

Safe in the Arms of Jesus, the Good Shepherd

“My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.”

Exodus 33:14



*“Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
Be their Shepherd and carry them forever.”*

Psalm 28:9

A FUNERAL SERVICE CELEBRATING THE ETERNAL VICTORY OF

† Courtney Nicole Meine †

Saturday after the Epiphany of Our Lord

**January 9, 2021
Eleven O’Clock AM**

*Note: Several symbols at funerals remind us of our union with Christ Jesus through Holy Baptism (Romans 6). The **processional cross** reminds us that in Holy Baptism Jesus called us Christians to follow Him through life and death into eternal life. The **paschal candle** burning at the head of the casket symbolizes Christ's resurrection and reminds us that through holy Baptism the believer was raised with Christ and called out of the darkness of spiritual death into the light of spiritual life with Christ. The cloth draped over the coffin is called a **pall**. Just as the pure white cloth with a red cross clothes the coffin, believers were "clothed with Christ" and marked with the sign of His holy cross when they were baptized into His death (Galatians 3:27).*

The Bells Call Us to Worship

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism: LSB 278

The casket may be covered with a funeral pall.

P: *In Holy Baptism, Courtney was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"*

C: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Courtney and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 31:10-17

- ¹⁰“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’”
- ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
- ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.
- ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
- ¹⁴I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
declares the LORD.”
- ¹⁵Thus says the LORD:
“A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.”
- ¹⁶Thus says the LORD:
“Keep your voice from weeping,

and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work,
declares the LORD,
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
¹⁷There is hope for your future,
declares the LORD,
and your children shall come back to their own country.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Revelation 22:1–5

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse

- A** Alleluia, alle- | luia.*
Jesus Christ is the firstborn | of the dead;
- C** **to Him be glory and power for- | ever.***
Alle- | luia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:27–30

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

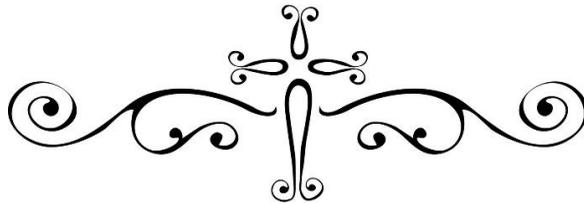
P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit



594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Sermon: “Through Holy Baptism Courtney Is God’s Own Child, a Child of Paradise!” (Psalm 27:1 and Revelation 22:5)

Kneel/Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to the family of Courtney and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for Courtney and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

A "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be 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 "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

402 The Only Son From Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us And bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Obituary



Courtney Nicole Meine, was given life by her Creator and born on May 29, 1992 in Fridley, MN, the daughter of John and Marsha (Norwood) Meine. Courtney was baptized on August 15, 2004 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Corcoran, with the Rev. Matthew Johnson presiding. Courtney was also instructed in the Lutheran catechism and confirmed in the Christian faith at St. John's on May 7, 2006 by the Rev. Steven Briel and given Psalm 27:1 as her confirmation memory verse: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Courtney attended Rogers High School and graduated with the class of 2010. She furthered her education by attending North Hennepin Community College to obtain her paralegal degree, and then recently was enrolled in Hennepin Tech to become a dental assistant.

Courtney was a strong-willed and determined person. She enjoyed her independence, but also loved spending time with her family and friends for special occasions and holidays. She would always include people in conversations and could make people feel at ease in social settings. Courtney had a welcoming and kind personality that allowed her to easily make friends. She loved being a big sister and having someone look up to her for guidance.

Courtney had a strong desire to learn new skills; she taught herself how to knit and wanted to get into crocheting. She liked scrapbooking, coloring, and creating other art projects. She loved being a "cat mom," to her pet cats, had many aquarium pets, and deeply cared for their well-being. She enjoyed spending time in nature at the lake, and in going for long walks or playing card games with her family.

Courtney died in Christ on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at her home after having enjoyed God's many blessings in this earthly life for 28 years.

Courtney was preceded in death by her grandpa, Walter Meine; great-grandparents, Dorothy (Hubert) Burkart, and Bill Featherston. She is survived by her parents, John and Marsha; sister Jennifer (Nicholas) Steffen; grandparents, Fern Meine, and William and Sharon Norwood; boyfriend, Ted Pabtig Yang; and many other relatives and friends.

Courtney's mortal remains will rest in the cemetery of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Corcoran, MN until the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

"The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. I heard a voice say: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works follow them."
(Job 1:21; Revelation 14:13)

Committal

Media vita in morte sumus

In the midst of life we | are in death,*
from whom can we | seek help?
From You alone, | O Lord,*
who by our sins are justly | angered.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and merciful | Savior,*
deliver us not into the bitterness of e- | ternal death.

Lord, You know the secrets | of our hearts;*
shut not Your ears to our prayers, but spare us, | O Lord.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and merciful | Savior,*
deliver us not into the bitterness of e- | ternal death.

O worthy and e- | ternal Judge,*
do not let the pains of death turn us away from You at our | last hour.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and merciful | Savior,*
deliver us not into the bitterness of e- | ternal death.

Psalm 118

Out of my distress I called | on the LORD;*
the LORD answered me and | set me free.
It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to | trust in man.
It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to trust in | princes.
I was pushed hard, so that I was | falling,*
but the LORD | helped me.
Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the | righteous:*
“The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly,
the right hand of the | LORD exalts,*
the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!”
I shall not die, but | I shall live,*
and recount the deeds | of the LORD.
Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them and give thanks | to the LORD.
This is the gate | of the LORD;*
the righteous shall enter | through it.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Psalm 130

Out | of the depths*
I cry to you, | O LORD!
O Lord, | hear my voice!*
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!
If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*
O Lord, | who could stand?
But with you there is for- | giveness,*
that you | may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.
And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be 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.

I know that my Redeemer lives

Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at the last on the earth. And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

I am the resurrection and the life

Jesus said, "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."

Psalm 16

Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.
I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you.”
As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones, in whom is all | my delight.
I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.
For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?
My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heav’n and earth.
He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.
Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
The sun shall not strike | you by day,*
nor the | moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The pastor stands at the head of the casket. When all have arrived at the place of interment, the prayer appropriate to the setting is spoken.

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless † this grave that the body of our sister may sleep here in peace until You awaken her to glory, when she will see You face to face and know the splendor of the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

One or more of the following are read.

Grain of wheat

John 12:23–26

²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The perishable is raised imperishable

1 Corinthians 15:42–49

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Changed in the twinkling of an eye

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We grieve in hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13–17

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

When the Committal does not immediately follow the Funeral Service, the Creed may be confessed.

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sand or earth may be poured on the casket in the sign of the cross while the pastor says:

P We now commit the body of our sister Courtney to the ground; earth to earth, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

The pastor may place his hand on the head of the casket as he says:

P May God the Father, who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C Amen.

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

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