



St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2020

Once again this Sunday, April 26, we will live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am, using Facebook Live! Please click [HERE](#) to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we will upload the video to [our YouTube channel](#) and post the link [on our website](#).

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet with lyrics for music for the Mass [HERE](#). All the lyrics are also available at the bottom of this e-mail.

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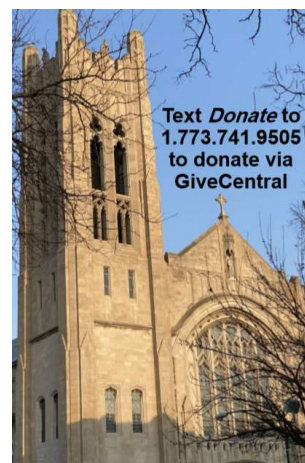
[From Father Rich](#)

Recently, I was talking with a friend who expressed concern that he was no longer finding anything in which to place his hope. The bad news of the coronavirus pandemic seemed to be sucking the life and hope out of everything. When I asked if he was getting out and taking a walk every day, he admitted he wasn't as faithful to that as he could be.

While it is strange to go for a walk and when you see people coming on the same side of the street, everyone does their best to avoid each other! But that is and will be for some time, our present reality. But even given that necessary behavior, I strongly encourage everyone to try to get out of the house at least once a day and get some fresh air and spend some time in the magnificence of God's creation coming back into full bloom. The grass has already turned green, tulips and daffodils and hyacinth and many other colorful flowers have already appeared. The trees are budding and ready to get their leaves. This outside beauty is a great place to start

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finding hope!

our COVID-19
Spiritual Help
page.

Another behavior that I have recognized in myself that easily tugs me away from hope is watching too many TV news stories. I find if I watch too much, I am soon talking back to the television -- and I'm not usually saying nice things to it! Instead of focusing on the damage and destruction the virus has caused and continues to cause, try to focus instead on the extraordinary and wonderful and heart-warming stories of so many people reaching out in so many ways to care for others. Recently, there was [a story of the San Antonio Food Bank](#) announcing it had food available for distribution. Ten thousand cars arrived and waited in line to get the food. And they each received two hundred pounds of food!



**Click [here](#) for a
list of online and
televised
Masses.**

It is, of course, up to each of us to decide what we want to focus on. Consider the food story. I could choose to focus on the startling fact that 10,000 families in San Antonio needed food. Or I could focus on the fact that an organization was able to meet that need for two weeks, or that those 10,000 families would have enough to feed their families.

In the Easter Season (and really, for believers, any time!), let's focus on the positive side! There are incredible stories everywhere we turn -- near and far -- of people extending themselves to help others in a myriad of ways. Every day, let's challenge ourselves to do something positive for someone else -- especially for those in much greater need than I am even aware of. Could I donate food or clothes for a place still looking for donations? Could I donate some money to Catholic Charities or Care for Real or any organization that is helping those in need every day? Am I thanking all our "essential workers" who continue to simply do their job -- even if each time they go to work they endanger their own health so that the rest of us stay healthy?

I was struck, and not for the first time, at the message in the brief introduction Lady Gaga gave to the concert last Saturday night on the three major networks and a variety of social media sites. She was the first

performer, in part, because she was one of the main organizers. But in her brief remarks, she made it a point to thank all those who are putting their lives on the line and telling them she prays for them every day. This is hardly the first time she has been interviewed when she has mentioned that she prays every day. So take it from Lady Gaga, prayer helps! Do pray every day -- it is a daily reminder that we are all in God's hands and God loves us.

It seems appropriate that this is National Volunteer Week. All of us will be better people if we make sure we are volunteering to help others. Each according to their own abilities and availability. Whether it is lending a hand, or writing a check, or saying a prayer every day -- doing what helps others is one of the best ways I know to guard against despair.

On Wednesday of this week, April 22, we celebrated Earth Day! This is the 50th anniversary of this celebration. One of the great side-effects of the pandemic is the awareness that this tiny virus has done more to awaken the whole world to just how fragile our planet is and how poorly we have been addressing its needs. The huge reduction in production capacity has made skies blue once again! Doctors in many places are now wondering if the reduction in many other illnesses is due to the cleaner air we are all breathing. And members of the scientific community are pointing out the obvious -- if we don't take better care of our home planet immediately, we will destroy it and ourselves. The extraordinary steps necessary to curb the pandemic have also resulted in pointing out that when we choose to, we can clean up the environment. Science is neither a hoax nor a matter of belief or non-belief. It is simply the facts. Earth Day reminds us to pay attention to what is happening right here at home. And then to respond in order to stop any more damage being done to our Mother Earth. If you haven't already, I encourage you to spend some time reading Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*. Every day what the Holy Father has written becomes more important.

This Sunday, we hear the gospel story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Here again, is a great sign of hope! In the midst of dashed hopes and overwhelming failure, comes this encounter that seemed so perfectly normal and uneventful -- just some travelers walking along and welcoming a fellow traveler to walk along with them. Only to discover the Lord was now again alive and reaching out to all those who were with him in the breaking of the bread. That's how they recognized him -- in the very normal parts of

life they had shared with him so often.

That encounter on the road to Emmaus also drove home for them that the lives they had been leading were changed forever. There was no going back. Death and sin had been defeated! Who would want to go back? I find this a very comforting story as I realize we are never going back to the way things had been. Whatever we thought of as “normal” is gone forever. It is so reminiscent of a line God has used throughout the sacred scriptures, “See, I am making something new. Do you not perceive it?” This pandemic is an opportunity for all of us to consider how we want our world to look in the days and weeks and months and years ahead. We can provide healthcare for everyone - if we want to and have the will to make it so. We can treat all peoples as sisters and brothers starting this very moment! (In program after program the reporters can’t help but point out how many of the “essential” workers now singled out for thanks and praise are the very same people that a few months ago were threatened with deportation and other horrors.) This is the opportunity to stop that divisive and destructive talk and appreciate all people for who and what they truly are -- our sisters and brothers, members of God’s family.

One of the great difficulties that we feel intensely is our inability at this time to celebrate our sacraments with our community. The live-stream Masses are a good second choice. But they will never replace gathering as a faith community. A particular loss is the ability to offer consolation for those who have lost a loved one and to be able to offer prayers. Most of our parishioners who have died since we began to follow the shelter-in-place order will have services at some point when that is again allowed. It has been particularly painful for families who have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 virus because they were unable to be with their loved ones.

So, beginning with this newsletter/bulletin, we will begin a new section that will contain the names and photographs of parishioners who have died since the stay-in-place order began. Perhaps you know one or more of them. But all of them are part of our community of faith. Please take a moment each week, perhaps each day, to look at their photo, and pray for each of them, and their loved ones, by name. None of us is just a statistic. We are all of us God’s daughters and sons.

J. Rich

Readings for Sunday, April 26

Reading 1: Acts 2:14, 22–23

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him:

*I saw the Lord ever before me,
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;
my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

“My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11

R. (11a) **Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,

you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path to life,
abounding joy in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reading 2: 1 Pt 1:17–21

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel: Lk 24:13–35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all

the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.”

And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.



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Growing in Faith Reflection

*“And it happened that, while he was with them at table,
he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them.
With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him”
~ Luke 24:30-31*

I have had the privilege of being a Eucharistic Minister for many years.

I have seen the longing, and the light, the suffering and the joy of the faces and hands that present themselves to take in the Eucharist through the years, in good times and in bad times.

All the indispensable pieces of the Body, that make up St Gertrude’s Community, parade up to receive Communion to fill the hole and be made whole.

The force unites the young hands receiving for the first time, linked through the generations, to the well used hands of those with lives well lived, and everything in between.

We come for Grace and consolation, and Peace and inspiration to be united through the Body.

You are Blessings, truly Blessed and united in Christ.

During this time, when we can’t receive the sacrament of the Eucharist, we

have become the Bread, making known the living Christ, in our words and in our actions.

May the Grace of the Easter Season nourish us through these difficult times.

~ Kathy Dunne for *Growing in Faith*

In Remembrance

Please keep the families and friends of those parishioners who have passed away since the state's stay-at-home order began in your prayers. Memorial services will take place at a later date.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." ~ John 11:25-26



Paul Foley



James Michael Jeffers



Maureen Hartnett



Mary Philbin



Joan Harrington



Russell "Mike" McManus



Marc Loveless



Margaret O'Sullivan



[First Communion Postponed, Links for Online Kids Word and Youth Group](#)

First Communion has been postponed. Due to the cancellation of the rest of the school year because of the coronavirus, we have made the decision that the celebration of First Holy Communion will NOT take place on May 9.

As we still don't know if shelter in place will be extended or when we will be able to congregate once again a new date has not been chosen. We are asking for the input from the First Communion families about what First Communion could look like once we are able to come together again. Please send your thoughts and ideas to both [Fr. Rich](#) and [me](#) via email.

I will continue to host Kids Word and virtual WOW youth group via Zoom. Links are below for upcoming Zoom meetings:

Kids Word

Sunday, April 26 at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/538315826?pwd=clpDK0JIL0IQY0F4Q2VkVDIDOHUyQT09>

Meeting ID: 538 315 826

Password: 022757

WOW Youth Group

Sunday, May 3 at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79442896328?pwd=Z3NOL0NmYWk5MmtqYUlvWjhBWXZWZz09>

Meeting ID: 794 4289 6328

Password: 014347

If you would like to receive a weekly Religious Ed newsletter for more activities and resources, please email me at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org to be added to the list.

~ Jim Potthast, Youth & Family Minister



Faith & Coping

We have compiled a list of ways to ease stress and anxiety during these unsettling times [on our website](#). They include tips from parishioner KC Conway, a psychotherapist at The Center for Grief Recovery, suggestions of music from Mary Clare Barker, our Minister of Music, and much more!

We'd love to hear from you if you have suggestions for prayers, articles, and music! Email stgerbulletin@yahoo.com to share your thoughts.



Domestic Violence Resources Available

Since the stay at home order was issued in Illinois, calls to local agencies that help those in abusive relationships have sharply increased to record highs. Data from other areas that have been on lockdown longer than Illinois indicate that these numbers of domestic violence incidents will continue to grow.

Where to Call

The Department of Family and Support Services is the lead agency for the [Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline](#) and works exclusively with [The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence](#), a local nonprofit, to ensure

residents have access to domestic violence support resources 24/7/365 – especially during this time of crisis. [The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline](#)(1.877.863.6338) is available 24/7 via call or text in over 240 languages.

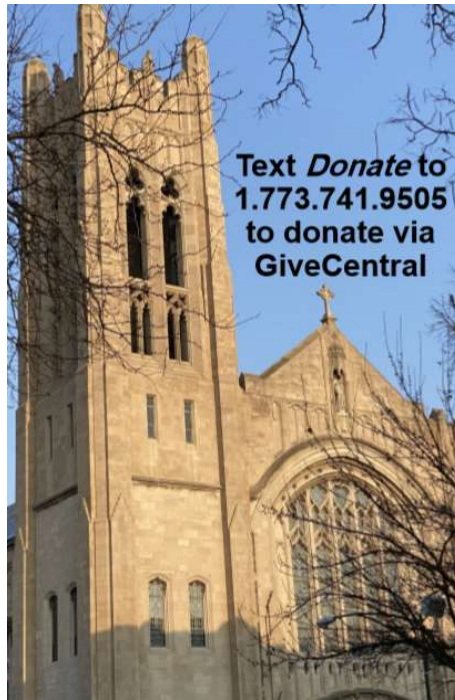
Uber/Lyft Rides Offer Free, Safe Transportation

The City of Chicago partnered with Lyft and Uber to offer free rides to people who have contacted the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at 1.877.863.6338 in need of safe transportation. Ride requester's privacy will be protected by personnel at the hotline.

St. Gertrude's Domestic Violence Resource Page

The St. Gertrude website also has a [Domestic Violence information page](#) and a click-away button in the event someone is monitoring computer use. It lists specific information on abusive relationships, including:

- Where to Start
 - Organizations that Provide Housing
 - Legal Help
 - Spanish-Speaking Assistance
 - Asian, Arabic, & Korean Assistance
 - LGBTQ Help
 - Help for Teens & Young Adults
 - Help Securing the Safety of Pets
 - What Does Abuse Look Like?
 - How to Help a Friend or Family Member
 - Emotional Abuse
 - Why Do People Stay in Abusive Relationships?
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St. Gertrude Parish Stewardship: Text to Give, GiveCentral, Archdiocese Link, and Facebook Fundraiser

We thank everyone who has recently signed up with GiveCentral. We have had an increase in contributions and we greatly appreciate your generosity, care, and love for St. Gertrude.

Ways to Help Our Parish During the Stay-at-Home Order

We have set up a "Text to Give" option through GiveCentral. Parishioners are welcome to text the word ***Donate*** to 1.773.741.9505 to make a donation via phone.

We also have set up a [fundraiser on our Facebook page](#). All monies will go to support our parish's many ministries.

The Archdiocese has [an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website](#). You simply click on the link and it takes you to the website. Once there, you determine if you want to contribute via a credit card or a checking account. You fill out the form, including selecting the parish to which the contribution is going, and the money will be electronically debited. The site offers options for amounts and the frequency of the contribution.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please

email Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)

[Amazon Smile donates back to St. Gertrude Parish](#)

Visit smile.amazon.com and select St Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through smile.amazon.com and St. Gertrude will automatically benefit as your charity of choice.



[Info on Grab and Go Meals for Children and Families](#)

NCA is distributing free prepackaged breakfast and lunches from our lunch provider Aramark. These lunches are for our free and reduced lunch students, but also for any family with children between the ages of 2-18 in our community who could use some extra assistance in getting food for their children. We also provide milk with each of these meals.

Please let Fr. Rich know at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org if this would be helpful for your family and we will figure out the details.

Chicago Public Schools distributes meals to families on weekdays. Please

click [HERE](#) to find the closest pick-up location near you or someone you know.



[Daily Scripture Readings](#)

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#). (*Scroll down the webpage to see the readings.*)

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, April 27: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 28: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 29: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 30: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 1: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, May 2: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, May 3: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6



[Mass Intentions](#)

Mass intentions for scheduled mass will be transferred to the private masses the parish priests (Fr. Mike Bradley, Fr. Mike Gabriel, and Fr. Rich Prendergast) will say during this time.

If those who requested/scheduled these Masses would prefer to have them moved to a different date, please leave a message at the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org. Sr. Judith will re-schedule them.

- Monday, April 27 - Purgatorial Society
- Tuesday, April 28 - Thomas Joyce +
- Wednesday, April 29 - George and Ethel Heintz +
- Thursday, April 30 - Paul Foley +
- Friday, May 1 - Maria Y-Nhu Tran +
- Saturday, May 2 - Living & deceased mothers and fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners, Michael Bowers +
- Sunday, May 3 - Anne Furdeck +, Mary Ruth Millisor +, Timothy Czech +, Ethan Seitzer +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



[Ways to Help/If You Need Help](#)

Call4Calm, a new hotline from the State of Illinois to connect residents to Mental Health and other resources, was launched. Text "TALK" or "HABLAR" to 552020 and a mental health professional will call you back. There are other keywords that can be texted to this number for access to other resources, including "UNEMPLOYMENT", "FOOD", or "SHELTER". This is a time of uncertainty, stress, and anxiety. Please do not keep your feelings bottled up, there is plenty of help available for neighbors who need

it.

Looking for something to do? [Care for Real](#) is always in need of volunteers! Please reach out to Karen at volunteer@careforreal.org. She is overseeing scheduling and shifts available.

Our Heart to Heart Director, Jane Callahan-Moore, is also helping coordinate outreach to the elderly and shut-ins, including shopping and bringing food to those unable to get to the store. You can contact Jane by emailing her at jcallahanmoore@gmail.com.

Our Alderman, Harry Osterman, is coordinating local needs and service opportunities. His [website](#) has information on getting help during this crisis and giving help. Below are quick links to urgent community issues:

- [Community Response Fund](#) - Funds raised will help Care for Real purchase needed food and supplies for our neighbors in need, as well as help purchase medical supplies needed by our residents and care providers.
- [Volunteer to be a part of the 48th Ward Community Response Team](#)
- [Ask for daily check-in calls for yourself or a neighbor](#)
- [How you can receive support from Care for Real](#)
- [Get information on enrolling in emergency unemployment benefits](#)
- [How you can support local businesses during this time](#)

Are you or a loved one unemployed, underemployed, or unfulfilled? [Career Transition Center](#), founded by Catholic parishes, helps people get jobs. They are currently offering virtual training and support, including a virtual career coaching program.



[Please Pray for Our Parishioners and](#)

Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Aida Calvopina
- Maggie Callaway
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Mary Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Karey Myers
- Don Piven
- Charley Scantlebury
- David Sierzega
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray

The 2020 Census

One of the many items we need to pay attention to during this time is maintaining awareness of other activities that cannot be postponed. Uppermost is the [2020 Census](#). The census plays such a huge role in how representatives are distributed and how funds are allocated. Please be sure to complete the 2020 Census form [online](#) or via the paper form you may have received in the mail.

Lord Hear Our Prayers Before You: A COVID-19 Prayer

This lovely poem was written by a St. Gertrude parishioner who asked to remain anonymous. We'd love to hear from more parishioners willing to share their work! Email stgertbulletin@yahoo.com to share your submissions.

Humanity is brought to bended knee
By a threat that knows no bounds,
Petitions and prayers we recite,
With a hope and trust profound.
We know not why or wherefore;
Mystery in souls resound.
We turn to you for direction

In love we must stand our ground.

Lord hear our prayers before you;
Lord guide us to your peace.
Lord hear our prayers before you;
Console us we beseech.
Lord hear our prayers before you;
Amen, Amen, we speak.

Though we long to touch, to hug, to kiss
Loneliness denies this basic bliss.
Please fill our hearts with grace and more
Understanding and solace, we implore.
We grieve and fret; what's the point of it all?
You answer deep within me, "Love without a wall."

Lord hear our prayers before you;
Lord guide us to your peace.
Lord hear our prayers before you;
Console us we beseech.
Lord hear our prayers before you;
Amen, Amen, we speak.

And so the lesson we must learn
To serve each other and not discern.
To serve one another is what You propose
Race, creed, or color should not be our foes.
If kindness and compassion act as our guide,
Then peace in our soul will reside.
The time is now to make such a change
To save our planet from a fate so deranged.

Lord hear our prayers before you;
Lord guide us to your peace.
Lord hear our prayers before you;
Console us we beseech.
Lord hear our prayers before you;
Amen, Amen, we speak.

Lyrics Sheet for Sunday, April 26, 2020

Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today by Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

All on earth with angels say. Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 2: Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Glory to God from Mass of Spirit and Grace by Ricky Manalo

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Path of Life, Psalm 16 by Balhoff, Daigle, and Ducote

Response: You will show me the path of life and guide me to joy forever.

Shelter Me O God by Bob Hurd

Refrain: Shelter me O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings. You alone are my hope.

Verse 1: When my foes surround me, set me high above their reach.

Hear me when I call your name. (to refrain)

Verse 2: As a mother gathers her young beneath her care,

Gather me into your arms. (to refrain)

Verse 3: Though I walk in darkness, through the needle's eye of death,

You will never leave my side. (to refrain)

We Remember by Marty Haugen

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are here;

And we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We

remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Verse 1: Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed. Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. (to refrain)

Lift Up Your Hearts to the Lord by Roc O'Connor, SJ

Refrain: Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy! Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

Verse 1: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names! Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!"

Verse 2: Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name! Come and see the deeds of the Lord; bless God's holy name!

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