

# St. Timothy's Banner

*Easter 2021*



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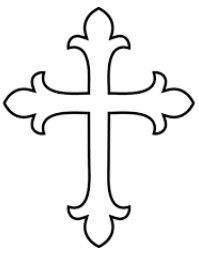
Jn. 20:17 “I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God”.

## The Joining

By Do Fox

The joining of My Spirit  
To your spirit, is why I came.  
We foresaw this, the Father and I,  
Before the creation of the world.  
We watched history unfold  
Until the time was right for Me  
To come into this world,  
And into the heart of man.  
The prophets spoke of this  
Before it happened, so you could see  
The larger plan before I came.  
It is the darkness in your spirit  
That struggles against the Light.  
But My Light overcomes this  
As you turn your heart towards Me.  
Come, for the way has been prepared,  
And Our longing for you  
To be with Us never changes.  
The Light only grows brighter  
As you feed on the Truth  
Of Our great Love for you!  
Such food grows into the flowers  
Of miracles as you mature;  
And become accustomed to Our Love  
Which is eternal, and unwavering.  
You in Me, and I in you  
Are an unbeatable force,  
Marching forward to create  
The New Heaven and the New Earth!





## Our Speaking God

By Rev Dan Endresen



I was struggling without Easter inspiration for St. Timothy's Banner (always difficult before Good Friday) when I remembered Do's suggestion of "a favorite scripture" topic. Naturally, I have more than a few favorites. Do any relate to Easter? Actually, all of them do as they relate to spiritual life given to me through Jesus' death and resurrection. I have personal favorites that spoke directly to me with all the emotions that came with it (and which come back each time I come across them again), and favorites that simply gave me new insight as far as doctrine and Church life go. God is a speaking God, and he uses the scriptures most often to speak to us. My favorite scripture will always be Psalm 51, the Psalm prayer put to song (once more) by Keith Green. I heard that version in the early eighties and it stuck in my head and became my personal prayer. God used it in my conversion. That is not the scripture I want to elaborate on today however, but Hosea 6:1-3. You see, after my conversion, a Christian couple mentored me and I was doing quite well spiritually. But after awhile they moved away and I fell out of Christian fellowship. My life got caught up with many things which pulled me away from God. Not being a mature Christian, I was tossed to and fro for a few years until my world was completely turned upside down and I found myself uprooted and living alone in Montreal with no job, no friends, and no French. It's a long story but it seems that that was what had to happen for God to get my attention again. He had to take me from my old life and my familiar surroundings and bring me into a new environment where I would have a fresh restart and depend on him completely. It was there he provided a new mentor for me (along with a Church family and, soon

afterward, a wife to keep me on the straight and narrow) and He started the process of healing my past while preparing my future, training me to be His disciple and servant. It was in that time that he spoke to me through my second favorite scripture: Hosea 6:1-3, "Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. <sup>3</sup> Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter *and* former rain to the earth". For me that was God calling me back to Himself and offering me more than salvation – He was offering renewed relationship with Himself, and with that the promise of His blessing – something which before that had been missing. It took the coming to the end of myself, and a complete dependency on God, for me to get there. "For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin" (Romans 6:5-7 NKJV). Praise God!





## Good Friday Meditation

By Deacon Alan Arnold

<sup>33</sup> *And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.*"

When they arrived at the hill of crucifixion, Jesus would have been weak from the trauma of whipping with lashes embedded with metal balls to bruise the muscles and sharp bones to shred the skin through to the rib cage. The ensuing blood loss would have His body craving for liquid to replace the lost fluid. But He refused the wine mixed with gall (Mark says myrrh) for the mixture was usually offered to deaden the pain of what had happened and what was about to happen. He refused as He still had to be mentally alert: to pray for those who were persecuting Him (Luke 23:34); to bring the repentant thief into His Kingdom (Luke 23:39-43); and to give to John the responsibility to care for Jesus' mother (John 19:25-27).

They crucified Christ at 9am.; by driving nails through the wrists to the cross beam wide enough apart to lead to dislocation of the shoulders, then lifting it into place on the vertical and driving nails through the ankles. For three hours, as He lifted Himself to be able to breathe and to minister to those He loved (the persecutors, the repentant thief, His mother and disciple) He endured the mocking of the crowds around Him, the same ones that wanted to install Him on the throne of Israel a week earlier.

<sup>39</sup> *And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."*

The same scribes and Pharisees that had demanded a sign from Jesus in Matt 12:38, and again 'a sign from heaven' in Matt 16:1, despite all the words and wonders He had provided during His ministry now said: <sup>42</sup> *"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him."*

Luke in chapter 23 says even the squad of Roman

soldiers mocked Him <sup>37</sup> *saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"* All three groups were self-congratulating themselves that by this crucifixion they had rid themselves of a 'false messiah', a threat to their positions in society, a threat to the Roman empire. They were responsible for putting Jesus on that cross, but not for the reasons they thought, nor were they alone in that responsibility. Jesus went to the cross voluntarily, in His own will, in obedience to God's will. <sup>17</sup> *"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."* (John 10:17-18)

And then there was the 'sign from heaven'. From noon to 3pm, the three hours when the sun is at its highest in the sky, at its brightest, its hottest, there was no light. All three Synoptic Gospels record three hours of darkness. Can we fully grasp this concept? When the sun goes down at dusk, we have moonlight and starlight, but this was a state of total lack of light. The Creator of Light had withdrawn from His creation.

For those three hours, Jesus absorbed the sins of those in the crowd, the Jewish leaders, the Roman soldiers, my sins, your sins, yes even your sins, that actually nailed Him to the Cross. For three hours, He absorbed the physical pain, the mental anguish, the spiritual separation of receiving those sins. Jesus, who is the light of the world, was in the darkness that separates the sinner from God's presence. For that brief time in eternity, he felt separated from the other two persons of the Godhead. That is why *"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* (Matt 27:46) And then the sunlight returned. John 19:28 *"After this, Jesus, **knowing that all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."* The soldiers then gave Jesus some wine from a jar they used to fortify themselves on their long shifts at the cross, much like we might use a coffee or energy drink. <sup>30</sup> *"When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished**"*". What was finished? Our sins, the sins past, present and future, had been dealt with, <sup>12</sup> *"as far as the east is from the west, so far*

does he remove our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:12). The Greek word ‘telestai’ means more than job completed, task accomplished, but is a word you might find stamped on the bottom of an invoice “PAID IN FULL”. That is there is nothing more to be done.

There was once a rather eccentric evangelist named Alexander Wooten, who was approached by a flip-pant young man who asked, “What must I do to be saved?” “It’s too late!” Wooten replied, and went about his work.

The young man became alarmed. “Do you mean that it’s too late for me to be saved?” he asked. “Is there nothing I can do?” “Too late!” said Wooten. “It’s already been done! The only thing you can do is believe.”

Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Vol. 1, p. 384). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books. What about you, have you believed in Jesus and what He did on the Cross to reconcile you with God? Are you still struggling to be good enough for God on your own merit? Are you determined you don’t need God in your life and willing to deal with the consequences?

**<sup>44</sup>” And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.**

**<sup>45</sup> And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup> I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. <sup>47</sup> If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.” ( John 12:44–49)**

**<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love .**



## The Ultimate Victory

By Maria Endresen



Victory is gained on our knees first.

This year’s lent season, I came upon a book by Basilea Schlink called “Let Me Stand at Your Side” It is a compilation of meditations, prayers and songs she wrote for the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary to be used at the Passion service during the Holy week. In the introduction she writes: “This text then helped us to accompany Jesus prayerfully along His way of the cross...”. She also states: “The joy of Easter and the resurrection stems from a deeper understanding of Jesus’ sufferings for our sake.” I recommend this book to you.

As I was reading through Basilea’s meditations on Jesus’ battle in Gethsemane, followed by His arrest and His crucifixion, a principle stood out to me – a principle I need to practise in my spiritual journey if I am truly Christ’s disciple and want to live a victorious life.

Scripture gives us a very close and intimate look in Gethsemane at Jesus when He is alone with His Father in the dark of night with no crowds or spectators and even His closest friends, the disciples, sleeping. Jesus is praying but it is not simply any kind of prayer, it is a battle addressing a specific act – submitting to His Father’s will to drink the cup of suffering to the full which no man on earth had ever had to do. In reading that, God allows us to learn about Christ’s anguish and weakness and that He, the Creator of the universe, needed the angel from heaven to strengthen Him. We learn about His sorrow to the point of death. We see Jesus honestly sharing His vulnerability before His Father. Jesus knows that His Spirit is willing but His flesh is weak and that’s why he is taking this time to wrestle in prayer. The Heavenly Father responds to His prayer and as we follow the story of His arrest, just a short while after, we see the outcome of answered prayer. We see Jesus no more in anguish but with profound calmness and steadiness going through the horrible accusations and physical torture. He is not in panic. He doesn’t defend himself before the religious leaders. His assurance and peace amazes even Pilate the governor. In the highest degree of physical

and emotional pain Jesus prays for his executioners, he talks to the daughters of Jerusalem and he ministers to one of the criminals who was crucified next to Him. There was no doubt that Jesus wouldn't follow through to the time He declared: "It is finished". His victory on the cross was guaranteed at Gethsemane.

The principle I humbly propose is that it is vitally important for us to have that time with our Lord alone in prayer, surrendering ourselves to Him, battling the temptation of having it our way at life's crossroads. It could be at times of major decisions that will affect the rest of our lives or in our daily willingness to carry the cross. These times of wrestling prayers – intimate times with the Lord when we show ourselves vulnerable to Him without any pretense but with our heart's desire that His will be done and not ours – will guarantee that we will overcome no matter what comes our way. We will be ready for any season. It will not secure a life without hardships, sorrows or losses but it will give us quiet joy in the Lord, and sweet fellowship with the One who knows what we're going through. It will mold us to His image but most importantly it will bring glory to God Almighty and our lives will bring Him pleasure.



## Praise the Lord

By Harn Yawnghwe

Isaiah 53:12 (GNT)

*He willingly gave his life*

*and shared the fate of evil men.*

*He took the place of many sinners*

*and prayed that they might be forgiven.*

Praise the Lord for His mercy! Who of us can hope to survive the wrath of God if we are not forgiven?

Praise the Lord for taking our punishment! Who of us can bear the humiliation and the suffering?

Praise the Lord for identifying with us! Who of us has not felt misunderstood and forsaken?

Praise the Lord for giving His life that I might live – now and for eternity. Amen.

## "A prayer from the heart"



By Fay Gomes

I was doing devotions on our patio last summer and decided to make "The Lord's Prayer" Matt. 6:9-13, into a personal talk with God. I wanted to think more carefully about what I wanted to say to God, and not just rattle off words to Him, words that had been familiar to me from my youth.

These words came to me, and felt so right to me, that I wanted to share them with you, my Christian friends. I believe God wants us to be creative in prayer and come to Him in freedom and love, so I humbly share this prayer with you.

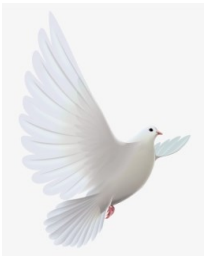
Dear God, my Heavenly Father, Who created, and through Whom all things that have been created, belong; Praise and glory be to You. You are an awesome God, to Whom I fall on my knees and cry out for mercy. Lord, I long for Your Son's return, at which time Your will shall be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Please Father, continue to supply our daily needs and be generous to those who, for what ever reason, are living with hunger, sadness, illness and/or abuse from others. Father, I come to you in the name and the suffering death, Resurrection and Ascension of Your Son, our Lord Jesus, asking for and accepting your forgiveness, and knowing, through this, I am your child. Please Father, lead me away from Satan's temptations, so like Your Son, I will have strength and wisdom to quote Your words anytime the evil one comes near. I praise You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen

Have you ever considered trying to put the "Lords Prayer" into your own words? This, of course, would only be used to explore and develop your own connection with God, on your own time, and not at a church service. God bless you all!



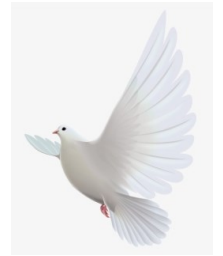
While doing a little reading this morning I came across this quote I thought might be suitable for the Easter Banner. It's from Amy Carmichael, "You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving."

Submitted by Chuck Eason



## My Journey to Christ

By Pat Clegg



### Romans 5 v 3-5

**“We rejoice in our suffering, knowing suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love is poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given unto us”**

How I came to know Jesus and what it has meant to have Him as my Lord and Saviour., is what follows. I would like to take you back many years ago and tell you what was going on in my life, prior to the time of my knowing Jesus.

I had been living a nomadic lifestyle, travelling from city to city, and country to country with my husband, (who was an aeronautical engineer, working on different contracts). He would work for a year or two, or even a few months in one of the major aircraft companies in North America and Europe. This took us from London, England to Atlanta, Georgia, then Montreal to Los Angeles, from Munich, Germany, London, Portugal, Wichita Kansas and on to Montreal again.

Although it was fun at first to travel and see all these different places, I was finding it increasingly difficult to be enthusiastic about yet another move! Especially since we now had two small daughters who consequently were being uprooted from city to city.

After a while I found it to be a very lonely and isolated existence. It was difficult to make friends, being in a place for such a short period of time. If I did form a friendship with someone it wasn’t long before we had to take off again, and once we had left that place, it was unlikely that I would see any of those people again. During this time I was unaware of God, and walking in my own strength!

Back again in Montreal, my husband found work which was a long term contract. Both our children were enrolled in French immersion at school and it looked like we would be here for a few years. However, a few months passed and my husband

came home, saying he was no longer employed and that he would be returning to the United States. I learned afterwards that he had been involved in a physical confrontation in the office and as a result was instantly dismissed from the company. After some stormy arguments, in a relationship that had been very difficult for many years, the situation became so intolerable that it was necessary for us to live separately.

My husband departed from Montreal and took work in California, leaving myself and our two daughters in Montreal.

The fact that he had been on a work permit, issued for the period of time that he was working here, created a very major problem. This not only meant that I was not permitted to work in Canada, but we also had no medical coverage. It was not an easy situation, but we had to survive.

I found temporary work which allowed us to live a hand to hand existence. Thus I began a new life of raising and supporting my two children alone.

To say that things were difficult would be an understatement.

During this time I did a lot of soul searching, because I had a sense that in God there was hope.

We had been attending St. Barnabas Church and although I didn’t know much about God or the Holy Bible, I felt a peace within me, that I now know only comes from the Holy Spirit.

After living this way for four years, the stress and strain of the instability and uncertainty on my life, took a toll on my physical health. I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I was devastated and didn’t know who to turn to for help. I had always coped before with any situation that had arisen, but this was unlike any situation that I had dealt with before. I was looking at my own mortality.

I cried out to God for help. He heard me!

Father Bob, my priest, along with my friend Sandra from the church came to my home and prayed with me. They read me the passage from James 5 v 13-16: “Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are

any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call on the elders of the church and have them pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins (faults) one to another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”

I felt an incredible sense of peace which I had never experienced before.

At church on Sunday, I decided to go to the chapel for prayers. It was here that the Lord brought a very special person to me. She was gentle, sincere and understood exactly the trauma that I was going through. She shared with me that she too had been diagnosed with breast cancer a few years previously, and she testified to the power of Jesus and how He had healed her. It was a revelation to me, as I became aware of the presence of Jesus, and I knew He was there for me! I wanted Him to touch me too! During this time I found myself surrounded by loving caring people who knew Jesus and who held me up in prayer.

The message that I received in my heart was that I was Loved. Not because I was special or good, but in spite of all my flaws. Being in a vulnerable condition, I surrendered my life to Jesus, knowing that in His loving hands was a sanctuary where I would be protected and safe. I've come to understand that God takes care of all our needs when we surrender to Him.

During this medical crisis, not only was Jesus there to support me spiritually, but ensured that I received my work permit and Medicare card, only days before entering the hospital. The practical things are necessary for us, and God's timing is perfect.

After undergoing surgery, I experienced no pain at all! It was very strange. How could this be, when I had a surgeon's knife cutting through flesh and muscle in my body. I believe the Lord wanted me to know that He was there with me, and was revealing Himself to me in a way that I would never forget. I knew then that I was healed from cancer.

I gave thanks and praise to Jesus for His incredible love for me.

I needed to confess the sinful way in which I had

been living, and with the help from Father Bob I received forgiveness and cleansing. I had also been given the grace to let go of resentment and anger that I felt towards my husband. I received guidance and support from many members of the body of Christ. I have a sense of belonging and I know I am a child of God.

God's saving power changed my life dramatically. I now have an insatiable hunger for the Word of God. I belong to a bible study/prayer group and am an active member of the Order of St. Luke. I seek God's guidance and direction in my everyday life and present to Him all my problems and joys as they occur. This is not to say that I do not revert back to my old way of trying to do it alone. I need the Christian community and God's grace over and over again. I have an inner spiritual awareness that no matter what turbulence is around, Jesus will be there for me. I feel that I have been given a second chance in my life, and this time I am not facing it alone. Jesus is walking every step of the way with me. Praise God! Amen.

John 14 v 18 Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."







# The Book Corner



## The Healing Light

By Do Fox

As Pythagoras was to mathematics, and as Galileo was to astronomy, so I believe Agnes Sanford was, and still is, to the healing ministry. Her book “The Healing Light” was published in 1947 but is still obtainable today. I read it years ago, and again, more recently. Her down to earth way of explaining her experiences in healing, and of being healed, throw much light on this ministry, the nature of God, and what helps, or hinders, God’s power to heal within us.

A key concept that has born out in fact is “by harnessing the imagination and training the will, one can arouse and build faith”. (Page 26) A careful reading of this book can help all of us to turn on the light of God’s creative energy, which is all around us, and can be channeled into our bodies to produce healing, through love and faith. Love is the wiring, faith is the switch, Agnes writes. The law of love is explained and its importance pointed out, in clear and easily understood examples. Agnes explains how someone wanting to heal another person, makes his or her whole being, spirit, mind, and body, a receiving and transmitting center for the power of God. This is a process that can be experienced by anyone hungry for God and His Loving way of doing things.

In a stunning final chapter, Agnes shows how prayer for a hurting world can be made more effective; by fully engaging our spiritual and mental faculties to serve God and help, by His Grace, to bring about His Kingdom of love and peace on earth. By this we will be doing His will, as Jesus gently guides the way, by the Holy Spirit’s wise counsel.

May everyone, reading this book, be hugely blessed by it, and become a richer blessing to others, for the glory of our loving Creator.

## His Resurrection Destiny

By Oswald Chambers

Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? —Luke 24:26  
Our Lord’s Cross is the gateway into His life. His resurrection means that He has the power to convey His life to me. When I was born again, I received the very life of the risen Lord from Jesus Himself. Christ’s resurrection destiny— His foreordained purpose— was to bring “many sons to glory” (Hebrews 2:10). The fulfilling of His destiny gives Him the right to make us sons and daughters of God. We never have exactly the same relationship to God that the Son of God has, but we are brought by the Son into the relation of sonship. When our Lord rose from the dead, He rose to an absolutely new life— a life He had never lived before He was God Incarnate. He rose to a life that had never been before. And what His resurrection means for us is that we are raised to His risen life, not to our old life. One day we will have a body like His glorious body, but we can know here and now the power and effectiveness of His resurrection and can “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Paul’s determined purpose was to “know Him *and the power of His resurrection*” (Philippians 3:10).  
Jesus prayed, “...as You have given Him authority over all flesh that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him” (John 17:2). The term *Holy Spirit* is actually another name for the experience of eternal life working in human beings here and now. The Holy Spirit is the deity of God who continues to apply the power of the atonement by the Cross of Christ to our lives. Thank God for the glorious and majestic truth that His Spirit can work the very nature of Jesus into us, if we will only obey Him. [His Resurrection Destiny | My Utmost For His Highest](#)

Submitted by Rev. Dan Endresen



# Humour



## The Last Request

There was a 95 year old nun who was on her death bed, surrounded by all the other nuns who were putting out flowers, praying and singing hymns. One nun decided to try to give her some warm milk. She put the glass to the dying nun's lips but the old nun refused it.

Another nun decides to give her some warm milk but this time with whiskey in it.

This nun puts the glass to the dying nun's lips and she sips it, sips it again and drinks the whole glass.

"Now" says another nun, "we were wondering if you had a last request?"

And the dying nun gathers up her strength and in a quite loud voice declares; "Don't sell that cow!"

Submitted by Jennifer Mongeau

## Church Bulletin Bloopers

1. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
2. A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.
3. The "Over 60's choir" will be disbanded for the summer with thanks.
4. There will not be any Women Worth Watching this week.

5. This week's Saints include a French woman Teresa, (the Little Flower), a Swedish woman (Bridget), an Italian man (Francis of Assisi), a German man (Bruno), a Jewess from the Holy Land (Mary, God's Mother). They include single people and married people. Bridget was a wife and mother. Mary was a virgin and a virgin mother. If they can do it, so can we.

6. If you choose to heave during the postlude, please do so quietly.

7. The Honeymooners are now having bile studies each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

8. I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he diets, yet shall he live.

9. A song listed in the church bulletin at the Nazarene Church in Little Rock, Arkansas; in connection with a sermon on God's mantle.... "Let God's Mangle Fall on Me,"

10. On a church postcard: I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior. I would like a personal call.

11. Please welcome Pastor Don, a caring individual who loves hurting people.

Submitted by Bob Sumner

# Activity Page

## 11. LOST WORDS

FILL in the missing words. A well-known Bible verse will appear as you read them downwards.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD and his strength (Ps. 105:4)
2. For \_\_\_\_\_ LORD is good and his love endures forever  
(Ps. 100:5)
3. Worthy is the \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain (Rev. 5:12)
4. I am the bread \_\_\_\_\_ life (John 6:35)
5. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:68)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ shall separate us from the love of Christ? (Rom.  
8:35)
7. Blessed is the man who \_\_\_\_\_ refuge in him (Ps. 34:8)
8. He [the hired hand] abandons the sheep and runs  
\_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:12)
9. I am \_\_\_\_\_ gate for the sheep (John 10:7)
10. The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 John 1:7)
11. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Nazareth is passing by (Luke 18:37)
12. I am the true vine, and my Father is \_\_\_\_\_ gardener  
(John 15:1)
13. God so loved the \_\_\_\_\_ that he gave his one and only  
Son (John 3:16)

# Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness  
Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end  
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair  
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death  
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

