1 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, for a salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors not with perishable things like silver or gold

6 But with the precious blood of Christ like that of a lamb without spot or stain.

7 Through him we have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

1 Peter 1.3–5,18,19,21

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

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