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What can mortals do to us? **People: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals or princes.** Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might; he has become our salvation. **People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!**  **ALL: Let us worship God!**   \* Hymn This Joyful Easter Tide – GtG #244       Prayer of Confession **Generous God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church. Amen.**  Silent Prayers of Confession   Response Breathe on Me, Breath of God  #286   verse 2:   Breathe on me, Breath of God; until my heart is pure,  Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.  Words of Assurance (responsive) Leader: Death has been swallowed up in victory, where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **People: Thanks be to God who forgives our sins and gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Amen.** The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination   Loving God, we do not always find it easy to recognize your Word alive within us. Reveal yourself unto us and set our hearts on knowing your Word in a new and powerful way. Amen.   Scripture Lesson     1 John 1:1 - 2:5  We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— 3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. 4Whoever says, “I have come to know him,” but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; 5but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him.  Sermon In Christ: Our Joy is Complete  The Response to the Word   \* Hymn     That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright        GtG #254  Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”** And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…  **Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and give us this day our daily bread** **and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**  Offertory Prayer   Hymn     In the Bulb there is a Flower         GtG #250   Charge & Benediction Leader: Let us go and be bearers of joy! **People: For the Easter story is far from over.** Leader: Let us proclaim God’s name, **People: So that God’s love is known to all.** Leader: As we celebrate our resurrected Lord, **People: Create in us resurrected people.** | |