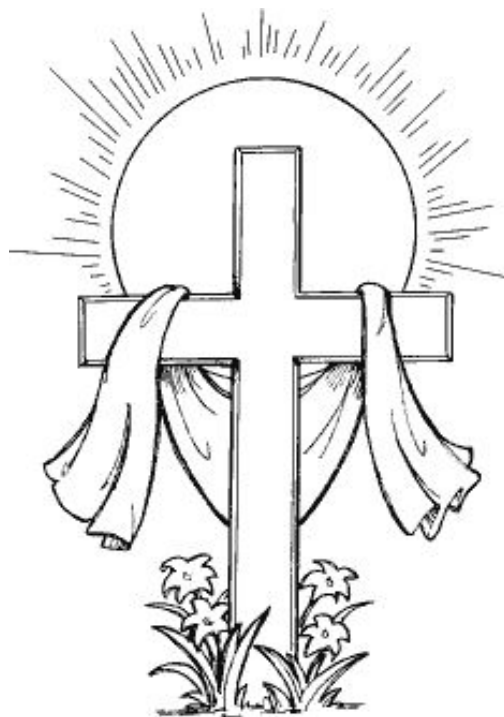




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
APRIL 16, 2017

**WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890**

First Lutheran is a community, a gathering of people of diverse ages, cultures and traditions.

Just as Jesus opened himself to all and, by implication, opened the reign of God to all, so we, the members of First Lutheran seek to do the same.

Therefore, all are welcome here regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation; regardless of their social, economic, educational, linguistic or relationship status; regardless of their citizenship, religious or cultural background or makeup of their family; and regardless of their physical, mental, emotional or spiritual condition. There is a place for you in our community worship, service and life.

To our Visitors: Welcome! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship, where our friendly congregants will meet and greet you.

A special welcome to worshippers who are unable to be physically present and are joining us online for today's service.

First Lutheran is easily accessible via major city routes - 41st Avenue and Kingsway – and Bus #41 runs west from the Joyce Street Skytrain station. Ample parking is available in a lot just west of the church and on the church side of the two streets--Wales Street and 42nd Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42nd Avenue.

For your convenience, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building, fully accessible washrooms on the main floor in the northwest corner and two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A childcare play area is on the lower level.

The present building, erected in 1957, is the third in our history. Founded by Scandinavian fishermen, *First Lutheran* is tied closely to the history of Vancouver. Our logo reflects our ethnic and Christian roots, our West Coast location as well as the varied people and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.

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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
APRIL 16, 2017**

Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Linda Dawson
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<i>Guest Pianist</i>	
<i>Crucifer</i>	Felix Opoku
<i>Torch Bearers</i>	Emmanuel Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Ingrid Bielenberg
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Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

PRELUDE

*Alleluia
Trumpet Voluntary in D*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Henry Purcell

EASTER ACCLAMATION Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!** (Repeat 3x)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" v.3, unaccompanied (*please rise*)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism., as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed everyday.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the water of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain and snow,
for the Fraser river, for the Pacific Ocean.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here,
for those joining First Lutheran in this holy season through affirmation of baptism,
for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the gathered community

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

The minister addresses the assembly

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR NEW MEMBERS

When the candidates are affirming their baptism, the presiding minister addresses them.

Annemarie, Jean, Joella:

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The candidates make their affirmation:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

Let us welcome and rejoice our new members today.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

who has drawn us by the love of Christ Jesus.

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

HYMN

388 “Be Not Afraid” (sung 3 times)

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system has the lyrics: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The second system has the same lyrics. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and is the Lord of life! Help us be aware of the risen life we share with Christ Jesus. Increase our joy as we courageously receive the fullness of eternal life graciously given to us in the here and now, and in the life that is to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE - by Denise Pawliuk

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the

baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The reading is concluded: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“The Tomb Is Empty”

Jon Paige

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The reading is concluded: Word of God; Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sung before and after the reading. Please rise*)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

Response after announcement: The Gospel of Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY *Silence for reflection follows*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 383 “*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*” (please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Living God: **Raise us to new life.**”*

THE PEACE

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set with the gifts of bread and wine which are brought forward.
After the offering is gathered and presented, the assembly stands*

OFFERING PRAYER *(Please rise)*

Let us pray. **Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts,
and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

MEAL

INVITATION

This is the table of the risen Christ —
a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with promise ...
So come —whether you have seen and believed,
or are dubious and doubting still,
whether you confess confidently, or with a fragile and fearful heart.
Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ,
and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

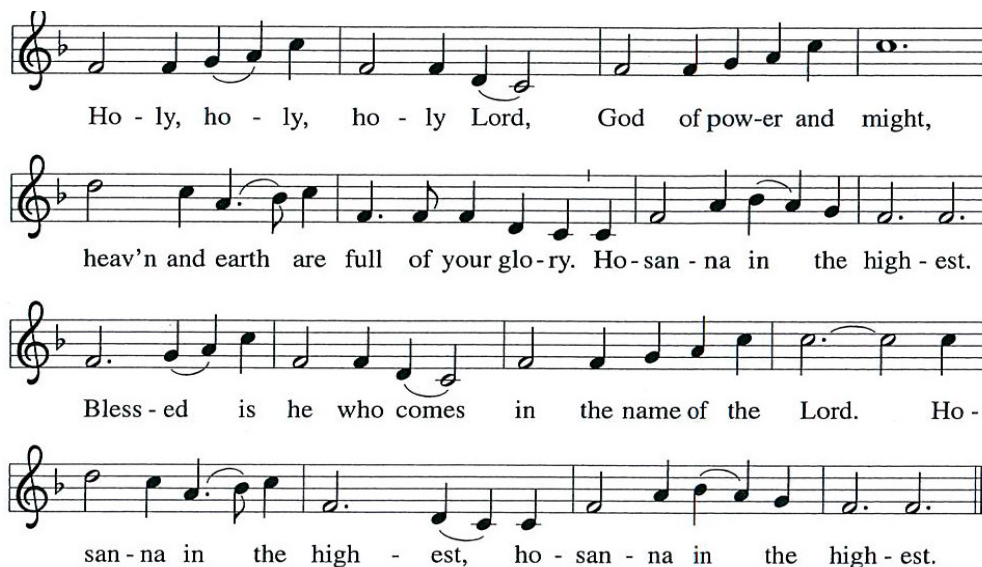
COMMUNION NARRATIVE AND THANKSGIVING

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected,
before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed,
before the black horror of the cross on which Love was broken,
before the bitter struggle of the garden through which Love affirmed its choices,
Jesus, sharing a final supper with his friends,
blessed and broke bread and poured out a cup of wine,
as a confirmation of the life he had lived and a sign of what was to come.

**So we, too, recalling that moment, and honouring that life,
take and eat this bread and drink this wine
as a confirmation and sign that we are part of its ongoing story.**

**And remembering with wonder and joy that Love —
though broken on a cross was not defeated,
though swallowed by death was not silenced,
but lives unvanquished and speaks still to us all,
words of welcome, healing and hope.
And so we join our voices with that of Creation
and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages
to the transforming power of God's Love and Life:**

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(The prayer over the gifts)*

In the night in which he gave himself for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

Do this for the remembrance of me.

As we remember and rejoice, send down your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that we may once again encounter Love and be transformed by Life. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. **Hallelujah!**

*It is Christ who invites all to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. **All are welcome to the table of grace!** Bread or a gluten free option are available. All are invited to drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, to have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup. **Grape juice is available pre-poured in the trays.** Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

376 “*Thine Is the Glory*”

#384 “*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*”

#391 “*This Joyful Eastertide*”

Thanks Be To Thee

George Frederic Handel

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please rise)*

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Creator, ☩ Redeemer, and Sustainer, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

619 “*I Know That my Redeemer Lives!*”

v.3, women; v. 4,men; v.5, organ

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah)

George Frederic Handel

A portion of today’s liturgy comes from Iona community.

This Week

Monday

Office closed
No Centering Prayer

Wednesday

Soup meal, 5:30 PM
Exploring Worship, 7 PM

Thursday

NO Choir

Next Sunday

Easter 2, 10:30 am
Girl Guide Cookie sale after service
Confirmation Cancelled

Thanks to our breakfast crew led by Lanny Harris and Jack Kuyer for the delicious pancakes this morning. They will also be assisting the coffee hour after the worship on the lower level.

**Community Coffee House & Open Mic
Friday, April 28, 7-9 pm**

Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up!
If you're able to help, please talk to Elina or Shannon, or sign up in the narthex.

**Girl Guide Cookie Sale on April 23
\$5/box of original cookies**

**Confirmation Schedule 2017
May 7, 21 (last class)**

**Children's Worship 2017
May 7, 21**

This morning we welcome *Jean Ndiokubwayo, Joella Hacimana, Annemarie Bymoan, and Linda Munisi* into membership today and pray that the grace of the risen Christ continues to guide their lives.

There will be no choir rehearsal on Thursday, April 20. Regular practice will resume on April 27.

"Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and get-well wishes. I'm so blessed to have such wonderful church friends. God bless you all."

- Sarah Speidel

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Cedar Springs Christian Retreat
Sumas, Washington
the weekend of May 26-28, 2017.
Deadline for registration: May 1st.**

Theme: "How the Light Gets In"

The facilitator for Saturday's sessions, **Elina Singh**, will be leading the group in conversations about brokenness and mending.

A printout of the poster and registration forms are also available in the narthex.

**If there are any questions,
please contact Taina Phelan at:
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Easter Memorial Garden

The Easter lilies adorning our chancel area this morning have been dedicated by

Lanny & Sylvia Harris

In loving memory of families and friends,
Josie Henry and Miranda Li

Ingrid Anderson

In loving memory of Ray and Margaret Anderson
To the glory of the Risen Lord

Jack & Diana Kuyer

In loving memory of Litha and Julius Kraus,
and Dianne Kuyer

Barbara Schaub

In loving memory of dear husband, Jack
and son, Peter Schaub, and mother, Peggy

Kirsten Jensen, George Kondor and family

In loving memory of Arne & Barbara Jensen,
and George Kondor Sr.

Alex and Deanna Wilson

To the glory of the Risen Lord

Janet Schreiber

In loving memory of parents,
Wayne & Florence Thompson

Annemarie Bymoan

In loving memory of Annie & Erwin Budau

Anne Johnson, Laef and Alin Kucheran

In loving memory of Floyd & Genevieve
Johnson, Harry & Grace Kucheran,
Eunice & Keith Sidwell

Tsige Ekubagaber

To the glory of the Risen Lord

Ernie Christine Neumann

In loving memory of Lydia Neumann
and Noel Cleroux

Claire Landry & Marly Zell

In loving memory of Kathleen & Andrew Pavey,
and Pierette & Roland Landry

Esther Ling

In loving memory of father, Daniel Ling,
and mother, Grace Ling

Chebet Hildah

To the glory of the Risen Lord

Jacqueline Cleroux

In loving memory of Noel Cleroux

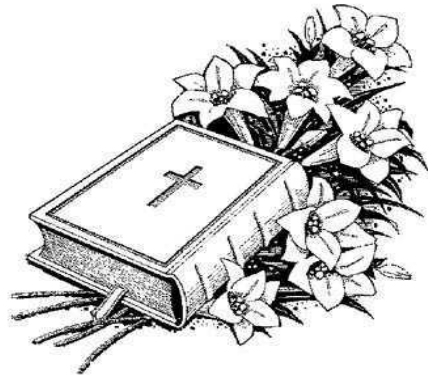
Sarah and Les Speidel

In loving memory of all family members
who have gone to be with the Lord

John, Linda, Michael Dawson

Mary, Mark, Miranda, Megan and Myles Smith

In loving memory of Geoff Wilkins
and Jackie Henwood



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Living God: **Raise us to new life.**"*

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders. Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection. Living God: **Raise us to new life.**

Renew your creation with seasonable weather and growth. Protect plants and animals from the damage of excessive heat or cold, drought or flooding, windstorm or hail. Living God: **Raise us to new life.**

Bring peace to communities in our world torn apart by warfare *especially...* Guide all refugees to safety. Bolster the courage of those who put themselves in danger to preserve the lives of others. Living God: **Raise us to new life.**

Free us from fear, and renew us in faith. Bless the newly baptized. Bless Annemarie, Joella, and Jean who affirmed their faith today. Bless those who seek to know your love, and all who come to your holy table. Living God: **Raise us to new life.**

Shelter the homeless. Protect those who suffer abuse or neglect. Befriend the lonely. Give peace to the dying, comfort the bereaved, and heal the sick. We pray especially for...and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Living God: **Raise us to new life.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and all who yearn for the fulfillment of your Easter promise of resurrection and life. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Living God: **Raise us to new life.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**