

# Morning Prayer



Time of Silence and Centering

Song – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Calling to Prayer                      From the Abingdon Worship Annual 2006

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair  
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen, indeed.**

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.  
And it is true. Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen, indeed.**

One: We hear a voice call our name,  
and we know our risen Lord  
is with us now and always.  
Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen, indeed.  
Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Colossians 3

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ<sup>[b]</sup> dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Song: *My Hope is Built*

Giving Thanks for People in Our Lives

Giving Thanks for All Other Blessings

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Prayers for our Needs and the Needs of Others We Know

Prayers for our Community and World

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Reading: Luke 24:28-35 *The Message*

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. Jesus acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: “Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.” So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. “Didn’t we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?” They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: “It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!” Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

Closing Prayer: by Joanna Harader

As Christ burst forth from the tomb,  
may new life burst forth from us  
and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.  
And may the same Christ,  
who lives forever and is the source of our new life,  
keep your hearts rejoicing  
and grant you peace this day and always. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace