

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, who thru
 your only Son have overcome death and
 opened unto us the gate of ever lasting life,
 grant, we beseech, that we who celebrate
 our Lord's resurrection may also offer
 the tribute of our praise for the ever-
 lasting hopes that rise within our hearts.
 We also give thanks for the gospel, which has
 brought life and immortality to life. Re-
 ceive our thanksgiving, reveal your presence,
 and send into our hearts the Spirit of the
 risen Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty God, who by
 the death of your Son Jesus Christ have
 destroyed death, and who by raising him
 from the dead have delivered us from
 the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom
 of light, we praise you for the hope that be-
 causes he lives, we shall live also. Inspire
 us by the example of the cross to serve you
 with obedience here on earth and at the last
 to commit ourselves to your eternal mercy
 and care. Take us through the journey of
 life as those who can see beyond the journey's
 end. Give us the faith to surrender our loved
 ones to your keeping, in the blessed assurance
 that you will raise them to yourself, and in
 sure and certain hope that they and we together
 will share the resurrection life of Christ, to
 whom with you, O Creator yet personal friend,
 and the Holy Spirit be praise and glory—

Pardon:

May the Almighty and merciful
Lord grant unto you pardon and re-
mission of all your sins, true repentance,
Amendment of life, and the grace and
comfort of the Holy Spirit Amen

