.**

**Send your Holy Spirit  
upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink  
at this table  
may be one body  
and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**



**Through Christ,  
with Christ,  
and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours,  
almighty Father,  
now and for ever.**

*People:* **Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Our  
Father  
in  
Heaven



*The Lord's Prayer (Landry)*

*Cantor:* Let us pray to God our Father in the way  
Jesus taught us to pray:

*All:* **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 Yours is the kingdom,  
And the power,  
and the glory,  
Now and for ever. Amen**



Breaking of the Bread #8 ~ Easter Season

*Celebrant:* **Lord, we died with you  
on the cross.**

*All:* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant:* **We were buried in your tomb.**

*All:* **Now we share in your  
resurrection.**

*Celebrant:* **Live in us, that we  
may live in you.**





**The gifts of God  
for the  
People of God.**  
*People:* **Thanks be to  
God.**



*Lamb  
of  
God*



Verse 1

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**



Verse 2

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 3

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.**



Come <sup>to</sup> the Table

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,  
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please stay physically distanced when  
approaching to receive the bread.**

**After receiving your wafer,  
please step to the side and remove your mask  
before consuming the bread and wine.**

**Gluten free wafers are available.**

# *Communion Hymn*



*Be Thou My Vision*



***Book of Common Praise 505***



Verse 1

**Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
Save that thou art  
Thou my best thought,  
By day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.**

Verse 2

**Be thou my wisdom,  
And thou my true word;  
I ever with thee  
And thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father;  
Thine own may I be,  
Thou in me dwelling,  
And I one with thee.**



Verse 3

**Riches I heed not,  
Nor the world's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance,  
Now and always:  
Thou and thou only,  
First in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
My treasure thou art.**

Verse 4

**High King of heaven,  
When victory is won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
Bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
Whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.**



*We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:*

**Father, we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the  
bread of life. Strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you and  
for each other; through Jesus Christ  
the risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

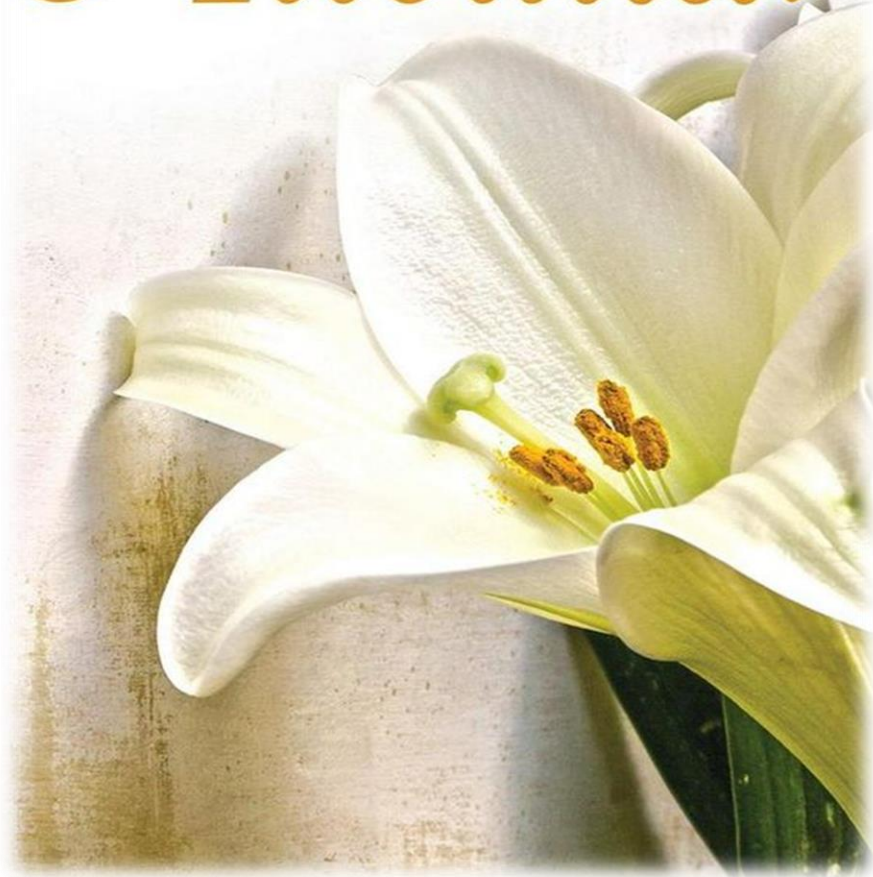
# *The Doxology*

*Celebrant:* **Glory to God,**

*People:* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than  
we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from  
generation to generation,  
in the Church and in  
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Alleluia!*



**THE  
BLESSING**





*Come and Journey With A Saviour*  
*Book of Common Praise*

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Verse 1

**Come and journey with a Saviour  
Who has called us from our birth,  
Who has washed us in the waters,  
And who loved us on the earth.  
Come and journey, come and journey  
With a Saviour who has come  
We are all God's sons and daughters;  
In the Spirit we are one.**

Verse 4

**Come and journey, journey outward,  
Where the cross calls us to care,  
Where injustice and where hunger  
And the poor call us to share.**

**Come and journey, come and journey  
With a Saviour who has come  
We are all God's sons and daughters;  
In the Spirit we are one.**



Verse 6

**Come and journey, journey onward;  
All our gifts we now shall bring  
To the building of a city  
That is holy, Christ its King.  
Come and journey, come and journey  
With a Saviour who has come  
We are all God's sons and daughters;  
In the Spirit we are one.**





Alleluia

The Dismissal



The image features a large, dark cross centered in the upper half. In front of the cross, the silhouettes of a family are visible: a man on the left holding a child, a woman in the center, and two smaller children on the right. The background is a bright, glowing light source, possibly a sunrise or sunset, creating a warm, golden atmosphere. The overall scene is set against a background with faint, intricate floral or vine-like patterns.

# *Who Is My Mother?*

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Verse 1

**Who is my mother who is my brother?**

**All those who gather  
round Jesus Christ.**

**Spirit blown people  
born from the Gospel**

**Sit at the table round Jesus Christ.**

Verse 2

**Differently abled differently labelled  
Widen the circle round Jesus Christ  
Crutches and stigmas  
culture's enigmas  
All come together round Jesus Christ**

Verse 3

**Love will relate us, colour or status  
Can't segregate us  
round Jesus Christ  
Family failings human de-railings  
All are accepted round Jesus Christ.**

Verse 4

**Bound by one vision  
met for one mission  
We claim each other  
round Jesus Christ  
Here is my mother,  
here is my brother,  
Kindred in spirit round Jesus Christ.**





An Easter-themed illustration on a light green background. In the center, the text "May His Love Shine on you at Easter and Always" is written in a purple, cursive font. To the left of the text is a large purple Easter egg with a white cross and a small butterfly perched on top. The scene is surrounded by various flowers, including yellow daisies, orange tulips, and white bell-shaped flowers. In the background, a small white church with a red roof and a steeple is visible on a hill. The entire illustration is framed by a white border.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*