

Opening prayer: Almighty God, you have shown your great love and power in the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. you have revealed our salvation in his victory over sin and death. Now we join our voices with thousands of voices of those in songs and life eternal. Amen.

Pastoral prayer: God of all pity and power, your word removes our doubting
 Christ is risen from the dead,
 trampling down death by death,
 and bestowing life on those in the tombs.

Alleluia!
 God of all pity and power,
 down into the grave, your beloved one went,
 then you struck down the power of hell,
 and lifted your child into life!
 you are sufficient for all our grief,
 all our need, all our undone living.

Let the myrris-bearing women rejoice.
 Breathe peace, perfect peace, to the hidden disciples.
 May all who have stumbled and fallen
 find in you their resurrection.
 Help us fight free of the shroud that binds us.
 Let darkness and Chaos and death flee from
 the sight of light.

Let us hear and believe and live what all
 the angels are saying,

"Do not be afraid. Christ is risen!"

Amen