



KITCHEN TABLE GATHERING
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021
CONNECT + PRAY + BE FED



REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and
hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.



1 John 3:1-7

See what love Abba God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God. My dear friends, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is. All who keep this hope keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

Anyone who sins at all breaks the Law, because to sin is to break the Law. Now, you know that Christ, who is sinless, appeared to abolish sin. So everyone who lives in union with Christ does not continue to sin, but whoever continues to sin has never seen or known Christ. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray; to live a holy life is to be holy, just as Christ is holy.

Luke 36b-48

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

At this time, I invite you to take a moment and text one or two people a word of peace.

OFFERING

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the ministries and outreach of Epiphany.

THE MEAL WE SHARE

(You are invited to sing this prayer)

Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.
Amen

Although our community is scattered, God's love and grace abounds!
Jesus promises us: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
Let this meal we share together overcome the physical distance between us and remind us of our unity.

Listen to the words Jesus shared with his disciples at the table:

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,
using the words closest to your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SHARE THE MEAL

MEAL BLESSING

Let this small act we share remind us of the power of Christ's strength
and know that you are kept in God's grace.

BLESSING (Traditional Irish Blessing)

I wish you not a path devoid of clouds,
nor a life on a bed of roses,
not that you might never need regret,
nor that you shall never feel pain.
No, that is not my wish for you.
My wish for you is that you might be brave in times of trial
when others lay crosses upon your shoulders.
When mountains must be climbed
and chasms are to be crossed;
when hope scarce can shine through.
That every gift God gave you might grow along with you.
And let you give the gift of joy to all who care for you.
That you may always have a friend who is worth that name.
Who you can trust, and who helps you in times of sadness.
Who will defy the storms of daily life at your side.
One more wish I have for you:
That in every hour of joy and pain you may feel God close to you.
This is my wish for you and for all who care for you.
This is my hope for you, now and forever.

In the name of the Divine Trinity, blessed Three in One. Amen

SENDING

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!