



The Church of the Advent

April 12, 2020 The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord *10:30 a.m.*

Welcome!

*We are glad you have come to this service of celebration and thanksgiving.
Use this program on your own or with your family and friends as you shelter in place.*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen

People **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

An Easter Anthem

Celebrant If anyone is in Christ,

People. **There is a new creation:**

Celebrant For whoever has died is freed from sin.

People **Everything old has passed away;**

Celebrant Do not be afraid!

People **The angel said to the women,**

Celebrant See, everything has become new!

People **He has risen, just as he said!**

Celebrant See, everything has become new

People **Do not be afraid!**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Confitemini Domino

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."**

**14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.**

**15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**

**16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**

**17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.**

**18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.**

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

**20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."**

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**

**22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians

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

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

1 "Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished;
heav'n is won today.
Lo! the Dead is living,
God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator,
all his works adore.

Refrain:

"Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished,
heav'n is won today.

2 Maker and Redeemer,
life and health of all,
thou, from heav'n beholding
human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead
true and only Son,
manhood to deliver,
manhood didst put on. [Refrain]

Hymnal 179

3 Thou, of life the author,
death didst undergo,
tread the path of darkness,
saving strength to show;
come then, True and Faithful,
now fulfil thy word,
'tis thine own third morning;
rise, O buried Lord. [Refrain]

4 Loose the souls long prisoned,
bound with Satan's chain;
thine that now are fallen
raise to life again;
show thy face in brightness,
bid the nations see;
bring again our daylight;
day returns with thee. [Refrain]

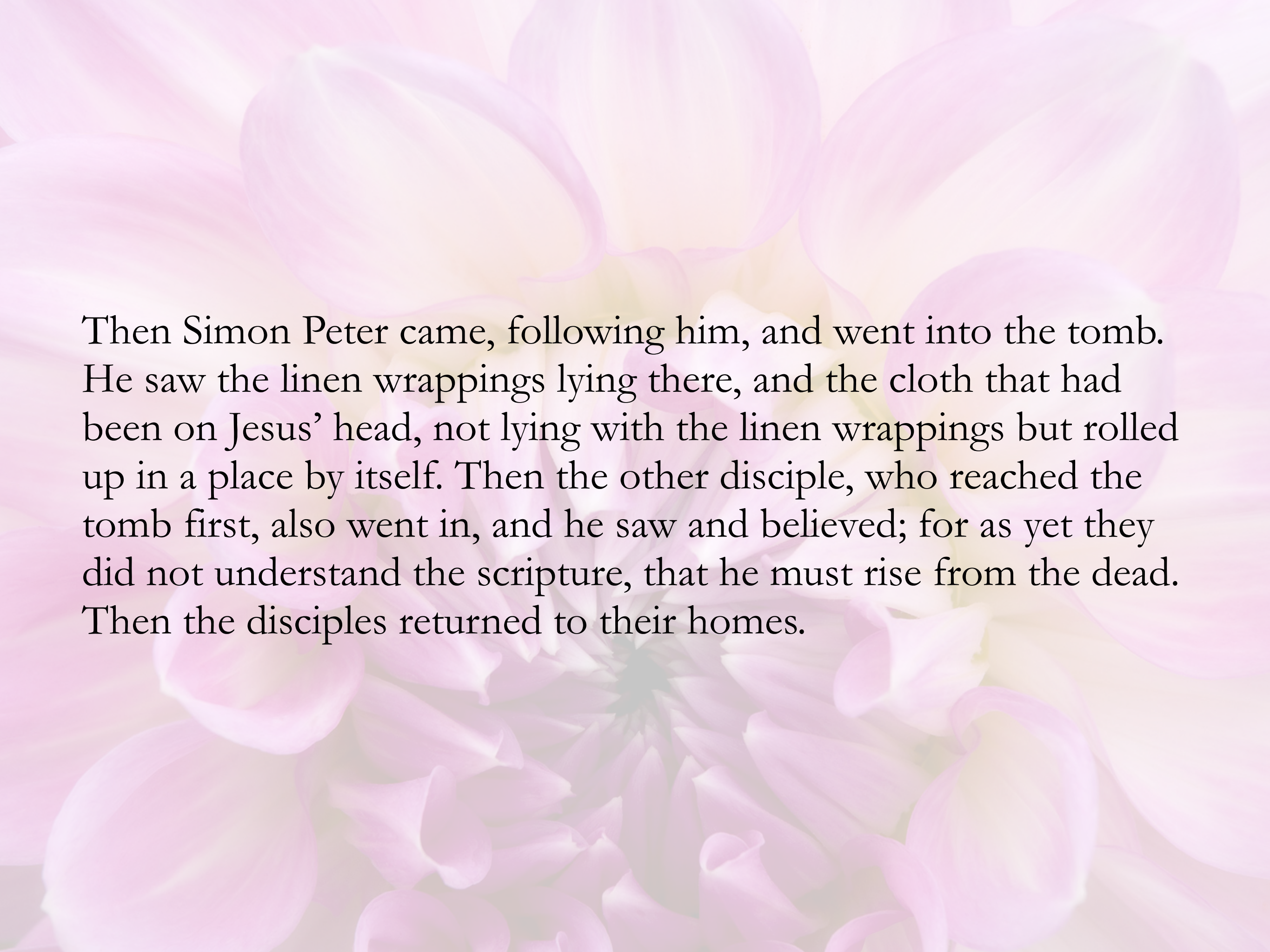
The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.



Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**



Sermon

The Rev'd Daniel B. Brown

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP p. 292

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

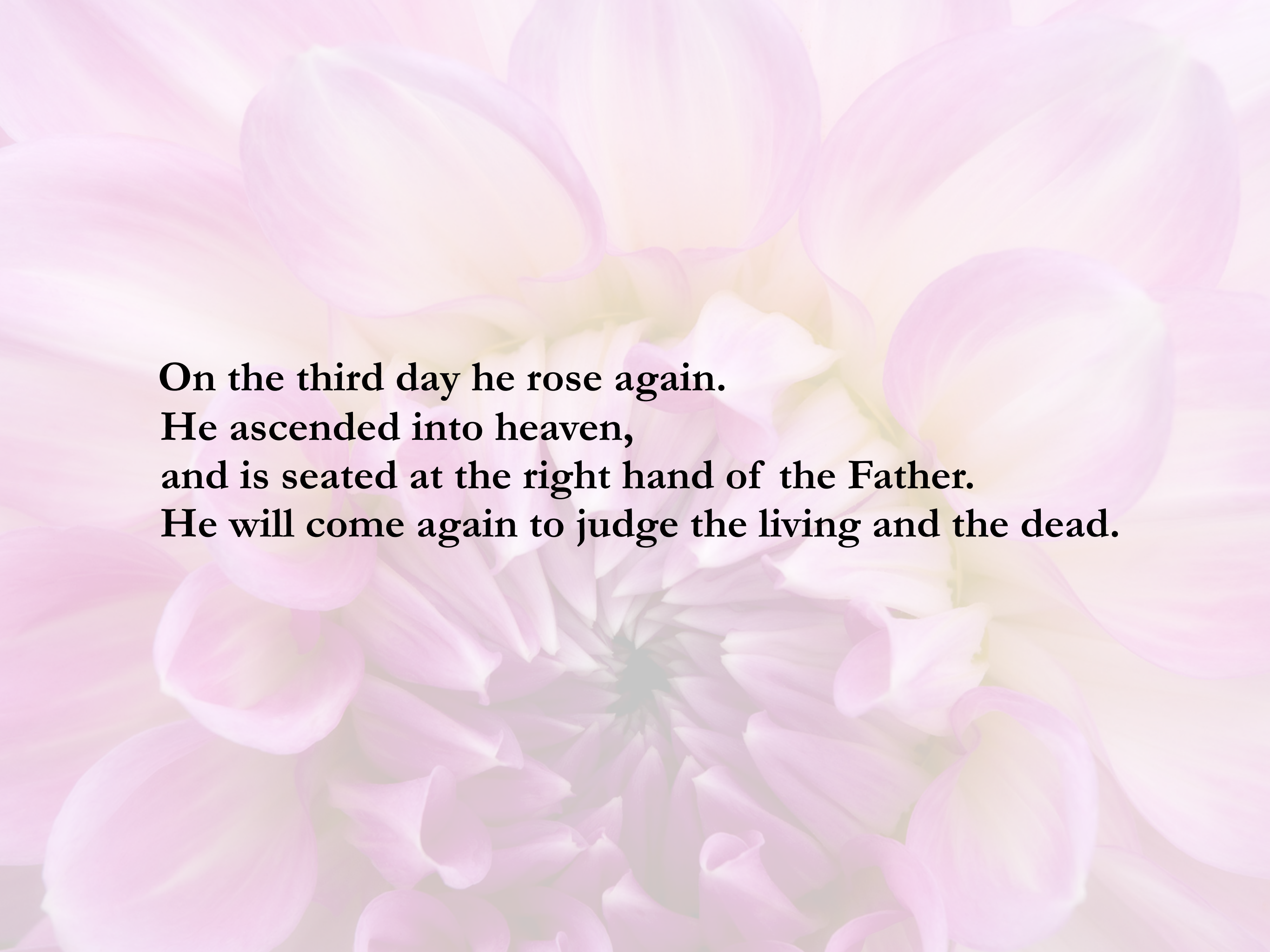
Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Rob, Don and Paul our Bishops, for Keith and Neil our Bishops retired, for all bishops and other ministers, for the clergy & people of the Mid-Atlanta Convocation, the Church of Our Saviour, Atlanta, and the Church of the Resurrection, Sautee-Nacoochee; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our President, Brian our Governor, Fred our Mayor and Phillip our county Commission Chair, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, *especially Carol Blow, HD Cannington, Sally Green, Jack Hall, Dan Jubelt, MaryAnn Lisle, Bob Lyle, Jane Symmes and Pat Wells*, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For all who are stricken by the corona virus, and for those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; we pray to you O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

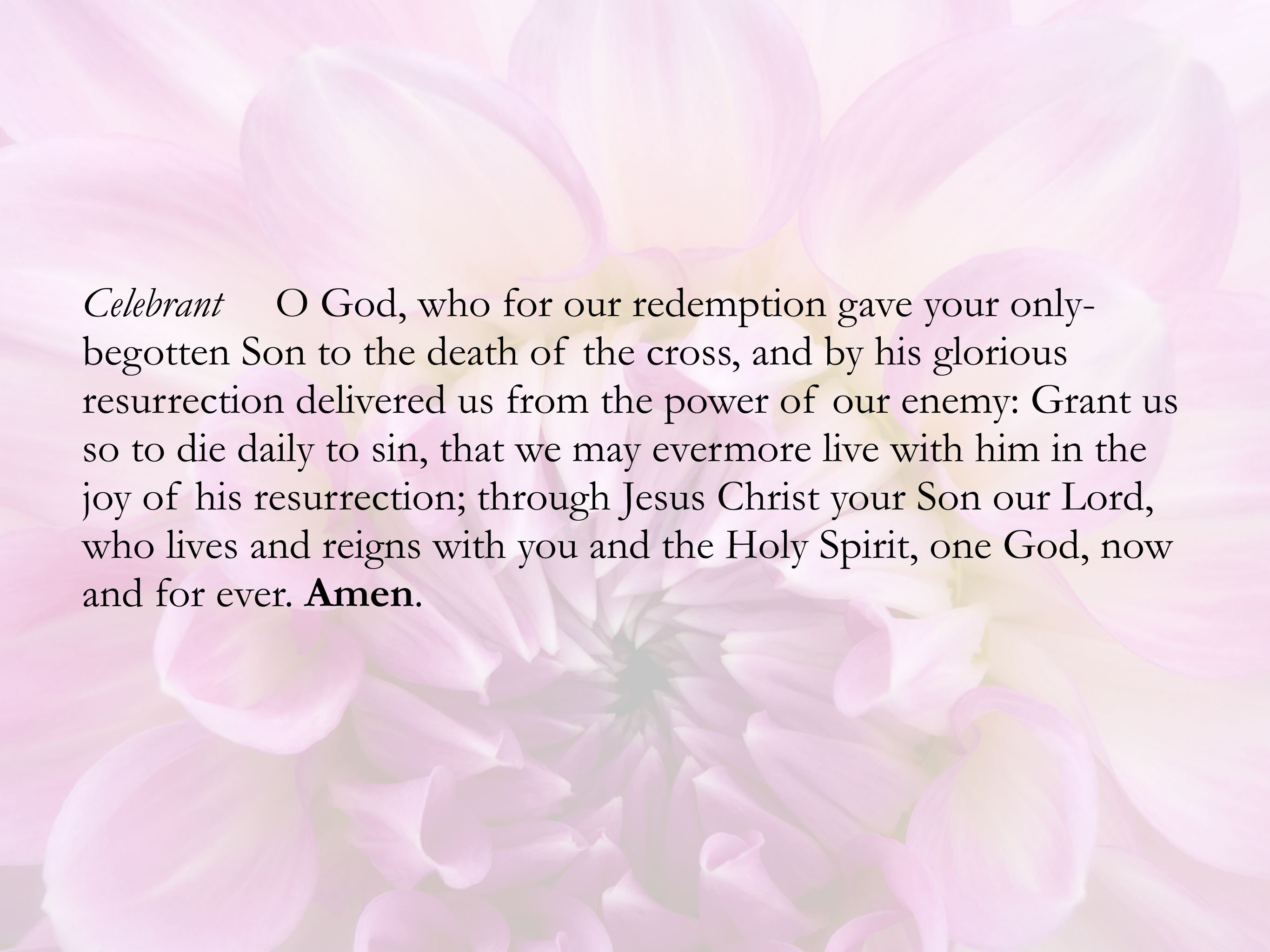
For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers especially those adding their petitions to our register; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week, *especially Hunter Hilliard, Ian Garrett, Becky Strickland and Alicia and Erik Ramfos*, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, *especially Cecil and Leslie* and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Alleluia, Lord have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **Alleluia, To you, O Lord our God.**



Celebrant O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the risen Lord be with you!
People **And also with you!**



A Conversation about Resurrection Hope and COVID-19

The Blessing

The Priest pronounces God's blessing over the people.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 207

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!



Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses them with these words

Let us go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**