

Welcome

(Use this time to welcome people)

Gathering and Welcoming Prayer

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah!

Together we celebrate resurrection.

The light of love breaks the darkness of fear.

Hallelujah!

The power of life overcomes the sting of death.

Hallelujah!

The way of peace prevails against the violence of empire.

Hallelujah!

We gather in worship

and give thanks

for God's resurrection life

in Christ

through Christ

with us.

Hallelujah! — adapted from Joanna Harader, [Spacious Faith](#) blog.

Music/Song *(You can copy, paste & download these songs with Lyrics)*

Lord of the Dance <https://vimeo.com/533440548>

Hear the Call of the Kingdom <https://vimeo.com/533868298>

Prayer for Forgiveness & Thanksgiving

How very good and pleasant it is, gracious God of community,

to be drawn together by You

as Your creation, as a community of faith,

as sisters and brothers in Christ

celebrating resurrection life.

May Your Spirit move freely among us, that the Easter message we celebrate

and here proclaim continues to be more than just words upon a page.

Help us this hour - in this moment -

to listen for and lean toward Your voice,

speaking beyond the words we utter.

Move us through our fears that we might step forward

in faith, here where we are.

May we recognise Christ among us and in our hearts, now,

as the disciples did then: defying our locked doors,

dissolving our fears,

surprising us with peace;

that we may witness to the life-changing grace

of the crucified and risen Lord.

Adapted from Peter L. Haynes, website of Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren:

<http://rockhay.tripod.com/>

Gracious God, in the stillness of this moment,

in the safety of Your love

and this fellowship of grace:

we confess the burdens within us.

Our places of heaviness, feelings of darkness,

of guilt - for unloving things said or done,

for words or acts of love not done.

We pray Your release and refreshing; we ask Your forgiveness;

we invite the light of Your love within.

Sisters and brothers of Christ,

our Scripture witnesses: when we acknowledge our shadows,

our sunken hearts, our sin,

we meet the faithful justness of God,

who forgives, cleanses, restores.

So let us receive into our hearts the word of grace that Jesus spoke

to those who came asking healing, needing justice:

"You are forgiven. Go in peace."

And let us say, **thanks be to God!**

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)

Notices

Offerings

Prayers for Others (Take this time to pray for our world, our local community and individuals)

Music/Song

The Servant King – Graham Kendrick <https://vimeo.com/521700666>

Reading for Today

Psalms 133, Luke 24:36b-48

Reflection

Vulnerable Love by Jessi Mervyn Jones <https://vimeo.com/533849583>

Questions related to the Reflection

- Does the thought of God's vulnerability shed different light on how you see the passion and cross of Christ?
- Who do you know that might need encouragement in their situation of trying to love someone difficult? Or encouragement to seek help for getting out of an abusive situation?

Silence

Sit still and silent. Sink into your heart and think about how you allow Christ's light to shine in you?

When has the light of Christ guided you when times were tough?

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Go now, to be Christ's witnesses in the world:

In the place you find yourself, with what you have,

Let your eyes be open to see the needs around you.

Let your hands be open to give, to heal, to care.

Let your hearts be open to welcome those who have no one to care for them.

Let your life be one with God, and with all around you that God has made.

Now and always:

The life of the risen Christ,

the grace of the Loving God,

and the energy of the Holy Spirit

is with you, guiding and keeping you in peace. **Amen!**

Music/Song (Optional - You may wish to include another piece of music or song [here](#)

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Vulnerable Love
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