

# BREATHE



# DEEPLY

## EASTER SEASON

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**“Love God, Serve Neighbor”**

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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### Pastoral Welcome

### Easter Greeting

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
C: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**Prelude** *"You Are My Hiding Place"* Kristin Sakamoto

### Easter Litany

- L: In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Over powers and principalities, over nations and governments,  
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,  
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Above the Church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts,  
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Thanks be to God.  
C: **Amen.**

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### Greeting

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of Illumination

- L: Let us pray. God of love, breathe life into the Scriptures, as you brought life into your Son that first Easter morning. Help us to proclaim that we have seen the Lord, so that all the world may experience the power of your resurrection and celebrate the gift of your peace.  
C: **Amen.**

## The First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

## Gospel Acclamation

*“Show Us Christ”*

Kristin Sakamoto

## The Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26

## The Message

## Song of the Day

*“This is My Song”*

## Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. God of all creation, who has called every being into life, who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity, and who embodies us with dignity, granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world, we ask for your Holy Spirit to unite us in those places where we face a lack of understanding and experience the pain of disunity. We especially pray for places of worship, for the communities in which we live and work, and for people living in places of conflict and war.

*Time of silence.*

L: God of all creation, we rejoice in the gift of unity we share in Jesus Christ, even as we ask for your Spirit to unite us in the face of the conflicts, hatred and violation of life experienced in so many regions of the earth. We especially pray for the country and the people of Ukraine as they continue to stand against the Russian invasion even as cities crumble and people flee seeking safety and refuge.

L: As Jesus prays for us,

**C: so we pray for the world.**

L: God of all creation, we rejoice in the gift of unity we share in Jesus Christ, even as we ask for your Spirit to unite us wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor, speaking out against hatred, and seeking justice and safety for the littlest among us.

We come with broken hearts and grief for the city of Buffalo, NY as they experience the trauma of a mass shooting in one of their neighborhoods. We pray for the families of those killed and those wounded in this act of violence and racial hatred.

We lift up the entire community of Ulvalde (*you-VAL-dee*), TX as they reel from the elementary school shooting that took the life of 19 children and 2 teachers. God, there are no word adequate to express the sadness, confusion, anger, pain we feel, but we trust that you hear the prayers we offer for the entire community of Ulvalde. We offer prayers aloud or in silence.

L: As Jesus prays for us,

**C: so we pray for the world.**

L: God of all creation, we pray for those whom we know, for whom illness, frailness or bereavement have left them isolated and cut off from the joy, support, and encouragement of human encounter.

We especially pray for:

- William Brady
- Emily Brown
- Linda Burkhardt
- Kay Donnelly
- Charliese Eichler
- Dave Goff
- Stephanie Gonzalez
- Linda Holden
- Donnell Horton
- John & Jasmin Kivett
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Bobbie Larson
- Kevin Middleton
- Andrew Milholland
- Leo Peeler
- Pr Raymond Peters
- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- Ethan Safrany
- L. D. Shockley
- Reponda Smith
- Garrett Stallings
- Kelly Taylor
- Joshua Thrower
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Herbert Watson
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

*Time for the community to pray.*

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Lemont Bell, friend of Gene Reid, who died May 25

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: As Jesus prays for us,

**C: so we pray for the world.**

L: God of all creation, from whom all life comes and to whom all life returns, we remember on this Memorial Day weekend all who have served our country in the military and we give thanks for sacrifices made and losses endured. We remember and give thanks for the acts of courage, grace and hope. We remember and give thanks for our brothers and sisters who gave the full measure of devotion. We give thanks for the life, goodness, faith, courage, and love that was in each one of them. We pray for families and friends and all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Meet them in the valley of death's shadow. Embrace them in the healing warmth of your comfort, grace and love. Grant them and all of us the assurance that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God, we pray for the day when swords are beaten into plowshares, war is studied no more, and all people and your world will know peace. By your Spirit's power, grant us the courage, the perseverance, and the faith as we work for that day of shalom.

L: As Jesus prays for us,

**C: so we pray for the world.**

L: God of all creation, help us to see your presence in the hearts of others; grant that we may be united in a fellowship of love and prayer; give us the courage to pick up our cross and respond to the needs of the world, give us the stamina to follow you, and to be your hands and heart in the world; We pray all this through the love your son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

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## SHARING THE MEAL

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**Offering** *(Please sign and pass the pew pads)*

**Offertory Song** *"Make us One"* Kristin Sakamoto

### Table Prayer

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us as the Risen One, but forever bearing the marks of the Cross. You come to us: calling us out of darkness and into your marvelous light of new life; calling us out of our emptiness into your fullness; calling us out of our hopelessness and into your unending joy. Today, you come to us again: calling us to your Table to celebrate your presence with us in the breaking of the bread and in the blessing of the cup.

**C: Amen.**

## The Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

**C:** 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.

### The Blessing

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

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## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

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### Benediction

**L:** May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work; working in you that which is pleasing and good; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever.

**C:** Amen.

### Sending Song

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

Kristin Sakamoto

### Dismissal

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.