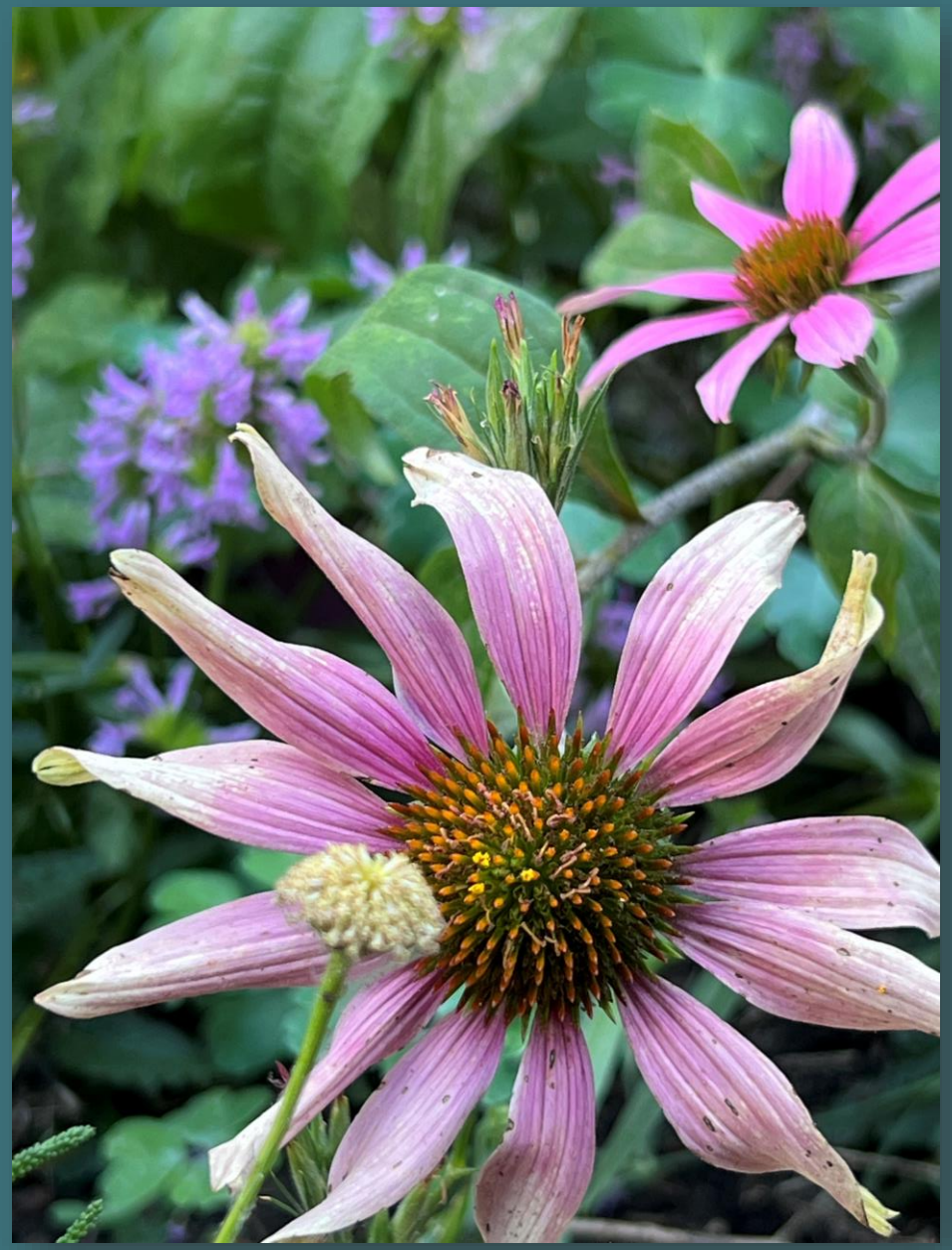

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Sunday, April 5, 2026

# Culmore United Methodist Church

## Welcome and Good Morning!

# Welcome and Announcements

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# Communion

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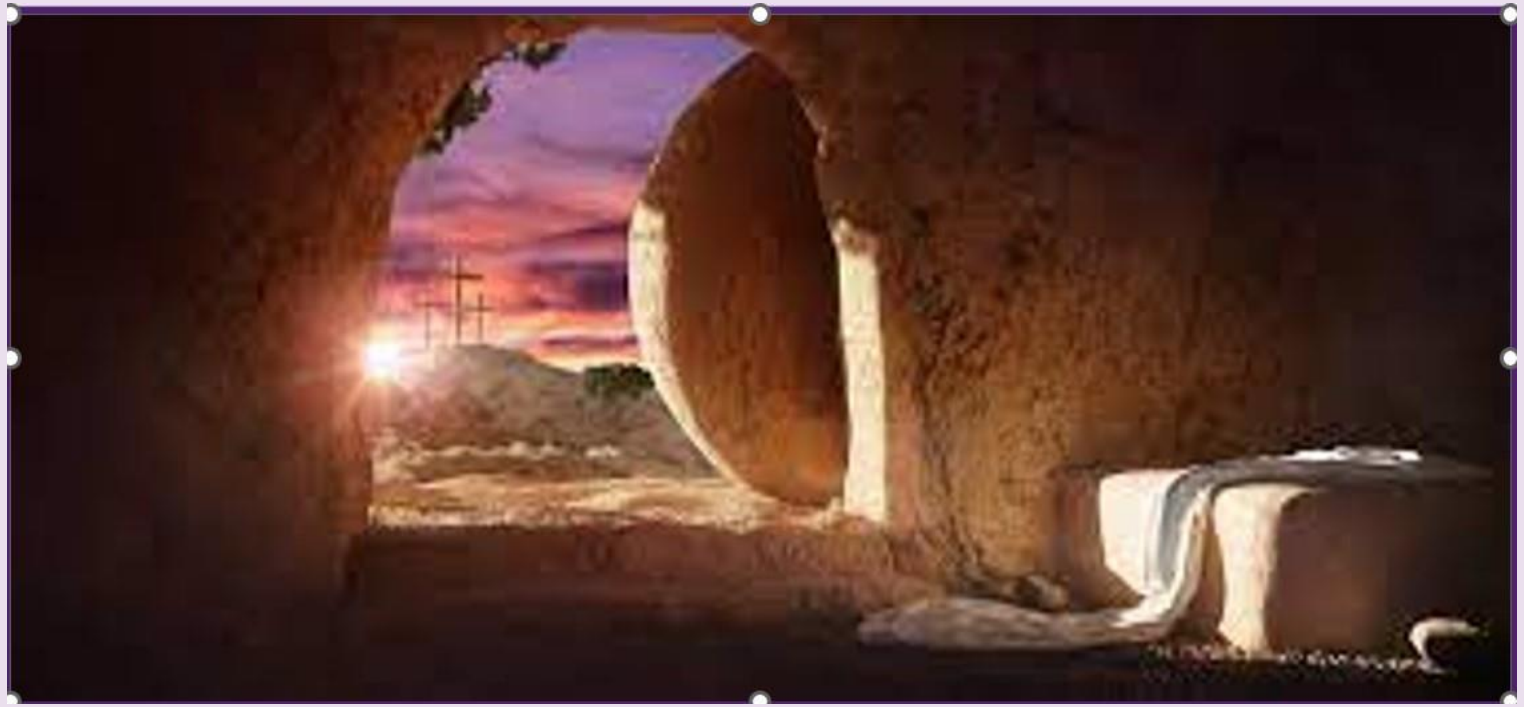
# Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time  this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless  and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.



Leader: Christ is Risen!

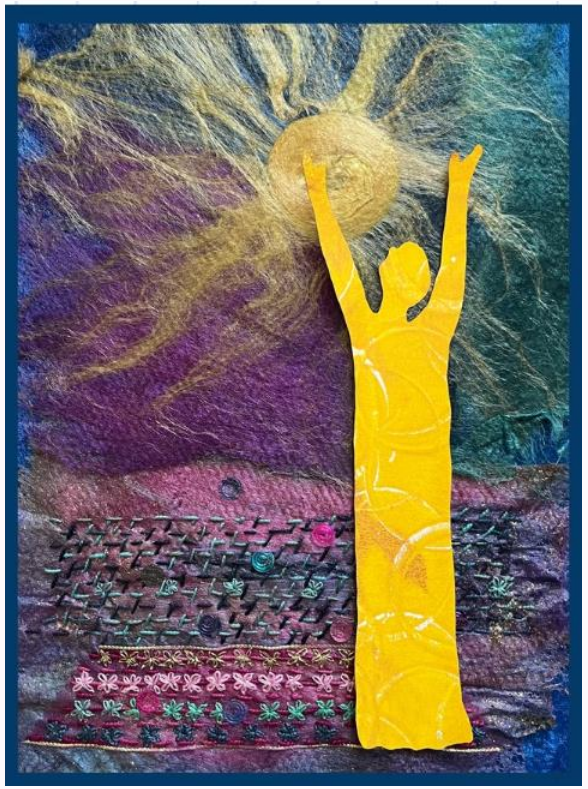
All: **He is Risen Indeed!**

# Opening Prayer

Dear eternal and loving Lord,

We are here on the holiest day of the year to worship, to give thanks and be mindful of Your wondrous love for us. The world may hold that it is foolish to think that You, the Almighty, would stoop to save us. And yet You did just this.

Lord, keep us ever mindful of Your love and grace on this Easter Sunday and every day of our lives. May we respond with all our hearts to Your call. ***Amen.***



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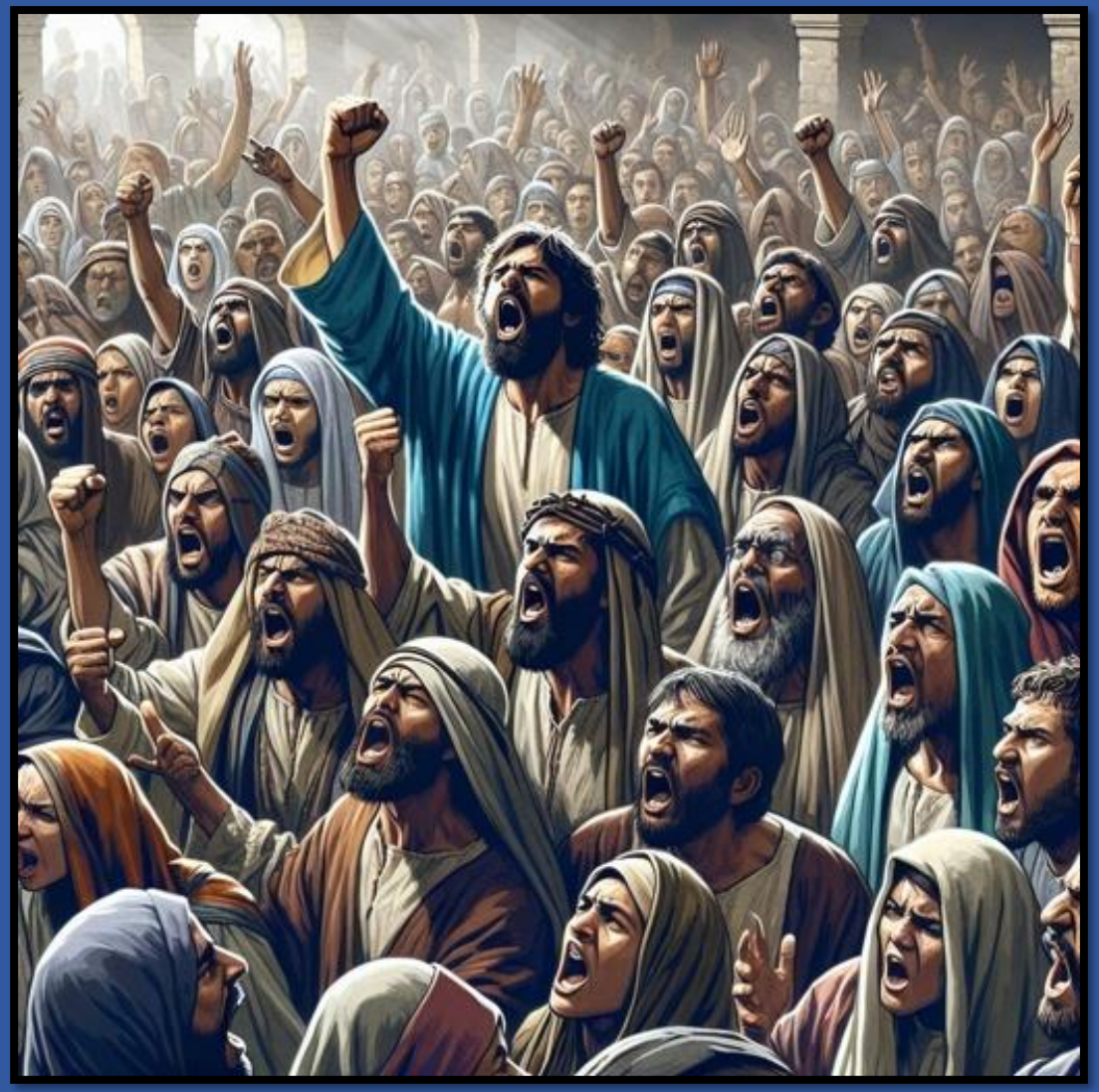
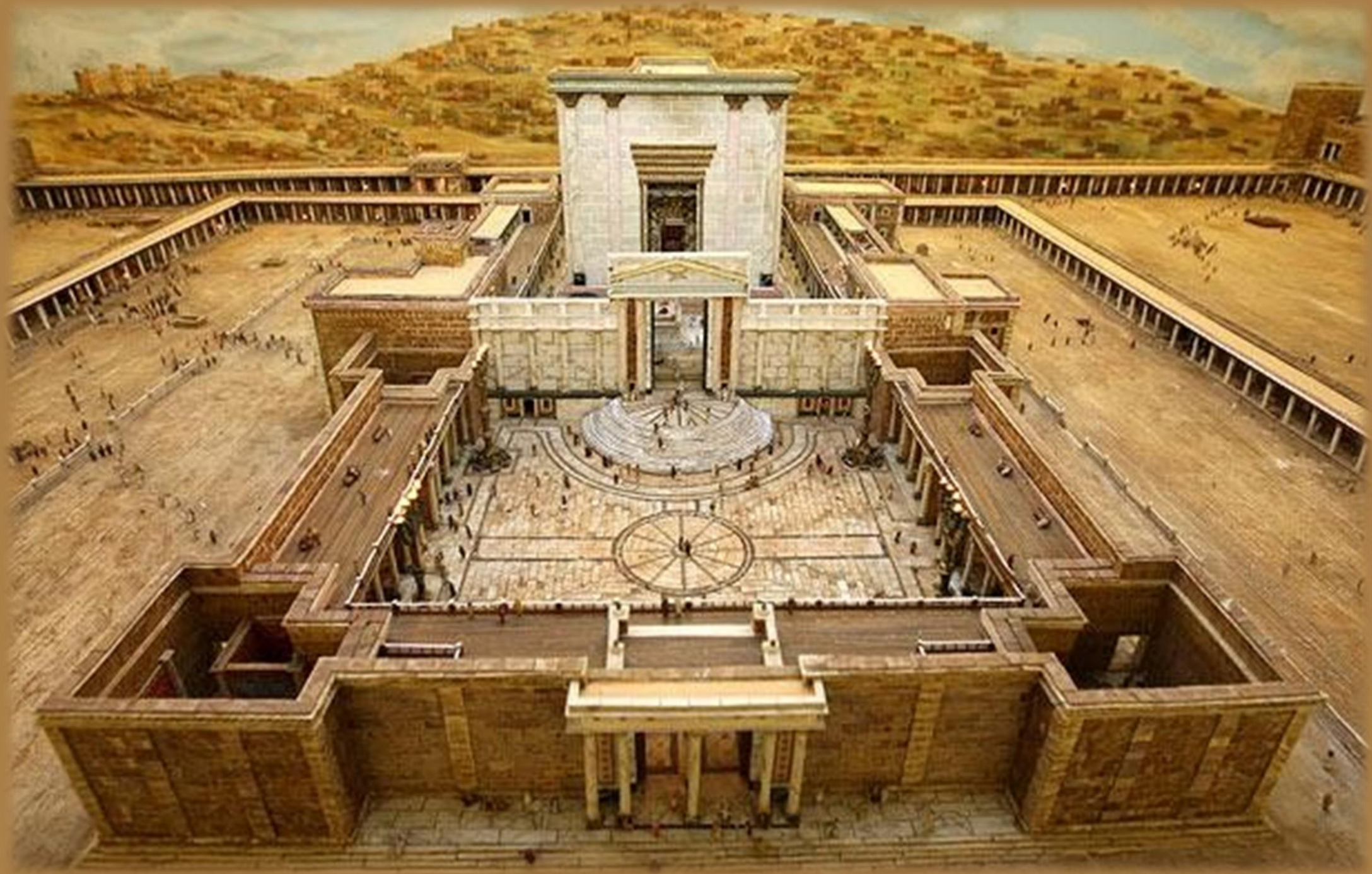
# He Lives  UMH 310

I serve a risen Savior,  He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.





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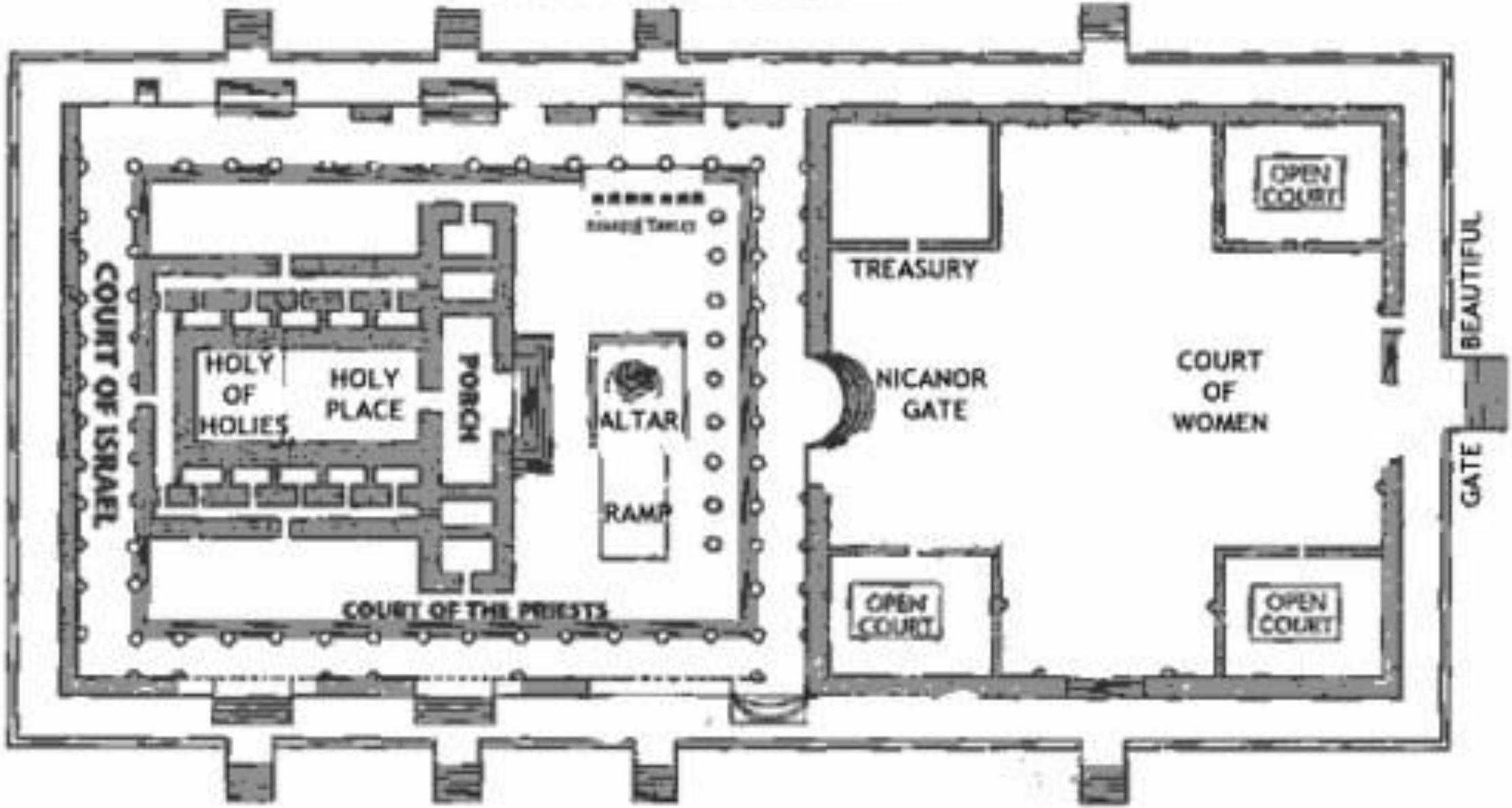


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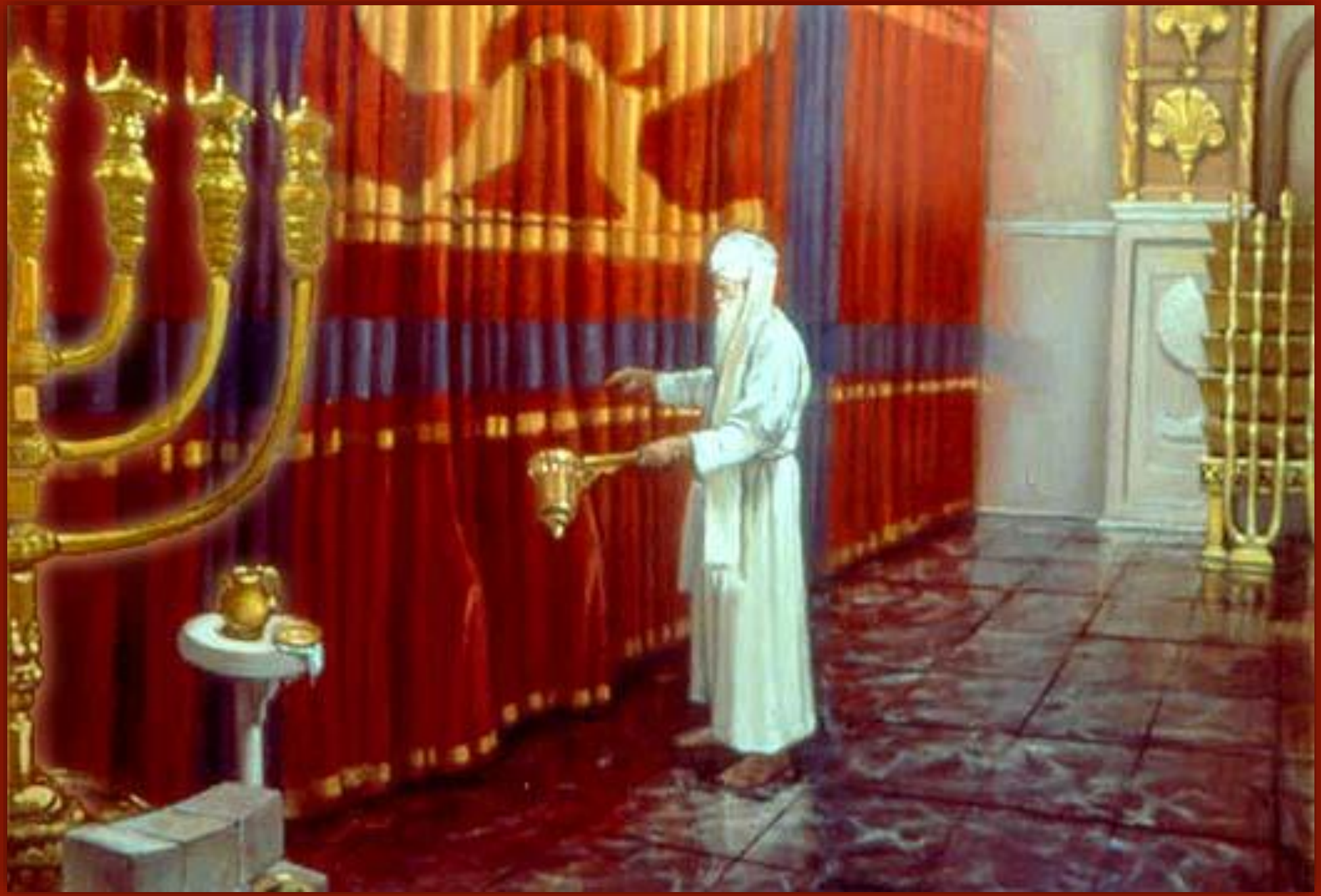
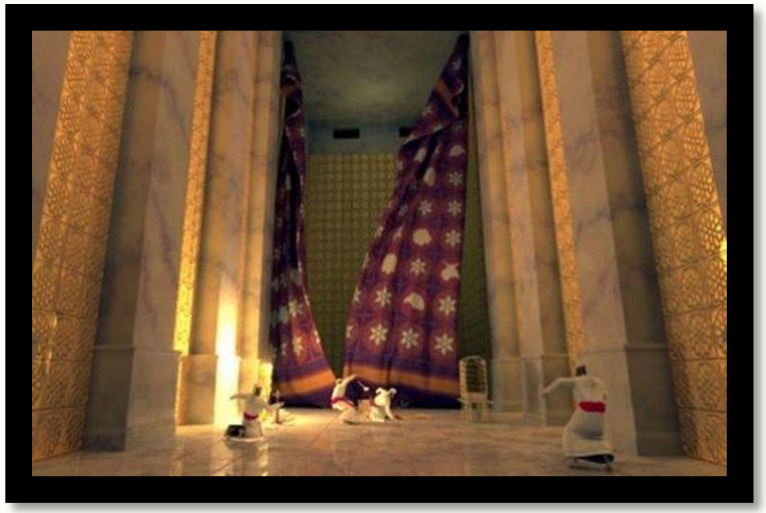


# Luke 23: 44-45

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land

until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining.

# Mark 15: 38-39



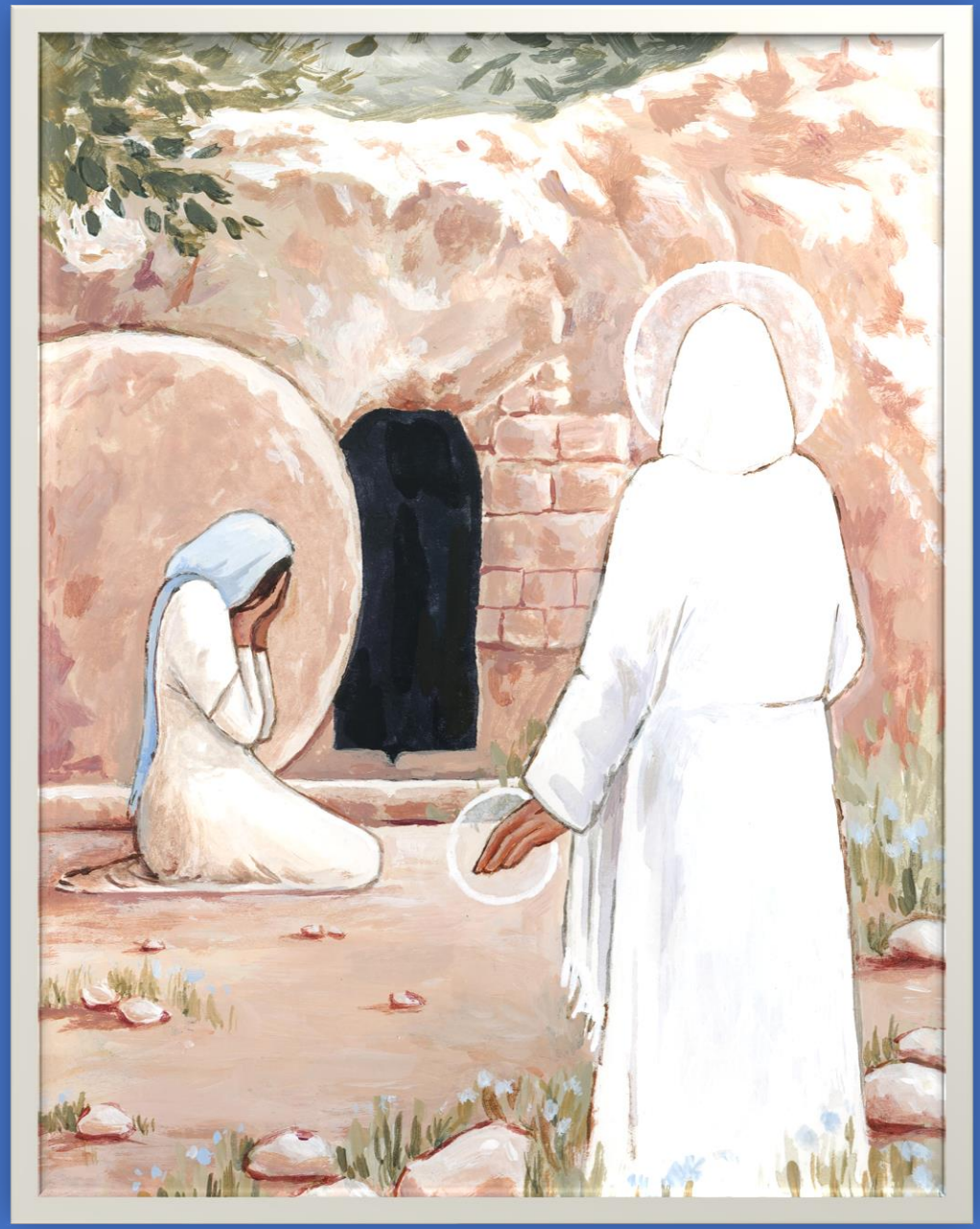
With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

The curtain of the temple was torn in two

from top to bottom….

and when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus,

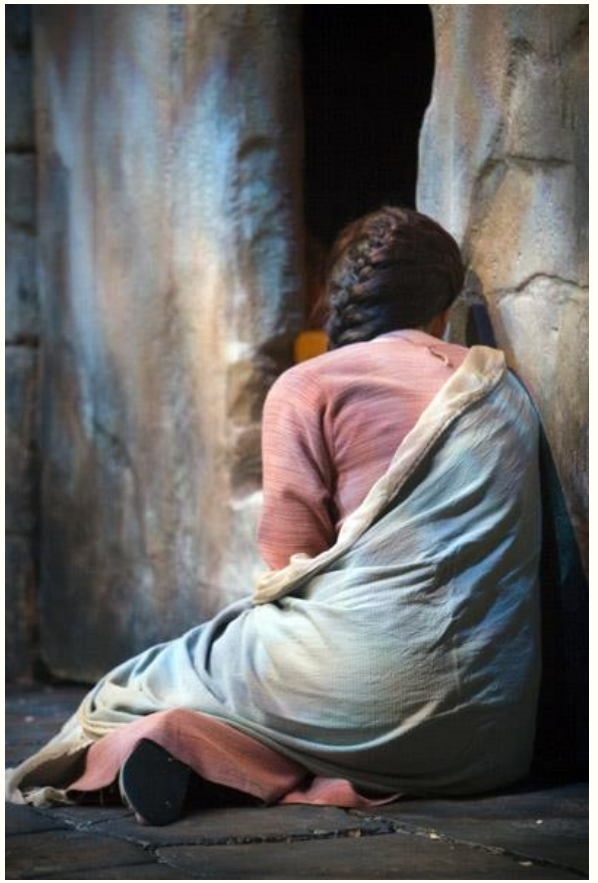
saw how he died, he said, “**Truly this man was the Son of God**.”



# John 20: 10-18

Then the disciples went back to their homes,
but Mary stood outside the tomb crying.
As she wept, she bent over to look into the
tomb and saw two angels in white, seated
where Jesus' body had been, one at the
head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "*Woman, why are you crying?*"



They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "*Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.*"

"*Mary,*" he said.

She turned toward him and cried out "*Rabboni*!" (which means Teacher).

*Do not hold on to me, Mary, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'*

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:

*"I have seen the Lord!"*

And she told them all that he had said to her.

# Do you hear this INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE?

Do not hold on to me, Mary, for I have not yet

returned to the Father.

Go instead to **my brothers** and tell them,

'I am returning to **my Father** and **your Father**,

to **my God** and **your God.**'

God's Grace

For God so loved the world

that He gave His only begotten Son,

that whosoever believeth in him

should not perish,

but have everlasting life.

*John 3: 16*

# Christ Has Risen TFWS - 2115

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people,
who he died to love and save;,
Christ has risen for the women
Bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
Huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
Can't be silenced by the tomb.

# Community Prayer

LORD Jesus, ***AMEN***

# Offering and Doxology
## UM Hymnal 95

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

# Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Holy Communion

All are welcome to this, Christ's table, as we come together as one holy family. On this holiest day of the year, as we remember what our Lord did for us through his loving sacrifice , let us wholeheartedly turn to Him, in gratitude and appreciation.

# Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness

Our heavenly Father, You know how often we stumble.

We don't come to this table trusting in ourselves;

but instead, trusting in You and Your unfailing mercy.

On the cross, Christ paid the ultimate price for us, for our redemption from sin. We are a forgiven people. ***Amen***

# The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you;

***People:*** ***and also with you.***

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

***People:*** ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Pastor: It is a good and joyful thing to always give thanks to you. Even when we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. And so we praise Your Holy name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,*

God of power and might,
*God of power and might,*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory
*Heaven and earth are full of your glory*

Hosanna in the highest.
*Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is the one who comes
*Blessed is the one who comes*

In the name of the Lord.
*In the name of the Lord.*

Hosanna in the highest.
*Hosanna in the highest.*

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

*"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.*

*Do this in remembrance of me."*

When the supper was over, he took the cup, he gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples, and said, "*Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as your drink it, in remembrance of me.*"

… And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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**All honor and glory is yours,**

**almighty God, now and forever.**

Amen, amen, amen.

***Amen, amen, amen.***

# Blessing of the Elements

Loving and eternal God,  pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine.  Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.  By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the entire world, until Christ comes in final victory.  ***Amen***

## Breaking of the Bread

## Lifting of the Cup

Just as there is one loaf, we who are many are one body.

Just as we all partake of one loaf, the bread which we share

is also a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing of the Blood of Christ.

# Partaking of the Elements

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# Benediction