



A MIGHTY FORTRESS BUILDING

**Martin Luther wrote
the hymn *A Mighty
Fortress* in 1529 with
Psalm 46 in mind.**

**Build your own mighty
fortress using
whatever you find on
this table!**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
 a sword and shield victorious;
 he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
 and wins salvation glorious.
 The old satanic foe
 has sworn to work us woe!
 With craft and dreadful might
 he arms himself to fight.
 On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 We would be lost, rejected.
 But now a champion comes to fight,
 whom God himself elected.
 You ask who this may be?
 The Lord of hosts is he!
 Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
 God's only Son, adored.
 He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
 all threat'ning to devour us,
 we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
 they cannot overpow'r us.
 Let this world's tyrant rage;
 in battle we'll engage!
 His might is doomed to fail;
 God's judgment must prevail!
 One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;
 for God himself fights by our side
 with weapons of the Spirit.
 Were they to take our house,
 goods, honor, child, or spouse,
 though life be wrenched away,
 they cannot win the day.
 The kingdom's ours forever!



**“If we Protestants are ‘reformed and
always reforming,’ then
commemorating the Reformation
should cause us not so much to
celebrate the past as to renew our
mission and ministry in the present.”**

—Christopher Gehrz, professor



**“Reformation ends not in
contemplation, but in action.”**

—George Gillespie (1613-48), theologian



“The Reformers did not seem themselves as inventors, discoverers, or creators. Instead they saw their efforts as rediscovery. They weren’t making something from scratch but were reviving what had become dead. They looked back to the Bible and to the apostolic era, as well as to early church fathers such as Augustine for the mold by which they could shape the church and re-form it.”

—Stephen J. Nichols, author, *The Reformation*

**What reforms do you
think the church needs
today?**

Post them here!



BOBBING FOR SOLAS

Select a duck and look at the number on the bottom.

Each number connects to one of the *solas*. Which *sola* goes with your number?

Do it again! When you collect all five (#1-#5), add your name to the basket/box.

We'll draw names at the potluck meal after worship for prizes!

**The Five Solas were
five statements at the
center of the Christian
faith for the leaders of
the Protestant
Reformation and are
still central to our
lives of faith as
Lutherans today.**





Who said it: Martin Luther or Taylor Swift?

1. The time will come for us to finally win and we'll sing Hallelujah. **Taylor Swift**
2. Let them laugh. God and the angels are smiling in heaven. **Martin Luther**
3. Do not die and leave me. **Martin Luther – to his wife, Katie, when she was ill**
4. Long were the nights when my days once revolved around you. **Taylor Swift**
5. I might be ok, but I'm not fine at all. **Taylor Swift**
6. I am tired of the pestilent voice of your sirens. **Martin Luther**
7. You hold fast to human dreams and the doctrines of devils. **Martin Luther**
8. He looks up grinning like a devil. **Taylor Swift**
9. Union of the flesh does nothing. There must also be union of manners and mind.
Martin Luther
10. What else can one say here, except that these ideas originate in your own wanton concoctions, or in a drunken dream? **Martin Luther**
11. I made you my temple, my mural, my sky. **Taylor Swift**
12. I thought I had you figured out. Can't breathe whenever you're gone. Can't turn back now, I'm haunted. **Taylor Swift**
13. Must we believe your nightmares? **Martin Luther**
14. In lying fashion you ignore what even children know. **Martin Luther**
15. It rains when you're here. And it rains when you're gone **Taylor Swift**
16. I don't belong and, my beloved, neither do you. **Taylor Swift**

17. The first love is drunken. When the intoxication wears off, then comes the real marriage love. **Martin Luther**
18. Heaven and earth are in danger of caving in because of your heresies. **Martin Luther**
19. Holy orange bottles, each night I pray to you, desperate people find faith, so now I pray to Jesus, too. **Taylor Swift**
20. You seem to me to be a real masterpiece of the devil's art. **Martin Luther**
21. Nothing lasts forever, but this is gonna take me down. **Taylor Swift**
22. We leave you to your own devices, for nothing properly suits you except hypocrisy, flattery, and lies. **Martin Luther**
23. Can I go where you go? Can we always be this close? **Taylor Swift**
24. Truly, I never imagined, and at the same time was shocked, to see how deeply you still cling to your errors. **Martin Luther**
25. But if the story is over why am I still writing pages? **Taylor Swift**
26. I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess. **Martin Luther**

All Hallow's Eve Service

Speaking Parts of Worship:

Leader (L:)

Assembly: (A)

1 Samuel Reading:

Narrator

Saul

Reader 2

Woman

Samuel

Ezekiel Reading:

Ezekiel

The Lord

Gather outside of worship space, candles are lit.

L: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: Tonight, we stand with a long tradition of Christians who have acknowledged this night of prayer with our saints. Traditionally celebrated the night before All Saint's Day, tonight is our All Hallow's Eve service. This night has its roots in the Celtic tradition of celebrating the first night of winter. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. As we walk to the cemetery, we remember that, in Christ, the space between us and the saints who have gone before is a thin space.

L: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning, you called light into being,

and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night

you led your people into freedom.

Illumine the shadows by the light of your Christ;

may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

and with all your creatures we give you glory,

through your Son Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Song – ELW #262 - Wait for the Lord (refrain only)

(while singing, the assembly processes to the graveyard)

Wait for the Lord whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord. Be strong, take heart.

L: The light shines in the darkness

A: And the darkness has not overcome it.

1 Samuel 28:3-25 Reading follows:

Narrator: Now Samuel has died, and all Israel has mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the mediums and the wizards from the land. The Philistines assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants...

Saul: Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.

Narrator: His servants said to him...

Reader 2: There is a medium at Endor.

Narrator: So, Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night.

Saul: Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you.

Woman: Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?

Saul: As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.

Woman: Whom shall I bring up for you?

Saul: Bring up Samuel for me.

Narrator: When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice...

Woman: You are Saul! Why have you deceived me?

Saul: Have no fear; what do you see?

Woman: I see a divine being coming up out of the ground.

Saul: What is his appearance?

Woman: An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe.

Narrator: So, Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and paid homage.

Samuel: Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?

Saul: I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answered me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.

Samuel: Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor, David. Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you today. Moreover, the Lord will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.

Narrator: Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.

Woman: Your servant has listened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to what you have said to me. Now therefore, you also listen to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.

Saul: I will not eat.

Narrator: But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he listened to their words. So, he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. She put them before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

(silence)

L: Let us pray. Almighty and ever living God, you have made all things in your wisdom and established the boundaries of life and death: Grant that we may obey your voice in this world, and in the world to come may enjoy the rest and peace which you have appointed for your people; through Jesus Christ who is resurrection and life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Song – Bless the Lord My Soul

Bless the Lord, my soul.
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul.
Who leads you into life.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Reading follows:

Ezekiel: The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Lord said to me...

The Lord: Mortal, can these bones live?

Ezekiel: O Lord god, you know.

The Lord: Then prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel: So, I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

The Lord: Then prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Ezekiel: I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

The Lord: Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act.

(silence)

L: Let us pray. O God, you have called your people to your service from age to age. Do not give us over to death, but raise us up to serve you, to praise you, and to glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song – ELW #751 - O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
Come, and listen to me.

L: A blessing from Pastor Meta Herrick Carlson.
Tonight, we celebrate All Saint's Day.
Might we imagine that spirits roam freely
Without concern for the borders
Between this world and the next.

The sun has been pulled
To the southern sky
Causing leaves to change.
They flutter and rustle without much of a right,
Colorful courage in the face of death.

It is a cosmic thin space when
We remember the dead and
Confess our own mortality,
Wondering who will remember us when
We are buried with time and dirt.

In the churches, we light candles and toll bells,
Speaking names aloud,
Praying rest for every spirit
Still searching for peace.

May they find some tonight.

Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

Song - Within our Darkest Night

(While singing, the assembly recesses from the graveyard)

Within our darkest night,
You kindle the fire that never dies away,
Never dies away.
Never dies away.

L: Grant us a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing the Animals

Francis of Assisi is associated with protection of animals. It's customary for churches to conduct ceremonies blessing animals on or around his feast day, which is October 4th.

Greetings and Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of life. Recalling Francis of Assisi who celebrated your love for all creation, today we embrace our connectedness to all: to wind, sea, and sky; to earthworm, giraffe, and chicken; to fish and puppy, to cats of the jungle and in our homes. Deepen our care for all that lives; in the name of Jesus, our teacher, savior, and friend.

Amen.

Readings

The reading of scripture can be done responsively as printed in the bulletin. It is advised to use Genesis 1:1, 20-28 and select one other from the scriptures below.

Genesis 6:17-22

Psalms 84:1-4

Job 38:1-11, 16-18

Psalms 148

Psalms 8

The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection. Other forms of reflection may also follow, such as brief commentary, teaching, or personal witness; non-biblical readings; interpretation through music or other art forms; or guided conversation among those present. This is a great time to ask the pet owners/caretakers what they like most about their pets. They usually enjoy talking about their pets and the relationship they have with their animals.

Blessing of Animals

The leader may invite all who have brought pets (or a picture or toy, in the case of those animals who would not find it a blessing to be present) to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of animal's name in the life of person's name.
Through this animal you have brought many blessings. Today we pause to name our gratitude,
and to pray a blessing on animal's name. For the companionship of our pets we say thanks.
Bless this animal's life in our care; may they know love through all their days.

Amen.

When all have returned to their places, a wider blessing is offered in these or similar words for all animals.

Gracious and loving God, you place all living things into the care of humankind. We pray that companionship with household and outside pets will deepen our care for animals everywhere. Help us to balance our needs with theirs, and lead us in ways of life together that will be sustainable for all. We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

This service is followed by pet treats being distributed to the animals – dog treats and cat treats. If larger or different animals are in attendance, you may want to find out ahead of time and have carrots, apples, or whatever the owner advises.

Finally, the humans can be fed! Hot “dogs” and cat “whisker” cookies are fun refreshments.

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Chalking the Door

Since the Middle Ages, chalking the door is a tangible way to honor God in our lives during Epiphany. Chalking the door is a way of marking our church and/or home with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year.

The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year. The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Some also suggest "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The two crosses connect the symbols.

It's easy to make this happen. First, gather the congregation or household. If you live alone, consider asking a neighbor to help. Second, follow the below liturgy and select one or two of the prayers below. Finally, write the inscription using chalk and taking turns, make the following inscription above the outside of the front door. This inscription can also be placed on a wooden sign next to the door.

Liturgy and Prayers for Chalking the Door

Leader: Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here.

People: Amen.

One or more of the following prayers maybe said:

May all who come to our church or home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this church or house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this congregation or household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

As participants take turns making the inscription, the leader says:

The three Wise Men, Caspar [C], Melchior [M], and Balthasar [B] followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus two thousand [20], and twenty-five years ago [25]. May Christ bless our home [+], and remain with us throughout the new year [+]. Amen.

20 + C M B + 25

Conclude with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

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| 1) Happy New Year! | 10) Highlighting Confirmand's Bibles* |
| 2) Chalking the Door | 11) Blessing the Animals |
| 3) Epiphany Star Words | 12) All Hallow's Eve Service |
| 4) Baseball Opening Season* | 13) Reformation Sunday Festival |
| 5) Seed, Soil, and Water Sunday or
Rogation Sunday | 14) Taizé Service of Prayer |
| 6) Maundy Thursday – Foot/Hand Washing | 15) Prayer Stations |
| 7) Holy Humor Sunday | 16) An Offering Idea* |
| 8) Blessing the Backpacks | 17) Legos in Worship |
| 9) Community Collaboration* | 18) Carols and Lessons Sunday |

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Epiphany Star Words

Affirmation	Focus	Pray
Appreciate	Forgive	Pursue
Authentic	Friendship	Quietness
Awareness	Generosity	Reflect
Awe	Gratitude	Relationship
Be	Heal	Release
Begin	Health	Remember
Build	Hope	Renew
Change	Imagine	Resist
Cherish	Include	Rest
Commitment	Inspire	See
Confidence	Integrity	Seek
Create	Intention	Self-awareness
Dance	Invite	Self-love
Discover	Kindness	Sensitivity
Dream	Laughter	Share
Endure	Learn	Silence
Embrace	Leadership	Simplicity
Empathy	Let Go	Solitude
Empower	Listen	Tenderness
Enthusiasm	Loyal	Trust
Examine	Motivate	Walk
Explore	Openness	Warmth
Family	Patience	Welcome
Fearless	Play	Wonder
Feel	Praise	Zeal

Happy New Year!
(First Sunday in Advent)

On Christ the King Sunday, announce during the children's message that Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year.

The next Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent, begin the children's message by blowing a New Year's Eve party horn and wear a plastic New Year's party hat. Ask the children, if they remember that last Sunday was the last Sunday in the church year. Take a few moments to explain the church calendar. Hand out party horns to the children and then wish the church members a Happy New Year! Remember to blow the party horns! Advise the children to hand their horns to their adult until the end of church.

At the end of the service, reiterate the theme of the day. Ask the children to join you from the pews to wish everyone again a Happy New Church year and to blow their party horns.

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PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Today, "We are fools for Christ's sake." 1 Cor. 4:10

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and celebrate! Let us shout joyfully to the Lord, our God.

Let praise break forth in all we do.

May joy and praise fill our hearts, our songs, and our prayers.

Let our laughter be deep, for we are God's grateful people.

Come, let us worship the One who calls us to joy.

Let the whole world sing God's praises!

GATHERING SONG, **ELW #364**, *Christ is Arisen, Alleluia!*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

O God,
**You know better than we do
what important people we believe we are.
The times we take ourselves too seriously
and don't claim our inheritance of creativity and joy.
Our tendency to reject the playful diversity
in which you have created the world.
The temptation to succumb to despair
forgetting the hope of the gospel.
The moments we fail to remember that we are resurrection people:
who simultaneously grieve death AND look for new life.**

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### HOLY HUMOR PEACE

Knock, knock.

**Who's there?**

Peas.

**Peas who?**

Peace by with you!

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors by blowing the bubbles provided.*

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### BLESSING

May the God of surprises

bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love

be seen in all we do and say.

God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG, ELW #671, *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

### DISMISSAL

Go forth rejoicing, for the good work has just begun!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Forgive us, Heart of Joy,**

**and make us open to the startling,**

**and upside-down, ways in which you work.**

**Shape us into "fools for Christ"**

**that we may live as your people in this world that you have made.**

**Fill us with Easter's laughter;**

**fill us with your healing joy;**

**fill us with the love poured into us**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Hear the good news:

In Christ there is healing, peace, laughter, joy, love and forgiveness.

And in the name of that same Lord Jesus Christ, + your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

### GREETING, p. 147

### HYMN OF PRAISE, ELW #388, *Be Not Afraid* (x2)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Lord of Life, we praise you for the gifts of laughter and delight. May these blessings give hints to your purpose for us and for all creation.**

**Awaken in us the true sense of Easter joy that in our laughter there will be healing and hope, abundance and joy, happiness and blessing.**

**Tickle our souls with the brush of your Holy Spirit to renew our faith and restore our lives.**

**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON – Acts 5:27-32 (insert)

*L: Word of God, word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 150

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;  
praise God in the mighty firmament.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise God for mighty acts;  
praise God for exceeding greatness.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise God with trumpet sound;  
praise God with lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise God with tambourine and dance;  
praise God with strings and pipe.**

<sup>5</sup> Praise God with resounding cymbals;  
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> **Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON – Revelation 1:4-8 (insert)

*L: Word of God, word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.*

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The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 24:13-27**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders

handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

NAP TIME (aka. Sermon or Message)

HYMN OF THE DAY, **ELW #390**, *The Risen Christ*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, in whose image we are made.

**We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like God.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**Who in defiance of the devil and forces of evil  
had the last laugh when He rose from the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

**Counselor, advocate, and guide –  
The source of our faith and our joy!**

## Holy Humor Sunday

Below are song texts - set to traditional Christmas carol tunes - written by Paul Lintern, a Lutheran pastor, humorist and motivational speaker. According to the Joyful Noiseletter, (the site on which these Easter carols originally appeared), these texts are free to use in worship. For more ideas about how to celebrate Holy Humor Sunday, visit the Joyful Noiseletter website.

### **God Bless You Merry Sinner (Tune: God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen)**

God bless you merry sinner,  
you're forgiven it is true;  
Remember Christ your Savior  
has lived and died for you,  
and lives again as King of Kings,  
of saint and sinner, too.  
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy,  
peace and joy.  
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

In Jerusalem at Calvary  
that dismal Friday morn,  
amid the pain and suffering  
eternal life was born.  
It came with arms outstretched to us,  
right through the curtain torn.  
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy,  
peace and joy.  
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

So sing an alleluia,  
for our Savior's victory,  
and shout to all "Hosanna!"  
that we have been set free  
from sin and death and devil's grip  
throughout eternity.  
We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy,  
peace and joy.  
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.

### **Hark The Herald Angel Said (Tune: Hark the Herald Angels Sing)**

Hark the herald angel said,  
"Why seek Jesus with the dead?  
He's not here, as you can see,  
grave cloths lie where he would be.  
On your way now, tell the others,  
Jesus will be with his brothers.  
Sisters, too, he wants to see  
on the hills of Galilee."  
Hark the herald angel said,  
"He is risen from the dead!"

### **Go Tell It On the Mountain**

#### **Chorus:**

*Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere,  
Go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus is alive.*

While soldiers watched the gravesite  
that quiet Sunday dawn  
there came a big commotion  
and then the storm was gone.

The women found no body  
their spices to anoint;  
instead they found an angel,  
God's message to appoint.

Go from where He isn't  
to where He said He'd be.  
An Easter-time reunion:  
the hills of Galilee.

## Holy Humor Sunday Prayer

O Lord, giver of joy and laughter, we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For the moments of laughter and unbridled joy you give to us:

for opportunities to laugh at ourselves,  
for the belly laughs of children,  
for friends and family who love us because of our quirks,  
and not just in spite of them,  
for artists who give us the opportunity to see the world through the surreal,  
for the courage to smile even when difficulties arise,  
for those who have hope even when others think there is no hope,  
for saints in the Lord who overflow with laughter and spread your joy to all of us.

For the words of Jesus that defy our logical minds;

for teaching us that we can be born again,  
for the woman who finds a lost coin and  
calls her friends and neighbors to celebrate,  
for the absurdity of a camel trying to fit through the eye of a needle,  
for the father of the Prodigal Son who is willing to look like a fool  
as he runs to greet his son,  
for the generosity of the landowner who will pay  
workers a whole day's wage when they only worked one hour,  
for tiny bits of faith that can move entire mountains,  
for the reality that nothing can live unless it first dies.

For the great reversal of the Gospel:

that the last shall be made first,  
that the rejected stone became the cornerstone,  
that those who wish to become great must serve,  
that the lost will be found,  
that the small will become great,  
that though you are Wisdom, you choose to forget our sins,  
that when we are weak, your strength shines through us.

O Lord, giver of joy and laughter, we thank you for giving us these gifts.

Thank you for the gift you give us that allows us to enjoy these things to the full.  
We can laugh because of the most amazing thing of all –

That you conquered death, that the tomb is empty,  
that light shone so bright that it overcame the darkness.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Amen.

## Legos in Worship

### **Lego Prayer**

This prayer activity is suitable for your whole congregation or as long as you have enough bricks!

**You will need:** One Lego or Duplo brick per person

### **Hold your brick.**

Pray for yourself. Thank God for the things he has given you. Ask Him to bless you and to help you to bless others.

### **Count the bumps on your brick.**

For each bump on your brick, pray for a different person- friends or family members. Ask God to bless them this week.

### **Find someone who has a different color brick than you.**

Thank God for making each person special. Thank him for the things that are different but special about other people. Pray that we will learn how to celebrate and understand people who are different than us.

### **Find someone with the same number of bumps on their brick as you.**

Thank God for families and friends and all who care for us. Pray that He will help us to be friends to those who are lonely.

### **Swap your brick with someone.**

Thank God for the person you swapped with and ask God to bless them this week.

### **Put all of the bricks together and build a structure or tower with them.**

Thank God for the church and the communities we live in. Pray that He will help us to include others and to help people know that they are loved and valued.

Posted by Mina Munns on Flame – Creative Children’s website found at:

<https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com>

**Books of the Bible** - Write each book of the bible on a Lego. One could color coordinate for example all the Old Testament books one color and the New Testament another color. Or have the four Gospels all one color. You get to decide!

**Discover 18 LEGO BRICK Bible Lessons** that offer a delightfully different approach to teaching God's word. These are found at: <https://teachsundayschool.com/legolessons.html>

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

### **DIALOGUE**

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

**so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

Sing to God a new song!

**A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

**GATHERING SONG** – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW 288)

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory – ELW 275

Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem – ELW 279

Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angel Sings – ELW 270

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn: Away in a Manger – ELW 278

Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High – ELW 289

Reading: John 1:1-14

Hymn: Joy to the World! – ELW 267

## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of peace.  
You rule the earth with truth and justice.  
**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary.  
You share our humanity.  
**Have mercy on the sick, the dying,  
and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God.  
You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.  
**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament  
that we may bear your light to all the world.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG – Go Tell It On the Mountain – ELW 290**

## **SENDING**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

**Praise God, all creatures here below!**

You are the shepherds telling the story.

**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

**We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.

**We live with joy and go now in peace.**

Go knowing that Christ goes with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## Who said it: Martin Luther or Taylor Swift?

1. The time will come for us to finally win and we'll sing Hallelujah.
2. Let them laugh. God and the angels are smiling in heaven.
3. Do not die and leave me.
4. Long were the nights when my days once revolved around you.
5. I might be ok, but I'm not fine at all.
6. I am tired of the pestilent voice of your sirens.
7. You hold fast to human dreams and the doctrines of devils.
8. He looks up grinning like a devil.
9. Union of the flesh does nothing. There must also be union of manners and mind.
10. What else can one say here, except that these ideas originate in your own wanton concoctions, or in a drunken dream?
11. I made you my temple, my mural, my sky.

12. I thought I had you figured out. Can't breathe whenever you're gone. Can't turn back now, I'm haunted.

13. Must we believe your nightmares?

14. In lying fashion you ignore what even children know.

15. It rains when you're here. And it rains when you're gone.

16. I don't belong and, my beloved, neither do you.

17. The first love is drunken. When the intoxication wears off, then comes the real marriage love.

18. Heaven and earth are in danger of caving in because of your heresies.

19. Holy orange bottles, each night I pray to you, desperate people find faith, so now I pray to Jesus, too.

20. You seem to me to be a real masterpiece of the devil's art.

21. Nothing lasts forever, but this is gonna take me down.

22. We leave you to your own devices, for nothing properly suits you except hypocrisy, flattery, and lies.

23. Can I go where you go? Can we always be this close?

24. Truly, I never imagined, and at the same time was shocked, to see how deeply you still cling to your errors.

25. But if the story is over why am I still writing pages?

26. I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

## **Maundy Thursday/Foot Washing and Hand Washing**

In biblical times, foot washing was not done by the host of the meal, but rather by the workers of the household. When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, it was a radical act of humility. Jesus called us - his people - to live with that same humility for the sake of loving one another and our world.

Tonight, you have two options to enact this sign of humility and service.

You may sit at one of the chair stations and receive a foot washing, a sign of Jesus' radical love for you. You may stand at the font and receive a hand washing, a sign of God's blessing for your service. You may also utilize sanitation wipes to wipe the hands of another person, and then that person can return the act of humility.

Hymn during Washing of Hands and Feet - ELW #712 – Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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## **Prayer Stations**

### **Prayers in the Sand**

*"I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe." – Ezekiel 2:9-10*

Our lamentations, mourning, and woes are not so easy to admit. We hide our wants and needs- perhaps rightfully so. Understandably, we don't always feel so comfortable writing our prayers on scrolls. But in this sand, we can seek help, ask questions, and display our grievances then erase the lines drawn in the sand. At this station, consider letting go of the things weighing you down-the questions, prayers, and thoughts so heavy on your heart. Afterwards, we invite you to erase your lines in the sand, giving the weight to God.

### **Around the World**

*"We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; And not only creation, but we ourselves, Who have the first fruits of the Spirit, Groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, The redemption of our bodies."  
– Romans 8: 22-23*

Let us pray for the nations of the world, pleading for mercy and healing for those places and peoples torn by ancient animosities or terrorized by new fears; those devastated by drought or disease; those crushed by poverty, oppression, or war; and those consumed by power, wealth or greed.

Come, you who long for peace among nations and between peoples, peace in our homes and our hearts. Come as you are to pray. You are invited to use the tapers to light the candles, and place one or more candles on the map to reflect your prayers.

### **Reflections**

*"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." – Psalm 139*

Looking into the mirror we see ourselves for who we are. At this station, you may take the time to reflect on the whole of God's creation, which includes you. At this station you will also find the bible open to Psalm 139 allowing you to further reflect on the author's words and what they mean to you and the world around us (please leave it open for the next person).



### **Tie Blankets**

*“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.  
– Mark 10:45*

As Christians, we are called to serve others just as Jesus did. At this station, you are invited to serve members of the Lincoln community by making a tie blanket which will be donated to Barnabas. The Barnabas Community offers free clothing, books, toys, household goods — and hope and hospitality — to all that walk through its doors. By donating tie blankets, we will be providing warmth and comfort to our neighbors in their times of need. To help in the making of the tie blanket, lay the blanket out flat and begin on one side. To attach the top piece of fleece to the bottom piece of fleece, tie the strips of fleece together in a double knot. Continue tying the pieces of fleece together until you have worked your way all around the blanket.

### **Taking your Prayers to the Cross**

*“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”  
– Matthew 11:28-30*

We are called to take our joys, hopes, worries, anxieties, all our prayers, to the cross. Whether you are carrying heavy burdens or celebrating joys, Jesus is with you always. At this station, you are invited to write your prayers on a ribbon and tie it to the cross. Know that your prayers are heard and known by God.

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## Seed, Soil, and Water Sunday/Rogation Sunday

As always, one can pick and choose what is desired to enhance your service. Here are some possibilities for this service in April or May.

### Possible Hymns:

All Creatures, Worship God Most High - ELW #835

For the Beauty of the Earth - ELW #879

How Great Thou Art - ELW #856

Let All Things Now Living - ELW #881

Morning Has Broken - ELW #556

This is My Father's World - ELW #824

### Litany

For favorable weather, temperate rains and fruitful seasons,  
and that there may be food and drink for all your creatures,  
let us pray to our God.

***God hear our prayer.***

For your blessing upon the lands and waters,  
and all who work upon them to bring forth food,  
and all things needful for your people,  
let us pray to our God.

***God hear our prayer.***

For all who care for the earth, the water and the air,  
that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age,  
let us pray to our God.

***God hear our prayer.***

### Rogation Prayers of Blessing for the Seeds, Soil, Water/Rain

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### Prayer for Seeds (hold seeds aloft)

Creating God, you have given seed for the sower and bread to the people.  
Nourish, protect, and bless the seeds which your people have sown in hope.  
By your loving and bountiful giving, may they bring forth their fruit in due season,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer for the Soil (hold soil aloft)**

Giver of life, we give you thanks that in the richness of the soil,  
nature awakens your call to spring.

We praise you for the smell of freshly tilled earth,  
the beauty of a cleanly cut furrow, and a well-plowed field.

We ask that you help us to be good stewards of the land.

In the name of the one who gives us new life, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Prayer for Water and Rain (hold water aloft)**

Sustaining God, we receive the fruits of the earth from you.

We give you thanks for the smell of the earth after rain,  
for its welcome cooling, and its necessary hydration for the land.

We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed,  
so that crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful. Amen.

Possible Psalm: Psalm 148

Leader: God be with you

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader:

Let us turn to the **WEST**,  
the place of thunderstorms and darkness,  
that we may face our fears in the darkness and suffering  
and return to God, to the land that God has promised us.

***Silence***

We ask your blessing on the darkness and suffering in our lives  
that there we may find strength and growth  
and the Light of the World.

In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us turn to the **NORTH**,

the place of the cold winds and waiting,  
that we may learn to wait with hope and eager longing  
for the redemption and freedom of all creation.

***Silence***

We ask your blessing on this community of [Name]  
where the love of Christ has taken root in many places  
and particularly on this our congregation, [Name].  
In the Name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

Let us turn to the **EAST**,  
the place of the rising sun and beginning again,  
in the resurrection certainty that God sends God's Spirit  
to renew our lives and the face of the earth.

***Silence***

We ask your blessing on all that we are this day  
the brokenness of our lives and the blessings,  
and on this your good earth and all creation  
that we may live together in harmony.  
In the Name of God, Life Giver, Pain Bearer, and Love Maker. **Amen.**

Let us turn to the **SOUTH**,  
the place of the warm wind that is the growing place,  
asking that our lives and all creation  
may grow in love and be fruitful.

***Silence***

We ask your blessing as we walk into the future  
that we may be united in your love with all creation  
and that we ourselves be fertile soil,  
producing abundant growth rich in the fruits of the Spirit.  
In the Name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

This Rogation Liturgy was adapted from one composed by the Rev. Patricia Gillespie, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Virginia, MN), St. John's Episcopal Church (Eveleth, MN) and St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Tower, MN and Ely, MN).

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## Taizé Service of Prayer

### Leader's Guide

*Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God.\**

Song- ELW #262 - "Wait for the Lord"

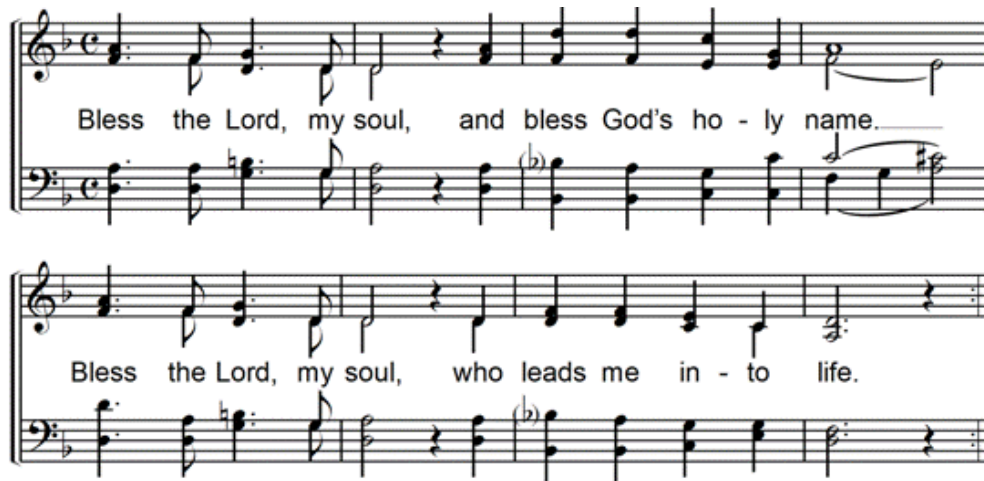
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is for the song 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second line of musical notation continues the song. It also consists of a treble and bass staff with the same key signature and time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The line ends with a double bar line.

## Song- "Bless the Lord"



## Scripture- Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

## Song- "Within our Darkest Night"

The image displays a musical score for the song "Within our Darkest Night" in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score is divided into three systems, each with a measure number (1, 4, and 7) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1 (Measures 1-3):  
With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the fire that ne-ver dies a -

System 2 (Measures 4-6):  
- way, ne-ver dies a - way. With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the

System 3 (Measures 7-9):  
fire that ne-ver dies a - way ne-ver dies a - way. With-in our dark-est

## Silence

*Silence makes us ready for a new meeting with God. In silence, God's word can reach the hidden corners of our hearts. In silence, it proves to be "sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit." (Hebrews 4:12). In silence, we stop hiding before God, and the light of Christ can reach and heal and transform even what we are ashamed of. \**



## Prayers of Intercession - ELW #751 - "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Refrain



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray `to the Lord. *Refrain*

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray `to the Lord. *Refrain*

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray `to the Lord. *Refrain*

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray `to the Lord. *Refrain*

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity. For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray `to the Lord. *Refrain*

Leader (spoken): To these prayers we add our own, spoken aloud, or named in silence.

*Space for silence.*

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

## The Lord's Prayer

The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the prayer, the second system covers the second line, the third system covers the third line, the fourth system covers the fourth line, and the fifth system covers the fifth line. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady bass line and a more active treble line.

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but del - iv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the Kingdom,

and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Spoken Prayer

Christ Jesus, remove from us all desire to judge other people, and increase in us the thirst for your presence. At your wellspring, we understand that when we live from compassion, we reflect the very life of God. And the Holy Spirit renews our hope and pours out your love in our hearts. Amen.

## Song- "In God Alone"

Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de  
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon  
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.  
soul can find its rest, . . . find its rest and peace.

The image shows a musical score for the song "In God Alone". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written in French and English. The first system covers the first line of the song, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

## Benediction

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised**

Song- "I am Sure I Shall See"

The musical score for "I am Sure I Shall See" is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the good - ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord. I am".

Song- "Ubi Caritas"

The musical score for "Ubi Caritas" is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide, u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano accompaniment includes a triplet in the right hand.

*Text and prayers taken from taize.fr*