



**DIALOG**

Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia!

**Let your people sing with joy, Alleluia!**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**for only in you can we live in safety.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
**and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,  
**nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Christ is risen from the dead, **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Psalm 95*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.  
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise our joyful praise to God with psalms.**

For our God is a great God  
and a ruler great above all gods.  
**In God's hand are all the depths of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are God's also.**

The sea is our God's for he made it,  
and God's hands prepared the dry land.  
**O come, let us worship and fall down,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For God is our God,  
**and we are the people of God's pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

Glory 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.**

Psalm 23 is read responsively by verse.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul,

and leads me along right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray... *Silence* O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your flock: Grant that when we hear Christ's voice we may clearly hear and faithfully follow. In the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Word

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:

so let us celebrate the feast, not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The reading ends here.

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*1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." *John 10:11-18*

*Following the readings there is a time of silence for reflection. The silence concludes:*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Did our hearts not burn as  
He opened the Word to us! Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*The Cantic of Zachariah is read responsively.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.  
***God has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.***

Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.  
***God promised to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant.***

This was the oath he swore to Sarah and Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

***You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.***

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

***Glory 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.***

## Prayer

In Christ is healing and life, wholeness and salvation: let us bring the needs of our lives,  
our neighbors and our community to God.

### *Silence*

Give us strength to live in the joy of Easter life in this great week of weeks and beyond  
that we may grow in faith, hope and love. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Bring wholeness to those bowed down with suffering:  
Bring healing to the sick, defend the poor and the powerless. ***Lord, have mercy!***

That peace may come to who dwell in the shadow of injustice, conflict and war,  
especially the country and people of Ukraine and the Holy Land.  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In this great week of weeks, we pray for those who doubt, who are struggling with faith who are angry at the church, and guide us to be a place of welcome and hospitality.

***Lord, hear our prayer***

Hear us O God, for the deepest needs of our hearts, for the needs of our neighbors, community and world, as we bring them before you aloud in our own words, or in the silence of our hearts... *Here we may offer our prayers and petitions.*

God of peace,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep; make us perfect in every good work,  
and form in us that which is pleasing and good; through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day.

Preserve us with your mighty power,  
that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity.

In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 glory,  
Forever and ever, Amen!**

## Blessing & Benediction

Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Almighty and merciful God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve us. **Amen.**