



Special Music

Sound the Trumpet

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congregation,
please join choir on the hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
at the end of the presentation.

Christ the Lord is ris'n today.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Sons of men and angels say.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high.

Al-le-lu-ia.!

Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Lives again our glorious King.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Al-le-lu-ia!

Dying once, He all doth save.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Where thy victory, O grave?

Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's redeeming work is done.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Fought the fight, the battle won.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Death in vain forbids him rise,

Al-le-lu-ia!

Christ has opened paradise.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Fol-l'wing our exalted Head,

Al-le-lu-ia!

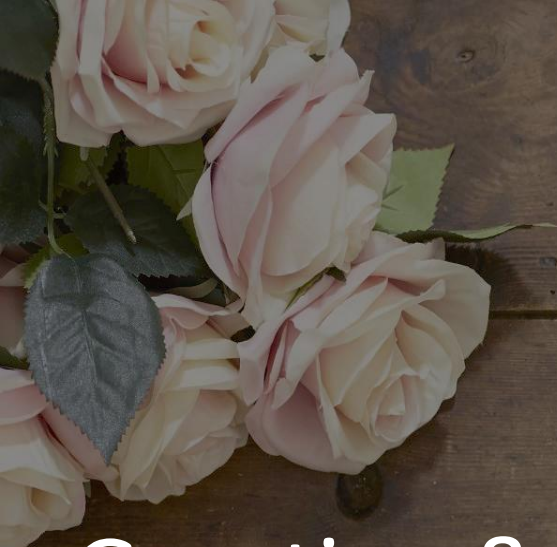
Made like Him, like Him we rise.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Al-le-lu-ia!

(LV)



Greeting & Welcome

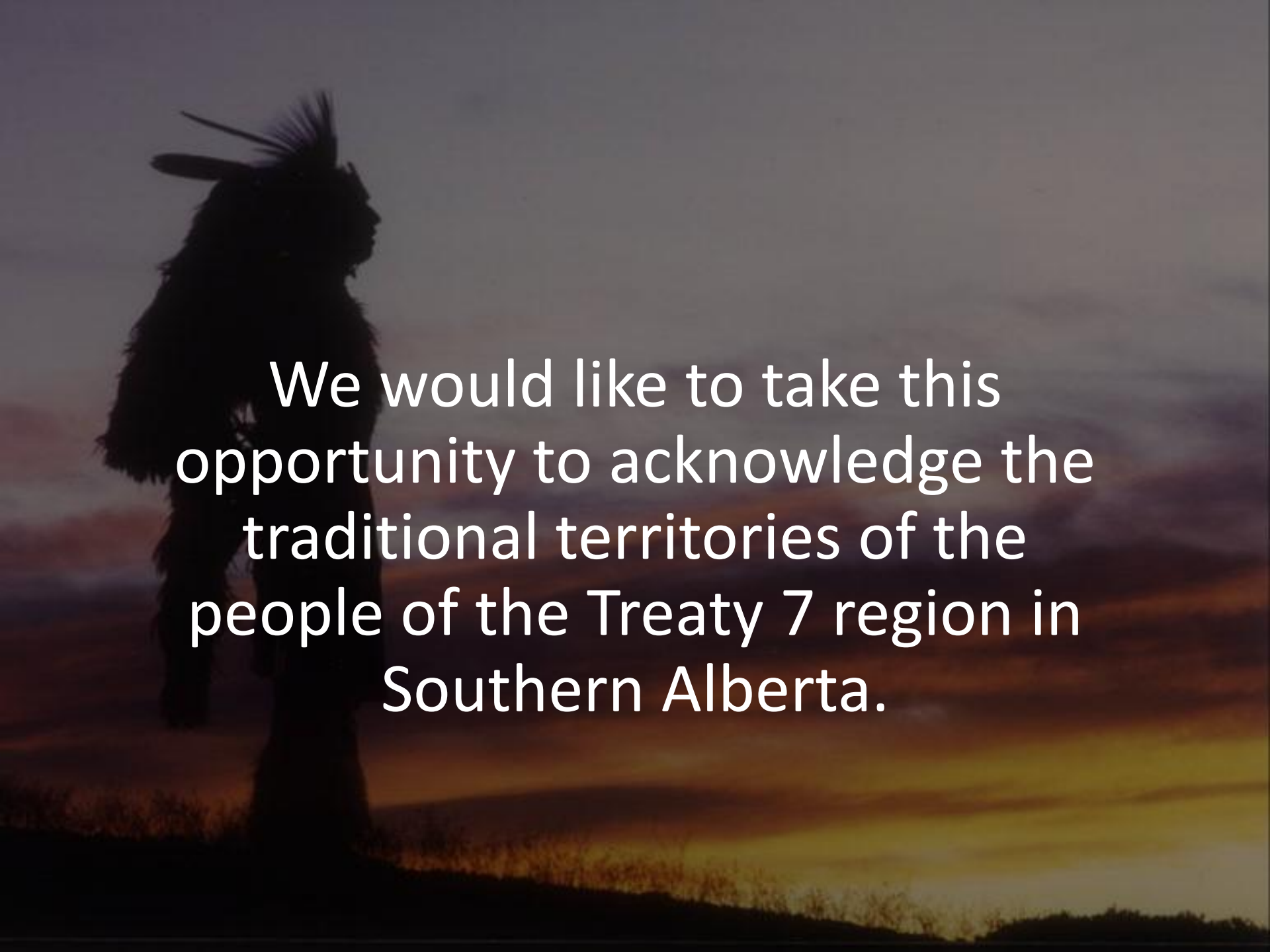
L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: and also, with you.

Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements



A silhouette of a person wearing traditional Indigenous regalia, including a feathered headdress, stands on a hill against a sunset sky. The person is facing right. The sky transitions from a dark purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of the hill and some grass.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta.

A lit candle with a bright flame sits on the right side of the image. To its left, an open book is spread wide, with its pages fanned out. The entire scene is set against a dark background, with the light from the candle and the book's pages creating a warm, golden glow. The title text is centered over the book and candle.

Lighting the Christ Candle

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L: Let the light of Christ pierce the deep shadows of Good Friday. May its light shine on us this most holy of days. May its light be a beacon for us, renewing all that is good within us, all the good within our community. Christ the Lord is risen today!

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah, indeed!

Thine Is the Glory

*Voices United #173

Verses 1-2

*VU #173 Thine is the Glory: Words, translation: Louis Bodrey, Richard Birch Hoyle 1925. World Student Christian Federation. Music: Public Domain. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where the body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!

Lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth:
death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

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Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

L: Come to settle into the ritual of worship, gathering as those united by the Spirit, challenged by Christ's own Way to turn the world upside down.

P: We come, even when our lives are disrupted. We come eager to embrace the resurrection promise, hopeful that by the empty tomb, God continues to make all things new.

L: We come afraid for the future yet daring to grasp the challenge of trusting in God.

P: We come to rejoice and to celebrate that grace abounds, that transformation is ours when we trust and are loved.

L: Come, then, opening our hearts to God's loving transformation in prayer:

P: God, who is love, as you did with Jesus' tomb, empty our hearts of all that imprisons us. As you did with Mary's tears, flush away our worries in a cascade of relieved joy. As you did for the women fearfully silent while fleeing the tomb, strengthen us to proclaim your good news despite our fright. As you did for the doubting disciples, challenge us to accept what seems impossible.

In times like these, which seem burdensome and draining, teach us to trust, to rejoice, and to sing your praise.

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Story Time for all ages

Joy Comes with the Dawn

*Voices United #166

* VU #166 Joy Comes With the Dawn: Words, Music:
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Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight.

Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong.
Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace.

Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

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Prayer of Confession



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Gracious God, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, not expecting life in the graveyard. We confess that we also fail to seek your resurrection power in shadowed places, within us and in our world. Help us to see the miracles of your love where now we see only loss; to find hope where we feel only despair.

Let us find the living Christ within our hearts and within the world. Now, accept our silent prayers as we bring ourselves, our doubts, burdens and fears into your loving, powerful presence.

(A time of silent reflection)

Amen



Word of Assurance

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A close-up photograph of several white lilies with yellow stamens, set against a blurred green background. The text is overlaid on the image.

Special Music

Consider the Lilies

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Prayer of Illumination



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Reading the Scripture

Luke 24:1–12
Acts 10:34–43

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,
P: Thanks be to God.



Message

A purple egg is centered in a nest of green grass. The text is overlaid on the image.

Now the Green Blade Rises

*Voices United #186

*VU #186 Now The Green Blade Rises: Words, Harmony:
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Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
love lives again, that
with the dead has been:
love is come again, like
wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him,
love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would
never wake again,
laid in the earth like
grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again, like
wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he that for three days
in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my
living Lord is seen;
love is come again, like
wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us
back to life again,
fields of our hearts that
dead and bare have been;
love is come again, like
wheat arising green.

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Holy Communion



Leader: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! We have come from East and West, and from North and South, and now sit at the table in the Presence of God. This is a table at which all are welcome, who believes in Jesus Christ our Judge and Hope! According to Luke, when the risen Jesus was at the table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Jesus invites all to share this meal in memory of him. At this table our eyes may open, too, and we may be changed by the grace of God shown in Jesus, our Savior.

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God

P: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Leader: 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 you thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy Lord (Sanctus)

* Songs For A Gospel People #97

*Songs for a Gospel People #97: Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus): Words, Music: Jim Strathee. Desert Flower Music. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord
Blessed is the One who comes,
comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

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Leader: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your child Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you.

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 was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, 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 after giving thanks, 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, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, O God, 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, one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen

A blurred background image showing a group of people in a church setting. In the foreground, a person's hands are clasped in prayer. The background shows other people, some with their hands raised, and a red and white patterned cloth, possibly a banner or altar cloth. The overall atmosphere is solemn and focused on prayer.

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 that 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

Invitation: No matter who you are, no matter where you came from this morning, no matter what you bring with you...

If you believe in Jesus the Christ and accept the forgiveness of your sins in his name, you are welcome at this table. Come, for all things are now ready.



Prayer after Communion

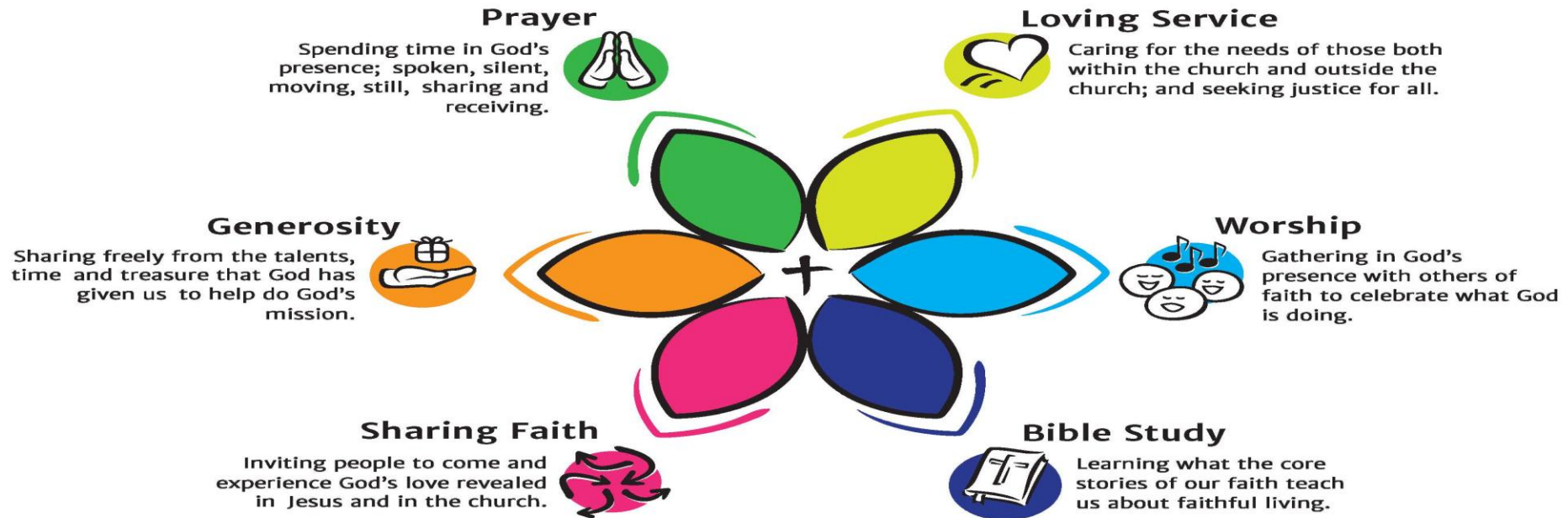
Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of the Body of Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this Sacrament, remembering his life, death, and resurrection. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This - and many more - we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

The Offering Invitation



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placed in the plate as you exit the sanctuary.

Discipleship Flower – Key Spiritual Practices



Where would we be if the women at the tomb had not shared what they experienced? Or if the disciples had not shared their stories? Or if people of vision had not shared their faith in your community? A legacy of sharing is why we are here. What do you have to share because of the resurrection?



Sung Dedication

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Voices United #541*

**VU #541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow:
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

(LV)

A green ribbon cross is centered on a dark, textured background. The cross is made of a single piece of green ribbon, with the ends of the arms folded over to create a flat, rectangular shape. The text "Prayer of Dedication" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the center of the cross.

Prayer of Dedication

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Verses 1

* Voices United #179

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Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation.

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

(LV)

Commissioning



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L: Go bring hope, where there is defeat.

P: We will be hope from the risen Christ!

L: Foster companionship, where people live in loneliness.

P: We will be company, in the risen Christ!

L: Work for purpose, where confidence is lacking.

P: We will bring fulfillment in the risen Christ!

L: Bring an end to apathy and fear.

P: We will bring freedom in the risen Christ!

L: Be a word of calm where there is tumult and upset.

P: We will be peace in the risen Christ.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Verses 2

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Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen.

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

(LV)



Sharing the Peace

L: MAY THE GOD OF PEACE GO WITH YOU.

P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

A top-down view of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with a latte, featuring a heart-shaped latte art design. The cup sits on a matching white saucer. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly wood. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Please join us for Coffee
and Fellowship in the
Library after the service!