



**We praise you for the abundant life with which you bless us, and for all the beauty that surrounds us.**

**We praise you for your Son Jesus, and the new life promised in his resurrection.**

**We praise you for your Spirit at work in our lives and the world, to restore and redeem your broken people and world, and strengthen our hope that right will triumph over wrong, good over evil, and life over death.**

**May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to all. And may we always be aware that Christ, Our Risen Savior, is always by our side and the side of the last and least, to strengthen and guide.**

**God of steadfast love, as we worship you, we humbly accept your gift of new life in Christ.**

**All praise, honour and glory be yours, O God, now and evermore. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Christ is Alive VU 158

### **Prayer for Understanding**

O God of Resurrection, send your Holy Spirit upon us now, so that as your Word is read and preached, we might hear, understand, and believe. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 133  
John 20:19-31

### **Sermon**

**Hymn:** You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen VU 185

