

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

FROM PSALM 51

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Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM JOHN 17: 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOMILY *Cheryl Smith, Director of Children & Family Ministries*
(A period of silence may follow.)

THE HAND PRAYER

I love you, God (1-praise)
I'm sorry, God (2-confession)
I thank you, God (3-thanksgiving)
Help others, God (4-intercession)
Help me, God (5-petition)
I'm listening, God (6-meditation)
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT

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Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Deep peace to you, my child, deep peace.
Peace in your body, peace in your mind, peace in your spirit.
As you breathe in deeply, breathe in peace.
May the worries in your mind seem far away.
May you know God's love for you, and your family's love too.
Deep, deep peace to you, my child, deep peace.

(Excerpt from Prayers for Faithful Families by Traci Smith)