

Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

## **Our Father**

## **Concluding Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, you restored us to life by raising Jesus from the dead. Strengthen us by this time of prayer together. May we feel your saving power showered upon us this Easter season. Grant this please in the name of Jesus Christ your son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

**All: Amen**



## **Alive in the Spirit**

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## **Opening Prayer/Liturgy**

*Opening Song: Celebrate Youth*

1. We gather together as children of our God.  
We take our place at the table of the Lord.  
We come with a story; young and old,  
we lift our voice to celebrate the gift  
of youth proclaimed.

### **Refrain**

**Celebrate life! Celebrate love!  
All of the dreams of our tomorrows.  
Celebrate joy!  
For all of the gifts we bring today.  
Celebrate faith! Celebrate hope!  
For here in our midst is God among us.  
Celebrate peace!  
Together we live the faith we claim.  
Celebrate Youth!**

2. We gather together to recognize and name  
the gift of youth alive in us today.  
May the young in our presence here  
remind and call us all to the passion and the joy  
that Christ can bring.

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## Gathering Prayer

All powerful God, as we gather here today as brothers and sisters in Christ, help us to proclaim the power of the Lord's resurrection. May we who accept this sign of the love of Christ come to share the eternal life he reveals, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

## Scripture Reading John 6:16-21

After feeding the crowd, Jesus withdrew to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about five or six kilometers, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But Jesus said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land which they were going to.

## The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

## Prayers of the Faithful

### Response: Lord hear Our Prayer

**Reader #1.** For all Christians, called to recognize the image of God in the stranger, the lost and the forsaken, we pray to the Lord. **Response.**

**Reader #2.** For all our leaders who walk in this world in search of peace in order to bring kindness, compassion and hope, we pray to the Lord. **Response**

**Reader #3.** For all people who struggle to believe they are made in God's image, especially the young people among us, we pray to the Lord. **Response**

**Reader #4.** And finally Lord, for ourselves, that we might bring the Eucharistic hospitality to life in our daily lives, we pray to the Lord. **Response**

All: Amen

