

Opening prayer: O God, who raised Jesus Christ and made him Lord of all time, forgive us for the ways we have treated the time given to us. We act as if there is time unlimited, not responding to the opportunities of discipleship that come to each day. We ask forgiveness as we often wish for our life to pass by faster and forget it is precious. You are the Lord of the past, present, and future. We give thanks, that in the light of the resurrection; we have hope for what is seen and what is unseen. Forgive us for our past sins and give us the strength we need to go forward with the message of eternal hope. We pray in the name of the resurrected Jesus, Amen

Postnatal prayer: O loving God, we thank you for this Sabbath of worship. We come with the power of Easter. Now we celebrate on this day of resurrection the power of Easter. As a community of believers, we pray that we might reveal to the world the power of this day. May we go forth and respond to the need that surrounds us on every side, so as to allow all persons to have a quality and a personal relationship with Christ. We confess our sins, those that ~~know~~ no one knows and those that are seen by all. We remember the sacrifices made by others in preparing the way for our opportunity for sinners. For those experiencing suffering and grief, we ask that they feel your love and our love. We dedicate this Church and all our gifts and graces, to the building of your Kingdom here in this place.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior —