

PRAYING
WITH JOHN
FOR
DEAR LIFE



Service of Midday Prayer for Easter

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

First Presbyterian Church, Gathered Online

Opening Sentences

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Ps. 124:8

Maker of heaven and earth.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn 245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

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1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Prayer

God of victory over death,
your Son revealed himself again and again,
and convinced his followers of his glorious resurrection.
Grant that we may know his risen presence,
in love obediently feed his sheep,
and care for the lambs of his flock,
until we join the hosts of heaven in worshiping you and praising him
who is worthy of blessing and honor,
glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Before the lesson:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68
Hear the word of the Lord.

John 20:1-25

The Word became flesh and lived among us. John 1:14
And we have seen his glory. Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 314

Christ, Be Our Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.
5. Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Dismissal

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**