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(sung to the tune of Morning Has Broken)

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Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

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Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
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## Pastoral Prayer

We give you thanks for our baptism, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. We give thanks for those who brought us to faith, who inspired us by word and example. We pray for the church's outreach, for all who are un-baptized, for all who have never heard the gospel clearly. We pray for preachers, for prophets, for all who reveal your presence. Lord, as we dwell in you, **may we know that you dwell in us.**

We pray for all who provide us with our needs. We pray for farmers and fishermen, for providers of food and security. We pray for our police and ambulance service, for all who protect us. Lord, as we dwell in you, **may we know that you well in us.**

We remember before you our parents and our grandparents. We pray for our children and our grandchildren. We pray for the place where we were baptized. We remember the people living along the river Jordan. Lord, as we dwell in you, **may we know that you dwell in us.**

Lord, we remember all who have lost vision, all who have lost hope. We pray for the despairing peoples of our world, may they know that they abide in you and in your love. We remember the lonely and the rejected. We pray for all unwanted children and the street children of our world. We remember those sick or in trouble. Lord, as we dwell in you, **may we know that you dwell in us.**

We rejoice that we have been baptized into your death and resurrection, and we pray for all the faithful who have departed this life. We especially remember the people of this church and community who are no longer with us. We pray that our loved ones may rejoice in the fullness of your presence. Lord, as we dwell in you, **may we know that you dwell in us.**

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