WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

Christ has trampled down death by his death. Alleluia!
And to us he has given eternal life. Alleluia!
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

WE PRAY PSALM 16

Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing'.
I say of the godly people who are in the land,
'They are the noble people in whom is all my delight'.

Let us celebrate the festival with sincerity and truth.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Let us celebrate the festival with sincerity and truth.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Let us celebrate the festival with sincerity and truth.

GOD SPEAKS TO US [see seasonal Bible reading guide, or other Bible reading]

God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH [Apostles’ Creed, scriptural song, or hymn/song]

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WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, our Passover Lamb, thank you for taking away the sin of the world.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.
Risen Lord, thank you for bringing eternal life by your resurrection.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.
By your glorious resurrection,
by your victory over death,
by the glory of your risen body:

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

Raise us up to new life.
Guide us by your light.
Teach us to live in your love.
Set our desires on heavenly things.
Take us to live with you forever.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

(Other prayers may follow)

Everliving God, thank you that you have overcome the old powers of sin and death through the mighty resurrection of your Son, and have made all things new in him. Make us dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER

GOD BLESSES US

May God the Father, who has given us new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, fill us with a living hope.
And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us always.

Amen.