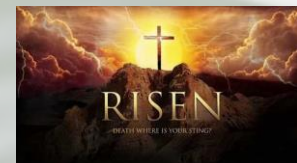


Easter Sunday

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Welcome

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant + Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed,
Alleluia!





Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

The Collect

Collect for Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

An Easter Collect

God of life, listen to the prayers of your Easter people, gathered to celebrate the death and resurrection of your Son. Bring light and peace to all who are in need. We ask this in the name of the Risen One, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



The Readings

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.



The Readings

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

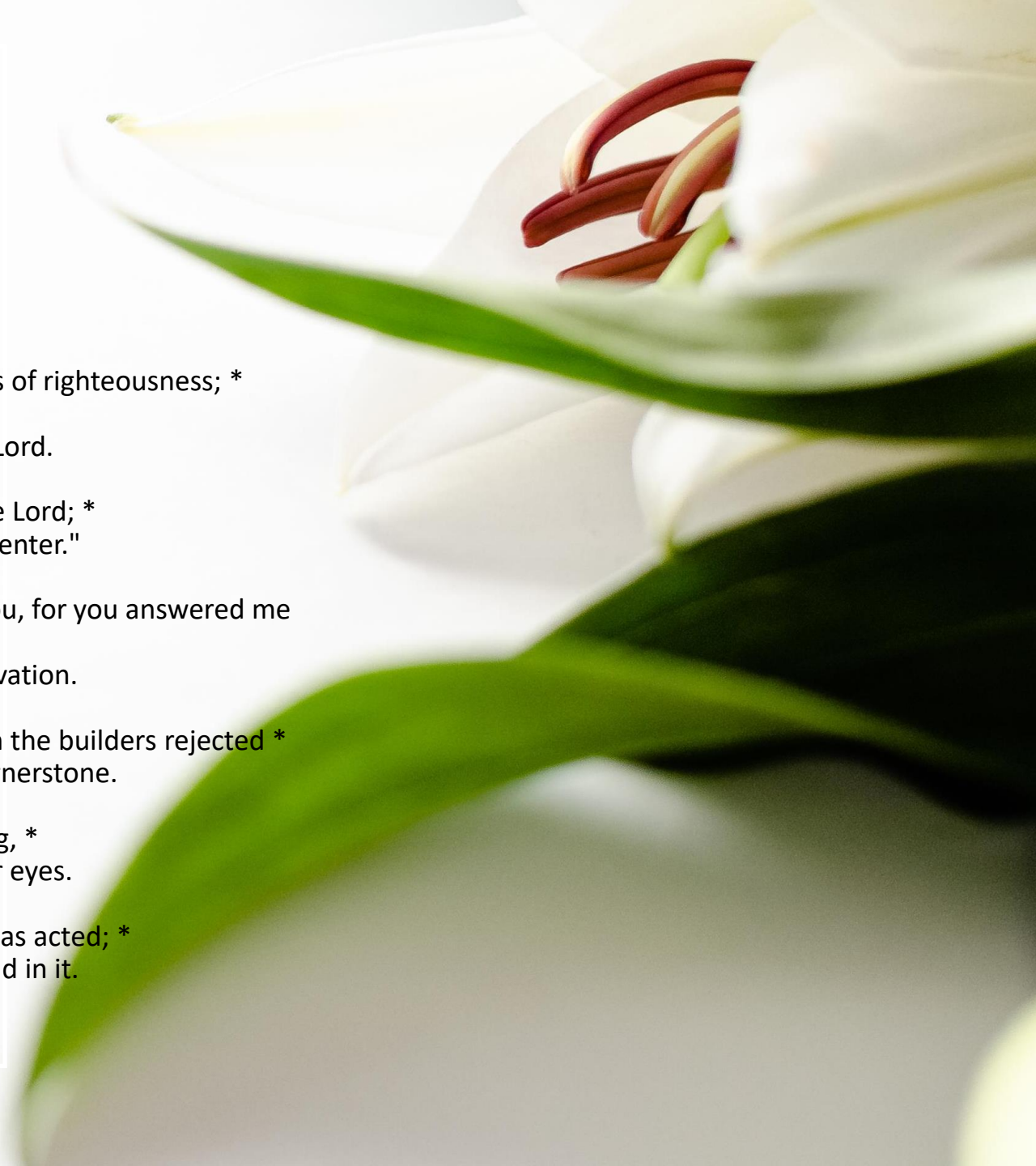
20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

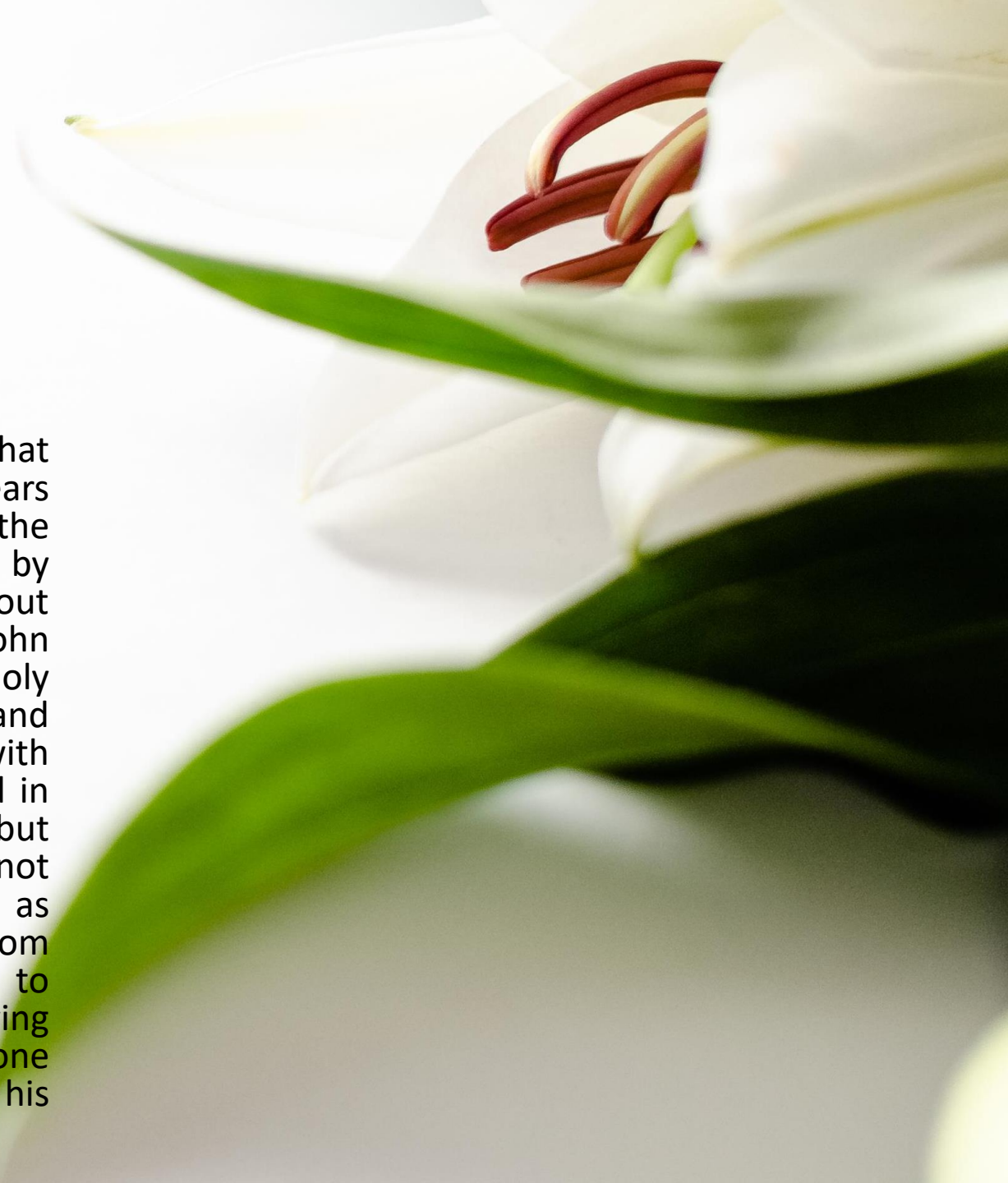
24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.



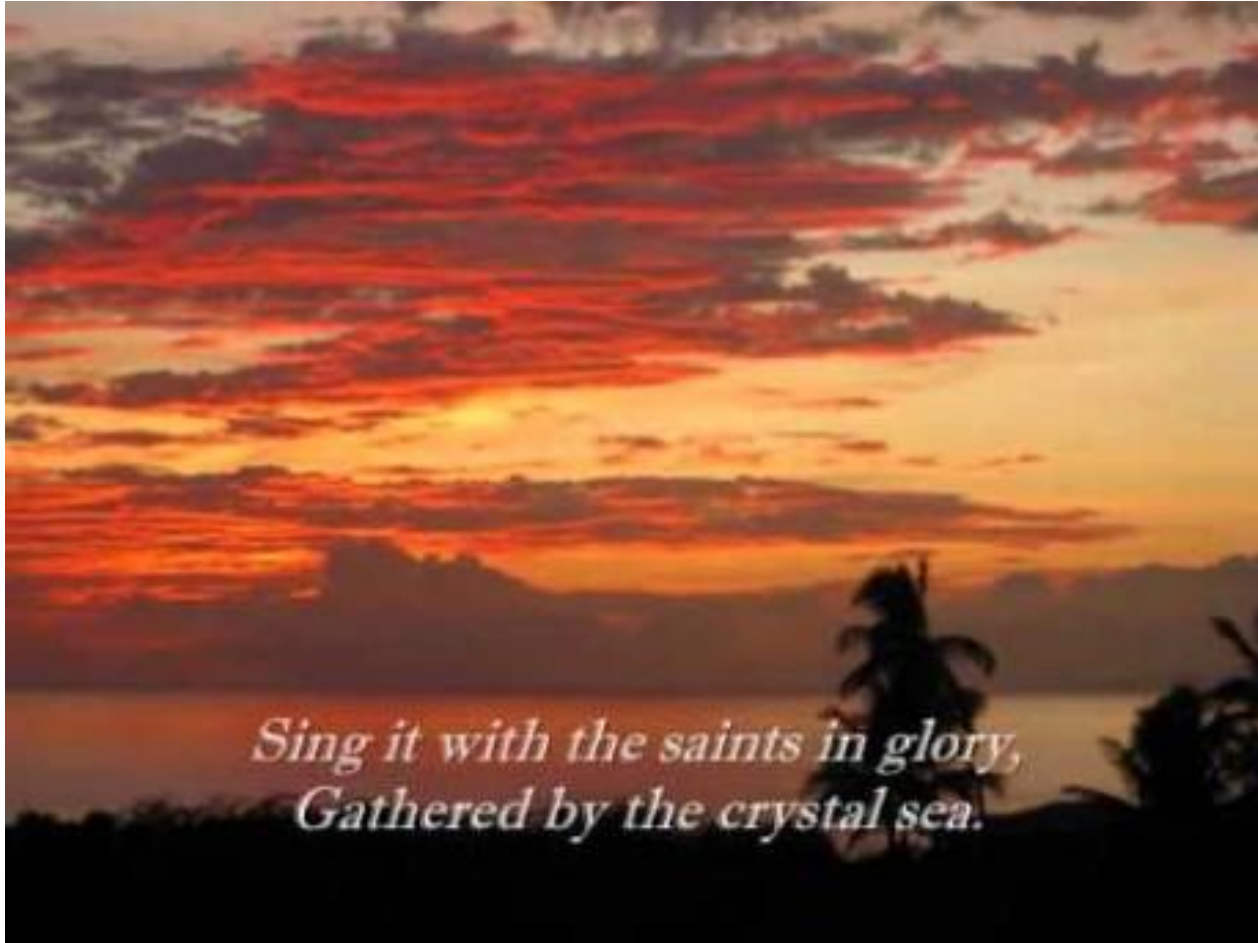
The Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'



Song: I Will Sing the Wonderous Story



The Readings

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because 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." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



Song: He Lives

Played by: Kristin Samadi





The Sermon

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Officiant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.



THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Officiant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.



THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Officiant: Will you proclaim by word and example the
Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human
being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: This is our faith, the faith of the Church and we
are proud to profess it in the name of Christ
Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen



THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: 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 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, for
ever and ever. Amen.



The Prayers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christ has burst through the tomb of death, victorious over its power, revealing the triumph of light over every darkness. In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers, responding, "*Hear us, O risen Christ.*"

In thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus, who empties our spiritual tombs and reveals the way to abundant life; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For the leaders of the nations, especially N., our President, that they may guide the world to a greater fulfillment of its quest for freedom, justice, and peace; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For the innocent in troubled places and wherever strife stifles harmony, that the actions of the global community may free all who are suffering or imprisoned unjustly; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For the Church, for the bishops throughout our Anglican Communion, and especially N., our Presiding Bishop, and N., Bishop of our diocese; and for each of us, that we may embrace the mystery of the Pascha, and give witness to the living Christ in our midst; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.



The Prayers

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and who now join in the chorus of angels and the saints in paradise; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

In thanksgiving for all who have gathered here today to share in this Holy Eucharist, that we may each be changed by the message of new life, and the Food of eternal hope, growing richly and fully into the forgiving compassion of Jesus; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Christ, Morning Star, shine in us and through us as we continue our prayer.

(Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)



The Prayers

Collect from The Rev. Dr Sam Wells

God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. Amen.



The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.



Song: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him, crown him

THE BENEDICTION

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.


May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.



Song: He Rose
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