

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia



Gathering

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.

Word

READINGS *One or more selections from scripture or other appropriate readings are proclaimed. Each reading may be concluded: 'The reading ends here'*

Following the readings there is a time of silence for reflection. There may be a reflection, Lectio Divina, or other meditation on the Word. The silence concludes:

You have been born anew
through the living and abiding word of God.

The Canticle 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... ***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, have mercy.

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 own prayers and petitions.*

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.**