

Life Sunday Prayer for the Easter Season

Pastor: Lord God, from early Eden though mankind sinned — you announced a substitute instead;

Congregation: You proclaimed Eve's son would crush the serpent's head.

P: And in time Jesus came, born of woman, born under law

C: To give us the full rights of sons by redeeming us all.

P: He grew up like a tender shoot; wrapped in human skin;

C: He still was fully God — and he never committed one sin.

P: Yet the world tried him, convicted him and falsely found him guilty;

C: So they marched him out of the city and nailed him to a tree.

P: But Jesus lovingly went for us, to give his life for sin in such misery;

C: So that through his cross and empty tomb we have total victory!

P: And today Jesus is vindicated! He is innocent of all crimes! He rose from the grave!

C: All in Jesus share his success; we are saints and no longer slaves!

P: As your people we don't fear death, the devil, or this wicked world of insurrection —

C: Our Jesus lives; and his life guarantees our own resurrection.

P: So help us to stand firm dear Lord; to give ourselves fully to your labor

C: Because your work is never in vain, and on us rests your favor.