

Congregational Prayer – Healer of the World, Restore Us through the Resurrection

Year A, Easter Sunday

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; Matthew 28:1–10

O give thanks to the Lord,
for God is good.
The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

Your love, O Lord,
is seen throughout your creation.
Your love sent Jesus to us
and raised him on the third day.

Your love brings healing;
in your love is restoration.
Heal our desires;
restore our compassion for creation.

We have caused pain;
our actions have brought death.
The earth groans in agony;
the animals of the ground suffer.
The waters are choked;
the birds of the air search for life.

Forgive us
for our neglect and abuse.

Forgive us
for our selfish greed.

Take away
our need to dominate.

Fill us with your love
that we may be your instruments.

Fill us with your spirit
that we might bring healing and restoration.

Creator of all that is good,
forgive us and raise us up.

We pray in the name of the one
who came, who lived,
who rose to new life,
that ALL may live.

Amen.

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