### "I will never ..."

Always and Never. Two words which, I frequently argue, should probably be removed from the English language. Of course, this is usually during a heated discussion with my husband: "I have never done that," or "You always say that." Still, I would suggest, that at the very least, we need to be more circumspect in our use of them.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ gives one much to chew on – not least of which is the rapid movement of Jesus being hailed with adulation heard in the first Gospel of Palm Sunday, to being ridiculed and criminalized by the second. Recently Sr. Nuala Kenny, author of the book Rediscovering the Art of Dying, stated that for 4 months she read and reflected on the Passion every day, which led to her writing the book. Clearly, there is much to ponder.

Maybe because of a recent always/never conversation with Wayne though, Peter's use of similar words in the Passion reading, Mark's version of which we hear proclaimed today, is what speaks to me now: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you," he says to Jesus. (Some translations use the word 'never.') And yet he does. When Peter says 'never,' he means it. When I say it, I mean it. But 'always' and 'never' are long times.

With the greatest of intentions on the part of humans, we regularly fail in our promises. God, however, does not. God tells Noah in Genesis that he will 'never' again destroy the earth. While we humans seem intent on doing just that, raising concern among environmentalists that we may finally succeed in these efforts, the earth pushes back against our pillage of it. A recent trip to Hawaii has given me strong evidence of that in lush vegetation which no amount of concrete can contain. Jesus tells us at the end of Matthew's Gospel that he will 'always' be with us - through our own experience of it, many can attest to the abiding presence of God in our lives. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that those who drink from the water he gives will 'never' be thirsty. After the feeding of the 5000, he tells his disciples that he is the Bread of Life, with which we will 'never' be hungry. After the death of his friend Lazarus, he asks Lazarus' sister Martha, if she believes that those who believe and live in him will 'never' die. Faith helps us to hope and see that this is so.

Peter, the first to know and name Jesus as the Messiah; Peter, to whom Jesus left the responsibility of building his Church; Peter, one of the inner circle of the Apostles - Peter knows more than most, the unconditional and unending love, mercy and forgiveness of God; passionate, bumbling Peter. And Peter, in recognition that he has failed in this promise, as per Jesus' prediction that he would, weeps bitterly. So have I.

Yet Peter did fulfill his promise to Jesus. In the end, he died a martyr's death for his belief in Christ – ultimately, his promise to 'never' deny Jesus was kept. I will work on my never and always ... once again.

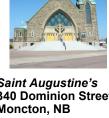
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March 25, 2018 Passion Sunday



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Saint Lawrence O'Toole 2340 Route 115 Irishtown, NB



Our Lady of Mercy 11 St. Andrews Street Pointe-du-Chêne, NB

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### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

St. Augustine's: Friday—12:00 noon

Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence O'Toole: Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00

Our Lady of Mercy: Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Effective January 6th to March 24th

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faith Development-Children: Eileen Caissie

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St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery: Linda Evans 389-9300

> Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen: 857-4224 Meals served: Monday to Friday 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 857-2088 Clothing Depot Regular Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

## Daily Readings

Monday Isaiah 42:1-7: John 12:1-11

Tuesday Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-26

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thursday Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Passion of the Lord: Friday

Isaiah 52:13,53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16,;5:7-9; John 18:1; 19:42

**Holy Saturday:** 

Saturday Genesis 1:1; 2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-31; 15:20,1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah

55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15; 32; 4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17; 18:28; Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection of the Lord:

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18



Sunday

At the **EASTER VIGIL**, parishioners are invited to gather outside on the steps for the church blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle, which will then be brought into the darkened church in procession. The Paschal Candle represents the light

of Christ, and the lighting of candles FROM the Paschal Candle is meant to symbolically represent the sharing and spreading of that light. This is why we enter in darkness and use the Paschal Candle to begin lighting the candles of all those gathered to hear the great story of our salvation.

### **HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING**

Once again this year, parishioners are invited not only to come and have their feet washed, but-if they wish-in turn wash the feet of another. We are in need of people to coordinate this at each of

the stations. We also need people to be "runners" - that is, to refresh the water and bring clean towels as needed. If you would like to offer your help in this way we would love to have you. Please contact the parish office at 857-4223 Thank you.





THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR has attended by been thousands of people in our archdiocese and millions across Canada and the world! Come

and see why!! You will enjoy hearing about wonderful life-experiences, touching stories and inspiring teachings! There are many benefits for yourself and for the people in your life, when you grow in knowledge and begin to apply it to your daily life. There will be several presenters including Fr. Charles Broderick. Being held Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. April 9th to May 21st at Holy Family Church. The \$15.00 fee includes all materials. Call Roberta 386-5175 or Donna 386-2072 for information.

Hosted by K of C Council 9270, MONCTON RIGHT TO LIFE will hold a TURKEY SUPPER FUND RAISER on Sunday, April 8th. Contact Sr. Cecile at 857-9414; Connie at 857-4035 or Lise at 854-4209 or the parish office for the \$20.00 tickets. Guest speaker : The Honorable Graydon Nicholas

MASS INTENTIONS									
Sat	24	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Al Belliveau	Winnie and Family				
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Dot Doiron	Roger and Shirley LeBlanc				
Sun	25	9:00 a.m.	SLO'T	Late Bob Tuck	Danny and Nicole Sullivan				
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Agnes Rafferty	Family				
Tue	27	12:00noon	St. A	No Mass					
		7:00 p.m.		Chrism Mass at Cathedral					
Thurs	29	7:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Albertha Smit	Frank Quinn				
Fri	30	10:30a.m.	St. A	Family Way of the Cross					
		3:00 p.m.	St. A	The Lord's Passion					
Sat	31	7:30 p.m.	St. A	Late Celia Hachey	St. Augustine's CWL				
Sun	1	9:00 a.m.	SLO'T	Late Florence King	Eileen,Phyllis,Wayne, Eddy,& Joyce				
		9:00 a.m.	OLM	Late Bill Gould	Rudy and Majella				
		11:00a.m.	St. A	Late Nestor Charuk	Dolores LeBlanc & Family				

#### LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$3,833.00 (181 env); Loose: \$525.00; Ray of Hope Kitchen: \$25.00; Holy Land: \$10.00; Candles: \$70.00; Donations for Flowers: \$175.00 (6 env.); Share Lent: \$1,540.00 (58 env.); Pre-Authorized: \$1,290,00 (31 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$620.25** (30 env.); Loose: **\$136.05**; Development & Peace \$50.00 (5 env.); Donation for Flowers \$50.00; Share Lent \$10.00; Cemetery Upkeep \$50.00; Pre-Authorized: \$120.00 ( 4 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$495.00 (32 env.); Loose \$151.75; Candles **\$66.00**; Easter Flowers: **\$97.25**; Share Lent: \$335.00; Pre-Authorized: \$20.00 (1 env.).

> Thank you for your continued generosity!

A blue ROSARY was left behind at St. Augustine's a couple of weeks ago. If you happened to pick them up would you kindly return them to St. Augustine's...they have great sentimental value to the owner.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY NOON LITURGIES ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH AND FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH OR 4:00 P.M. LITURGY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S OR 4:00 P.M. LITURGY SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST AT OUR LADY **OF MERCY.** 

MEN OF THE HARVEST CHOIR from Summerside. PEI will be performing at Mountain View United Church on Saturday April 7th at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 with proceeds to Holy Family Seniors Group.

HAM AND POTATO SUPPER hosted by Holy Family Seniors Club will take place Friday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$15.00 by calling 204-4917(Joe) or 384-5795 (Reg)

THE WAY OF THE CROSS will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m.



Please Note: The office will be closed Good Friday March Office 30th and Easter Monday April

# From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development



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**LENTEN INSTAGRAM CHALLENGE 2018**—Join the Office of Youth Faith Development on Instagram as you journey through Lent with Lenten Photo Challenge 2018. Check us out **Youth Faith Moncton** on Instagram for further information, or contact Trevor at the Office of Youth Faith Development.

NOT GETTING AN ANSWER, BUT WE'D BE MORE INFORMED ABOUT THE QUESTION—There are still copies of Sr. Nuala Kenny's book: *Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care* available at the Vision Book Store at Place de la Cathédral, 224 St. George Street (the basement of the Cathedral – side entrance off the parking lot). There is still plenty of time for you to finish reading that book which will be used as a springboard for discussion around the complex issue of medically assisted suicide and the challenge it presents for Roman Catholics. Retired nurses Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Leveque will facilitate these conversations, taking place on Saturday, April 14th and Saturday, April 21st at St. Bernard's Church Hall. Books cost \$17.00. This is the first in our series of initiatives to become more informed about how the Church views death.

WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING: Time with David Haas—The Archdiocese of Moncton is pleased to host David Haas, well known composer of contemporary liturgical music (including: You are Mine, Blest Are They, and We Have Been Told), in concert on Friday, June 1st, 7:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Drive in Riverview Admission: \$20.00 (cash only). Doors open at 6:30 pm. Please note: a collection will also be taken up for Music ministry Alive (MMA) Scholarship Fund for youth and adult music ministry formation. On Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00am – 2:00pm, David will facilitate a workshop and retreat for *Music Ministers*. This day is offered free of charge to music ministers within our diocese. Advance registration only—Deadline is May 25th. Lunch will be provided. Visit <a href="https://www.diomoncton.ca">www.diomoncton.ca</a> for registration and other information. CDs, music and books by David will be available for purchase before and after the concert, and on Saturday as well.

### **NEW PERMANENT DEACON**

As is the case for many Catholic dioceses throughout Canada, the Archdiocese of Moncton has called upon a few of its faithful to share the Gospel of Christ as permanent deacons. The Church of Moncton is indeed happy to announce our first ordination since the restoration of the diaconate as a full and permanent order in the Church. It will take place on <a href="Saturday, April 14th">Saturday, April 14th</a>, at 10:00 a.m., when the candidate, <a href="André Deveaux">André Deveaux</a>, ready to accept the mission entrusted to him by his bishop, will become a deacon. The celebration, presided over by the Most Reverend Valéry Vienneau, will be held at Ste-Thérèse Church in Dieppe. Everyone is cordially invited to participate in this happy event.

All are welcome to the children's adaptation of the Stations of the Cross presented by the confirmation candidates along with some of the children of the faith development. The **FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS** will be held at St. Augustine's Good Friday at 10:30 a.m.



Following the Way of the Cross that His Holiness, Pope Francis prayed last year on Good Friday, the **Way of the Cross** will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church at 7:00 p.m. March 30th.

Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, St. Augustine's Church will remain open until 10:00 p.m. for those who wish to spend time in ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

### FOOD COLLECTION HOLY THURSDAY—

Parishioners are reminded that at the Holy Thursday liturgy, it has become our custom to collect non-perishable food items for distribution to local Food Banks. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Classic Memorials will be holding an information session on a PROPOSED COLUMBARIUM installation for the St Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery. The presentation will be held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 15th and all Parishioners who expressed interest via the recent survey are invited to attend. If you did not fill out the survey but are an interested St Lawrence O'Toole Parishioner please feel free to attend.



### **QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH**

Tuesdays

1:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Adoration and Rosary

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Living Word Community Prayer Group

hursdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: Adoration, Silence. Prayers for Vocations

Sunday, March 25th

6:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Family Way of the Cross Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 27th

7:00 p.m.—Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Thursday, March 29th

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30th

10:30 a.m.—St. Augustine's: Family Way of the Cross

3:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Sunday, April 8th

9:15 a.m.—St. Augustine's: Faith Development

12:15 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Faith Development

Tuesday, April 10th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Family Development



### QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** à St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de l'église dimanche, le 15 avril à 10h00.

# St. Augustine's Faith Development families will gather in the church basement:

Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #14	Sunday, April 8th
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #14	Sunday, April 8th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #14	Tuesday, April 10th

Level 1-3 9:15 a.m. Session #15 Sunday, April 22nd Level 4-6 12:15 p.m. Session #15 Sunday, April 22nd Level 4-6 6:30 p.m. Session #15 Tuesday, April 24th

# Please remember your LENTEN FOLDERS!

# REMEMBERING DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate funds for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below and placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be published in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for your donations



In Memory of:	
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The Easter Triduum is one liturgy celebrated over three days. The three days – sundown on Thursday to sundown on Sunday – together are the culmination of the Church's liturgical year. It is often called the Christian Passover. The Triduum, the <u>most sacred</u> celebration of our Church year, invites us to remember all that God has done and continues to do for us through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

### Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, March 29th - St. Augustine's 7:00 p.m.

During this liturgy, the beginning of the Sacred Triduum, we remember Jesus' giving of himself and his example of service. In this evening's collection, you are invited to deposit your Lenten Coin Folders. Following Communion, the Blessed Sacrament will be transferred to a chapel in the church basement which will remain open until 10:00 p.m. for private prayer. The stripping of the altar will take place following the liturgy.

## Good Friday Service for Children March 30th - St. Augustine's 10:30 a.m.

During this celebration adapted especially for children, we will follow the Way of the Cross, tracing Jesus' steps along the road to Calvary. At each station we pause to reflect, and pray for Jesus' support and help in our lives.

# Celebration of the Lord's Passion Friday, March 30th- 3:00 p.m

Good Friday is the only day of the year on which the celebration of mass is not permitted. Today we enter and leave the church in silence.

St. Augustine's

3:00 p.m.

### Easter Vigil for our Parish Unit Saturday, March 31st-St. Augustine's 7:30 p.m.

This is the highest holy day of the Christian year when the Church of God watches with lamps burning brightly, like faithful servants, waiting for the Master's return. On this night, we will light the new fire, hear the stories of God's creation and covenant, gather round the font and renew the promises of our baptism, and finally, celebrate the sign of our communion with one another in the Eucharist.

### Easter Sunday, April 1st

Mass will be celebrated as usual at 9:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole and 11:00 a.m. at St. Augustine's, as well as Our Lady of Mercy at 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: Good Friday is a universal day of fast and abstinence. On Saturday, we are invited to observe the Paschal Fast in union with our candidates. Friday and Saturday are not days of idle entertainment, shopping, party-going, etc. These are days to wait – to keep vigil – for the first feast of Easter.

# **HOLY WEEK**



Dying and rising with Jesus
We renew our lives with our Lord





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# **Holy Week**

The action of this week moves from the triumph of the palm procession through the agony and death of the Lord to his glorious resurrection from the dead. During Holy Week, the people of God take time to reflect and pray about what Jesus has done for us in his love. We become more aware of the many ways in which we continue to live and experience the dying and rising of Jesus in our daily lives.

# **Passion Sunday**

Palms. The blessing of palm branches and the procession remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We praise Christ our king: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Jesus comes to save us and the world by the Paschal mystery: his death and resurrection accomplishes our salvation.

Passion narrative. Quickly the mood of the celebration changes: the solemn reading of the passion account from Matthew, Mark or Luke reminds us of the purpose of Jesus' entrance into the Holy City. We have begun to follow him on the way of the cross, along the road that leads us to Calvary and to Easter.

At home. We place palms in our homes to show reverence for Jesus our leader: we are his followers in suffering as in glory.

Chrism Mass: On Thursday (or another day before Easter) the bishop blesses the oils in the cathedral. He blesses holy Chrism for baptism, confirmation and ordination; oil for the anointing of the sick; and the oil of catechumens for those preparing for baptism. The oils are brought to each parish church and there prominently and reverently displayed. They are used in celebrating the sacraments during the year.

Easter Triduum: For three full days, from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday night, the Church celebrates the *Paschal mystery* of Jesus Christ. This is his work of saving us by his dying and rising: one great act of God's love and mercy for us. We celebrate because Jesus has brought us into his paschal mystery by baptism. With him we are baptized into death to sin; with him we rise to live a new life for God.

# **Holy Thursday**

Evening Mass: We remember the Passover feast of the Jewish people and the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples when we celebrate the Eucharist this evening. Before he offers himself on the cross, Jesus takes bread and says, "This is my body." He takes a cup of wine and says "This is my blood of the new covenant... shed to save all sinners. Do this in memory of me." We obey him each time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

Washing of the feet. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his apostles' feet to give them an example of love and service. Its re-enactment is a reminder that all Christians are called to love and to serve others.

Communion under both forms. Jesus told us to remember him by eating and drinking. Tonight especially everyone is invited to eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation.

Procession. At the end of the Mass, the Eucharist for the Good Friday Communion celebration is carried reverently through the church and reserved in a place of honour.

Adoration. Until midnight, members of the community spend time in prayer and adoration, remembering the Lord Jesus, whose death and resurrection saves us.

# **Good Friday**

Spirit of the day: The meaning of this day is clearly indicated by its name in English: it is "Good" Friday, the day when God did wonderful things for us by the suffering and death of his Son. Out of his death God has brought us light and life, making it possible for us to be saved. This is indeed a good day for the world.

Paschal fast: This morning we begin our two-day fast in preparation for the Easter vigil. We eat less food than normal and cut out entertainments. We wait until the Easter vigil to wear our spring finery. These are days for prayer and meditation, not for shopping or driving or being entertained: Friday and Saturday form a sort of mini-Lent, and are actually the origin of that season.

Liturgy: Around 3:00 o'clock, the time of our Lord's death on the cross, we come together in church to remember what Jesus has done for us. In the service of the word, we listen to the solemn proclamation of Jesus' passion according to John, then offer prayer for the world and for God's people, the Church.

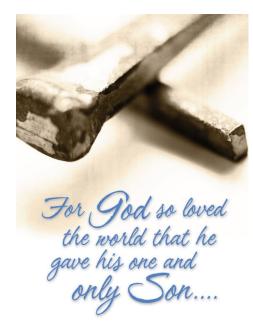
We venerate the cross, and eat the life-giving Body of the Lord in Communion.

In our homes we keep the paschal fast all day. All members make an effort to observe silence and to spend more time in prayer.

If we do not have a cross in our family room and in each person's room, this would be a good day to put these crosses in place.

At other times during the day, we may go to a service at our parish church, or have a quiet family celebration of the way of the cross.

Lord Jesus, we give you glory, you are the Saviour of the world!



JOHN 3:16, NIV



# **Holy Saturday**

On this day, the body of Jesus lay in the guarded tomb and the frightened disciples hid behind locked doors. In the Church, Holy Saturday is a quiet day, the great Sabbath rest. The paschal fast continues and we avoid entertainments and distractions, as on Good Friday. During the day, the catechumens (elect) make their final preparations for baptism.

### Easter

Easter vigil: This service is the most important celebration of the Church year. It takes place during the dark hours of the night. It has four distinct stages:

Light service. After the blessing of the new fire, the priest lights the Easter candle. This represents the risen Lord and is a visible reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.

Liturgy of the word. Nine readings from God's word lead us from creation through God's saving works to his greatest work, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We listen with faith, reflect on the word and respond by singing psalms. The homily helps us to recognize God's mighty works in our midst.

Christian initiation. Our baptism into the death and rising of the Lord Jesus is at the centre of tonight's celebration (Rom 6.3-11). In each parish, water for baptism is solemnly blessed. Catechumens who have prepared over a long period of time now reject Satan, profess their faith in Christ and are baptized, confirmed, and nourished with their first Eucharist.

The rest of the people renew their baptismal promises and are sprinkled with blessed water in memory of their baptism. Tonight is celebrated as the baptismal anniversary of the whole Christian community.

Eucharist: The first Mass of Easter is celebrated with great splendour. We rejoice because Christ has been raised from the dead and because we are renewed in him. Once more we begin our task of sharing the good news of salvation with everyone we meet.

Easter day: The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues. *Alleluia!* meaning "praise to God!" is our shout of joy.

Easter season: For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.

In our home: Holy Week and the Easter season offer us an opportunity to share more fully with Jesus in his suffering and in his glory. Are we open to his love for us?

Holy Father,
we praise you for loving us so deeply
that you sent Jesus to save us.
We remember his suffering,
his dying, and his rising.
With him we continue each day
to die to sin in our life
and to live only for you.

Heavenly Father, we praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen!

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