



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,  
and Caring through Christ***

**Holy Trinity Sunday**

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING HYMN ~

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth  
and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# INTRODUCTION

P: Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in

the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# PSALM 8

R: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**C: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

R: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**C: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

R: Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

R: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts  
of the field,

**C: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of  
the sea.**

R: Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name  
in all the earth!

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

**R: The second reading is from  
2nd Corinthians, the 13th chapter.**

Paul writes: Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet

one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# **GOSPEL    Matthew 28:16-20**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and

said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# **Sermon**

**“The Trinity Always With Us”**

# APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P:** Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world. (*A brief silence.*) Holy Mystery, you call us to be your church. Keep calling your people to faithful reform. Give us vision and courage to share your new life with all the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Joyful Creator, you made a wondrous universe and call us to be partners in its care. Inspire delight in the furry, scaly, watery, breezy, sandy stuff you love. Inspire us to bring about creation's healing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Merciful God, you love our enemies and bless all people. Make our hearts yearn to be joyful and share your generosity. Help leaders and citizens use political power in service of your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Compassionate One, you bring about the fullness of life. When sorrow wounds faith, send wise ones to comfort and encourage those who suffer. Heal your people in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Holy Trinity, you call us together to bless your world. Guide all who are preparing for baptism into the joy of new life in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Holy God, you bring life out of death at every turn. We give you thanks for all the saints (*especially the apostle Barnabas*) and for dear ones whom we mourn (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

# **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C.** **And also with you.**

**~ VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~**

**“Breathe”  
By Jonny Diaz**



# **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord  
our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

# THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

# **BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN ~

“CHORAL BENEDICTION”

May the light of God shine on us today

May the light of God shine on us today

May it show us where to travel

lead us back if we should stray

May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today  
May the love of God live in us today  
May the warmth we feel within us  
show in all we do and say  
May the love of God live in us today

May the peace of God be with us today  
May the peace of God be with us today  
May it guide us and protect us  
as we go our separate ways  
May the peace of God be with us today

# **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

























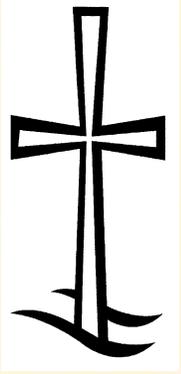












# **Faith Lutheran Church**

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,  
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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 8, 2016**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**



**P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.**

**In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen**



**P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,**



**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us  
by your Spirit, so that we may live  
and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. Amen.**





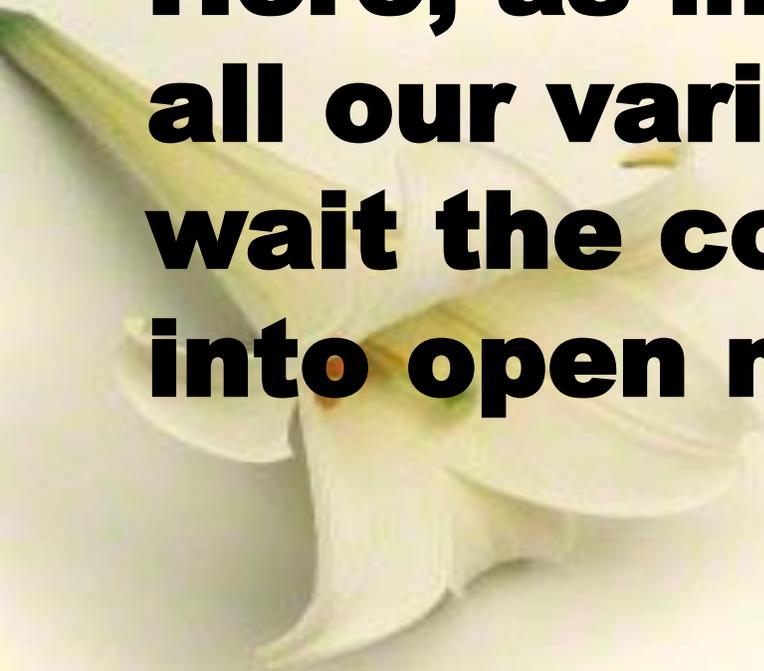
**P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.**

**C: Amen**

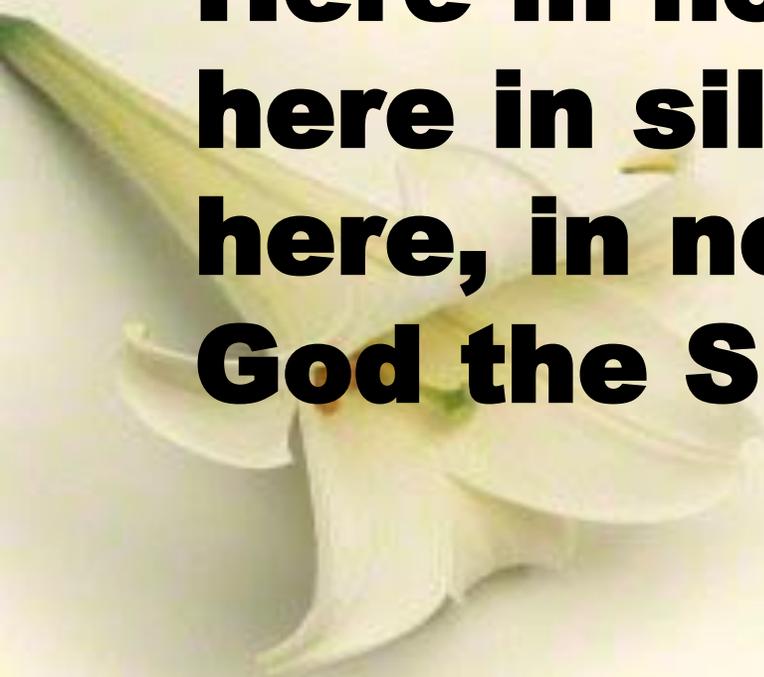
**OPENING HYMN**  
**“God Is Here”**



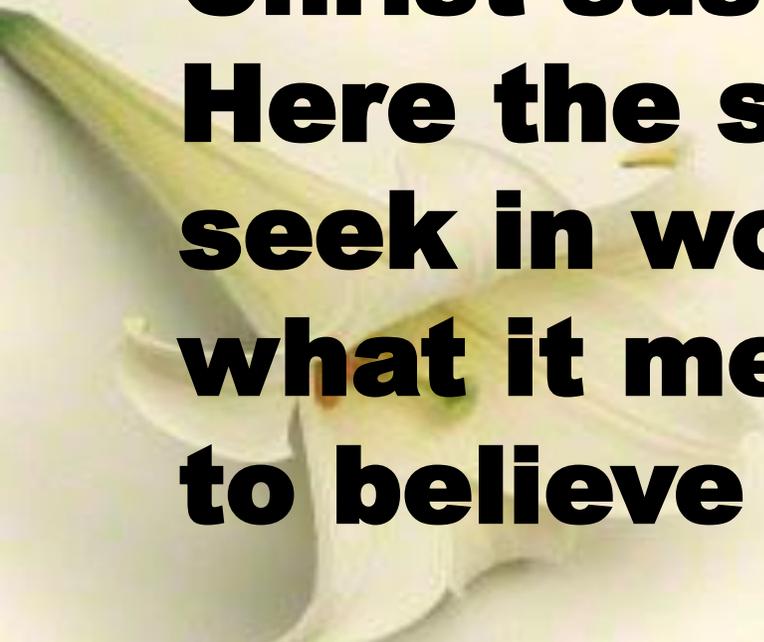
**1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**



**2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**



**3 Here our children find a  
welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.**

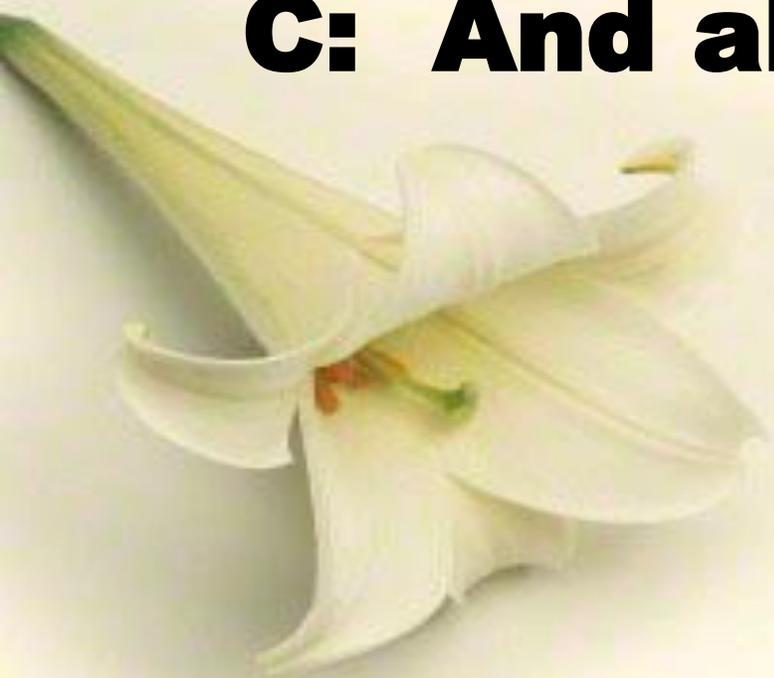


**4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**



**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**C: And also with you**



# **INTRODUCTION**

**P: It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history - to our day - and beyond.**



**Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism,  
we become believers in God, have  
our robes washed in the flood of  
Christ's forgiveness, and receive the  
gift of life forever with all the saints.**

**C: Amen**



# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world,**



**our hearts may be fixed where true  
joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.**

**Amen**



# ***Children's Church***

***After the children's message,  
they are dismissed for  
Children's Church. Their  
teacher will accompany  
them downstairs.***





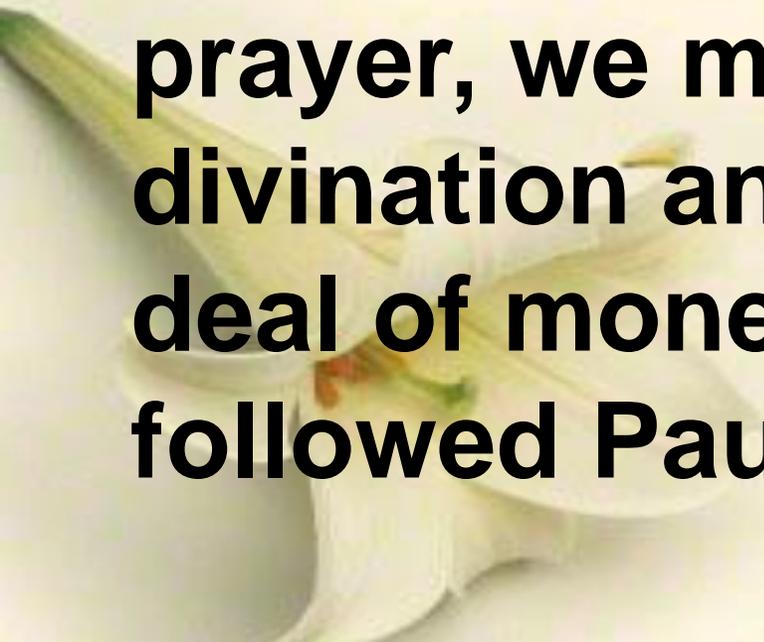
***Happy Mother's Day to all Christian women today! All adult women receive a flower during the service in recognition of their witness to Christ. Any carnations left over may be taken to a mother who was unable to be present for worship today.***



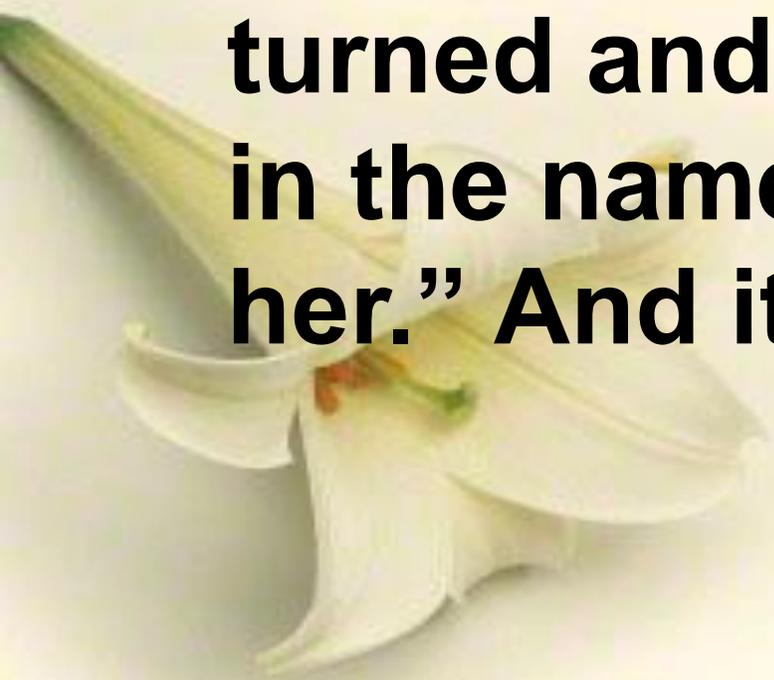
## **First Reading Acts 16:16-34**

**A reading from Acts, the 16th chapter.**

**One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out,**



**“These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.**

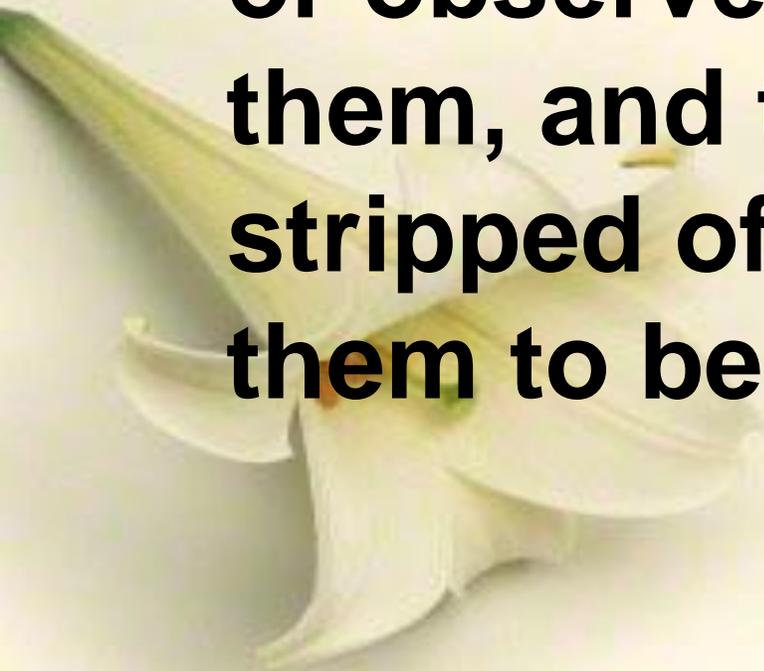


**But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities.**

**When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said,**



**“These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.**

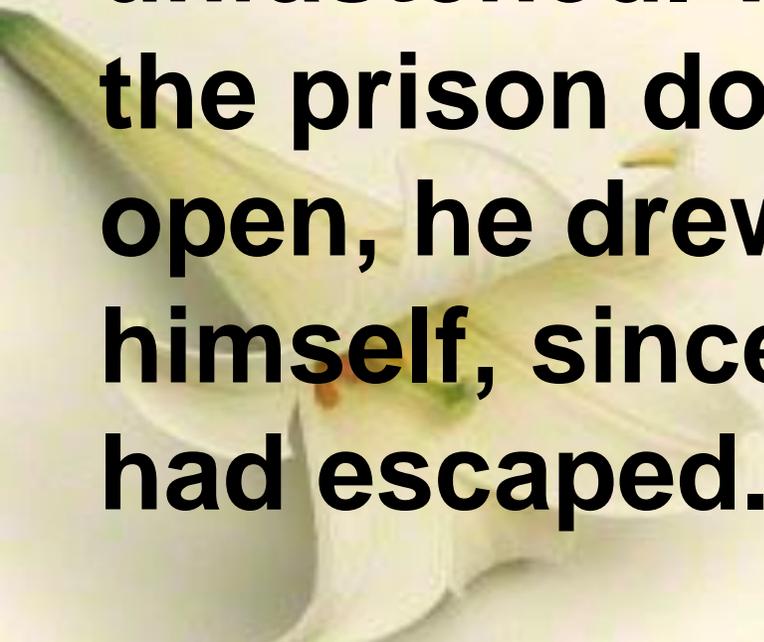
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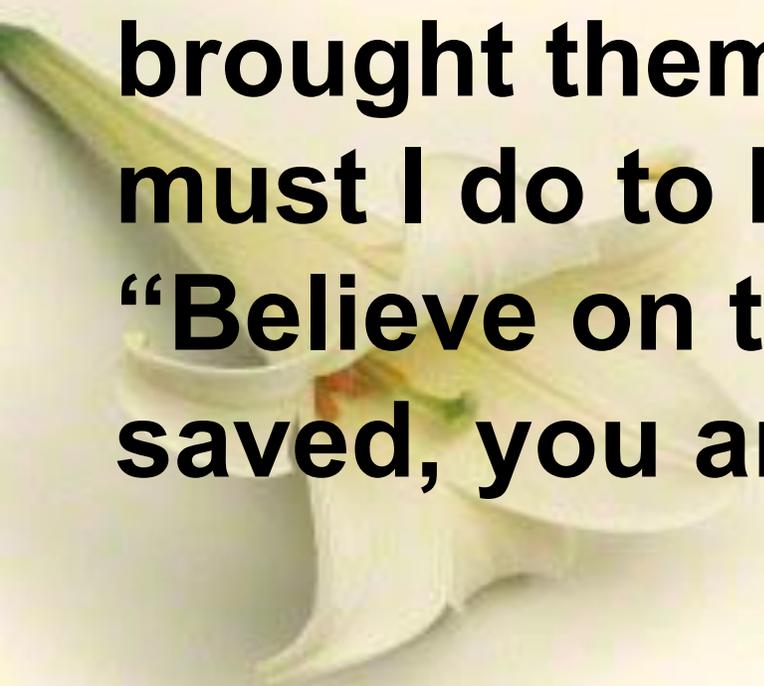
**After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.**

**About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.**



**Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.**





**But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”**

**They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.**



**He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.**

**R:** Word of God, Word of Life.

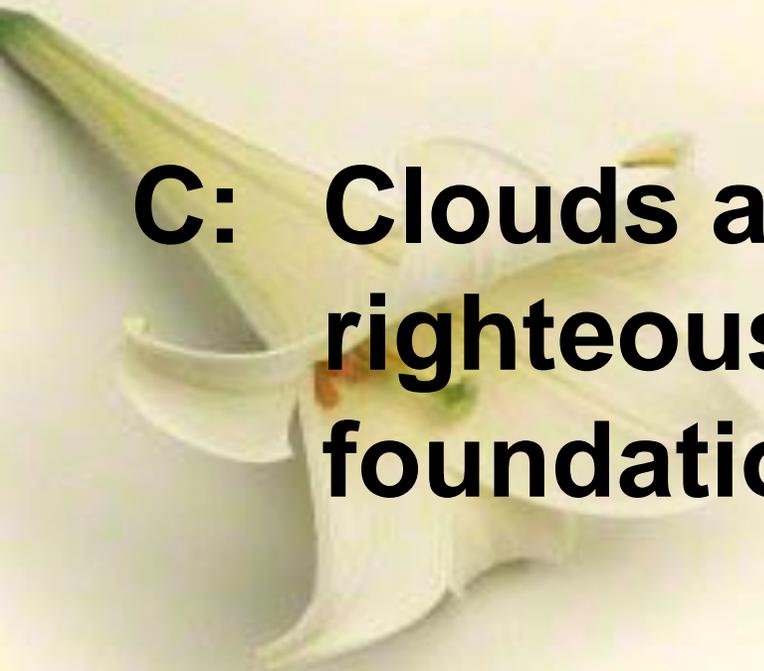
**C:** **Thanks be to God!**



# Psalm 97 - A Responsorial Reading

R: The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**C: Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**



R: Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

**C: Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

R: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

**C: The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.**

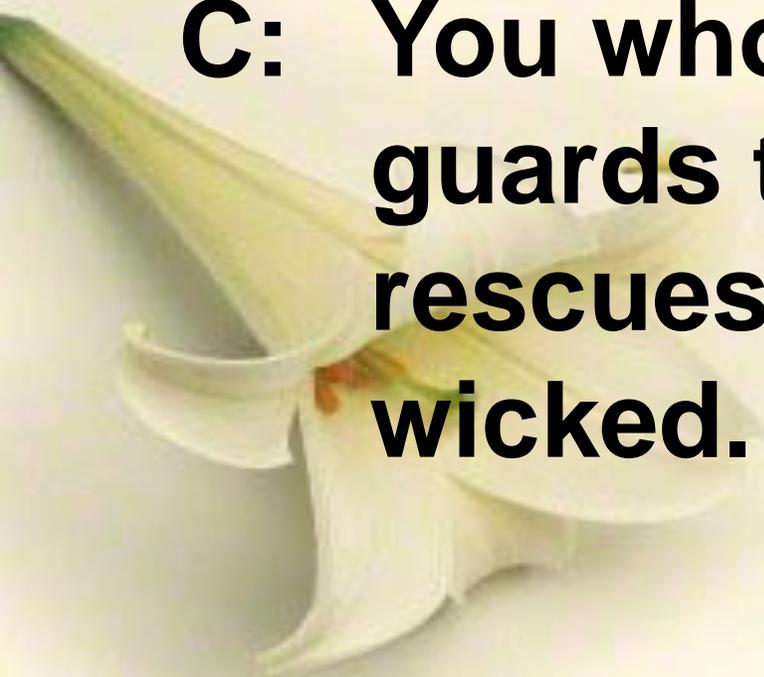
R: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**C: Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.**



R: For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

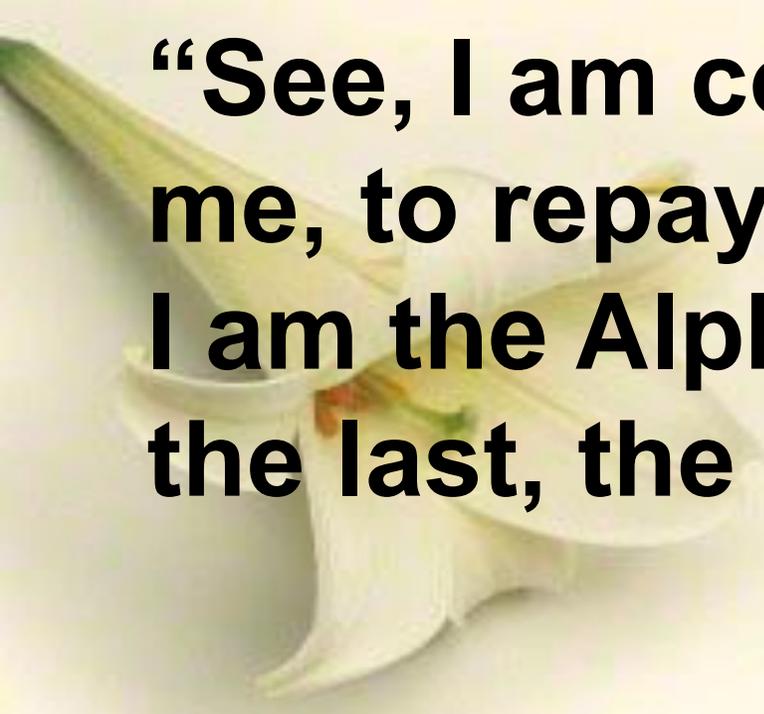
**C: You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

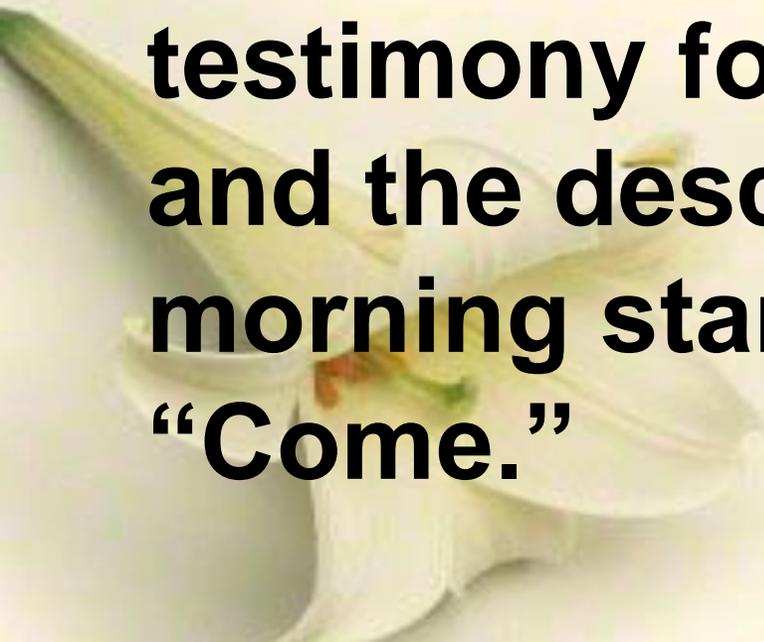


## **Second Reading      Revelation 22:12-14**

**A reading from Revelation, the 22nd chapter**

**“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”**





**Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”**

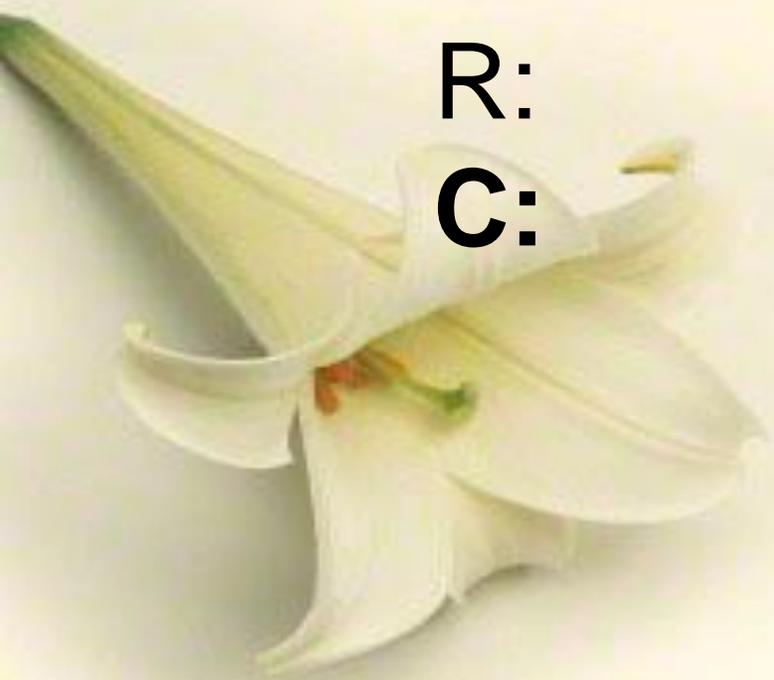
**And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”  
And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let  
anyone who wishes take the water of life as  
a gift. The one who testifies to these things  
says, “Surely I am coming soon.”**



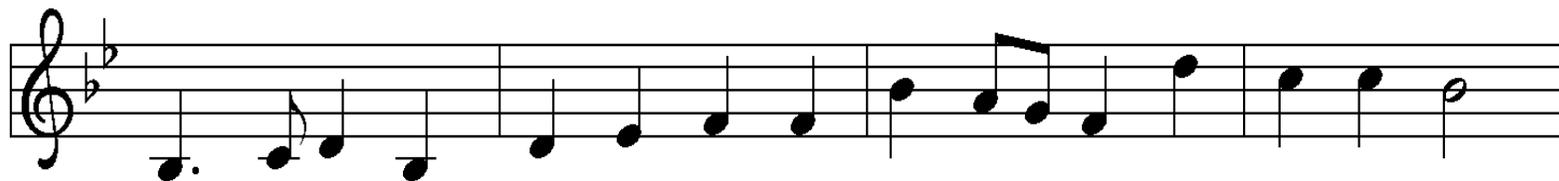
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of  
the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.  
Amen.**

**R: Word of God, Word of Life**

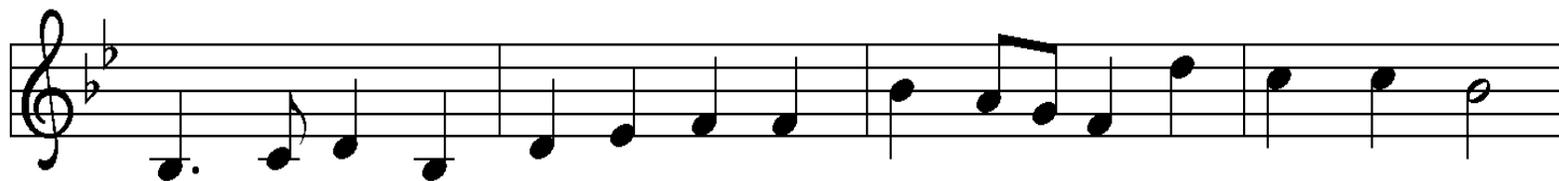
**C: Thanks be to God!**



# ALLELUIA



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

# **GOSPEL John 17:20-26**

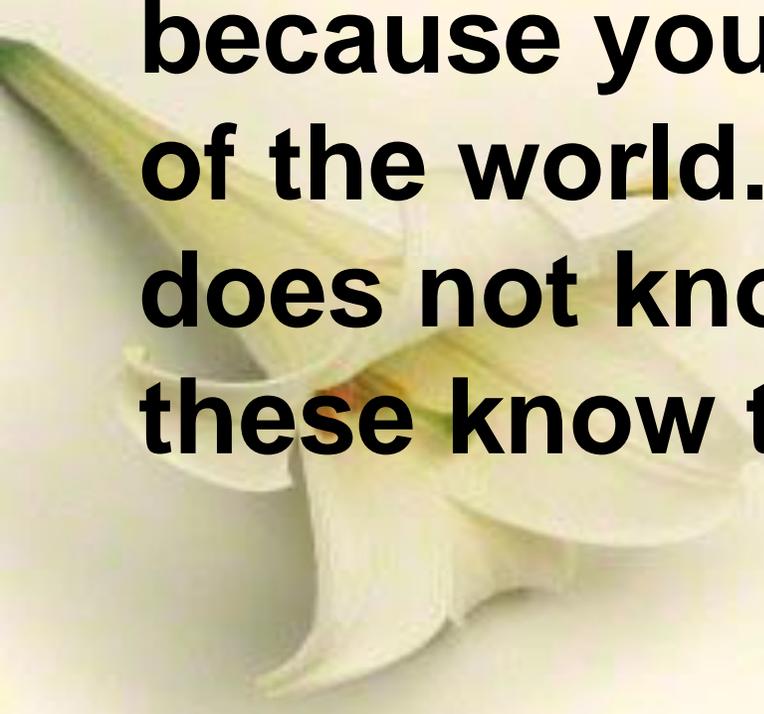
**P:** The holy gospel according to John.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Jesus prayed: “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

**The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**





**Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.**

**I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”**

**P: The Gospel of the Lord**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**



**Sermon**

**“ The Spirit of Unity ”**



# **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

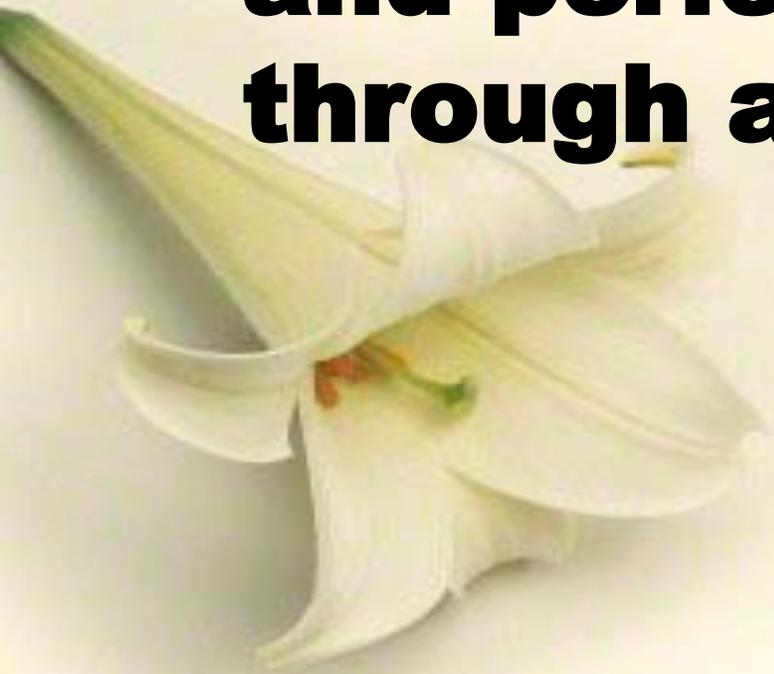
**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.**



**2 Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**

**3 We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.**

**4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.**



# **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

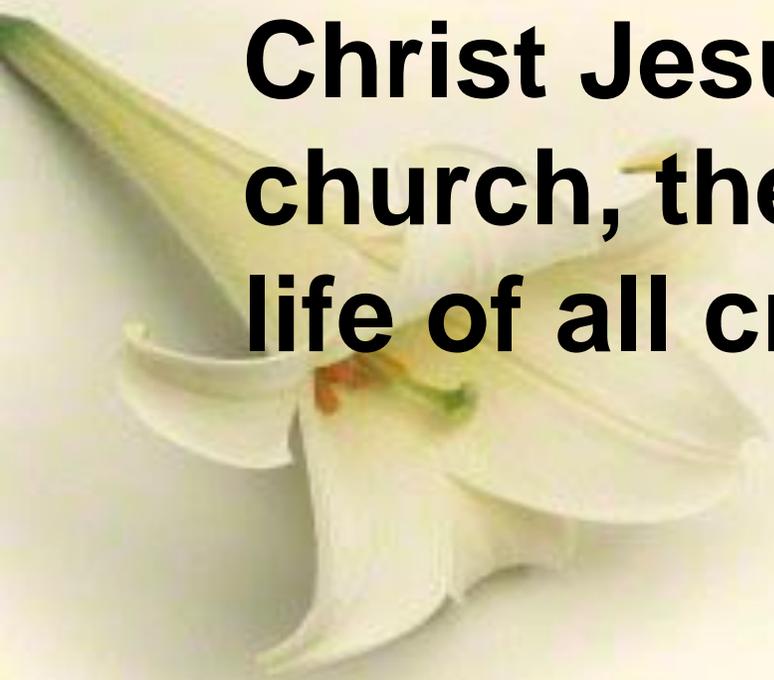


**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



# **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P: Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.**



**God of renewal, fill us to overflowing with the grace we receive in word, in water, in the meal. Draw others to join the life we share in your church. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great**



**P: Declare your righteousness through the blossoming of creation. By the wind's blowing and birds' singing, inspire us to join in the hymn of all creation. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great**





**P: Be the source of all strength and peace for people who are imprisoned. Renew them with the overwhelming power of your salvation, and give them release for their spirits. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great**

**P: Reveal yourself to those who feel isolated because of illness, grief, status, or the prejudice of others.**

***(Especially we pray for . . .)***

***Comfort and welcome them into your Spirit-filled community.***

***Hear us, O God.***

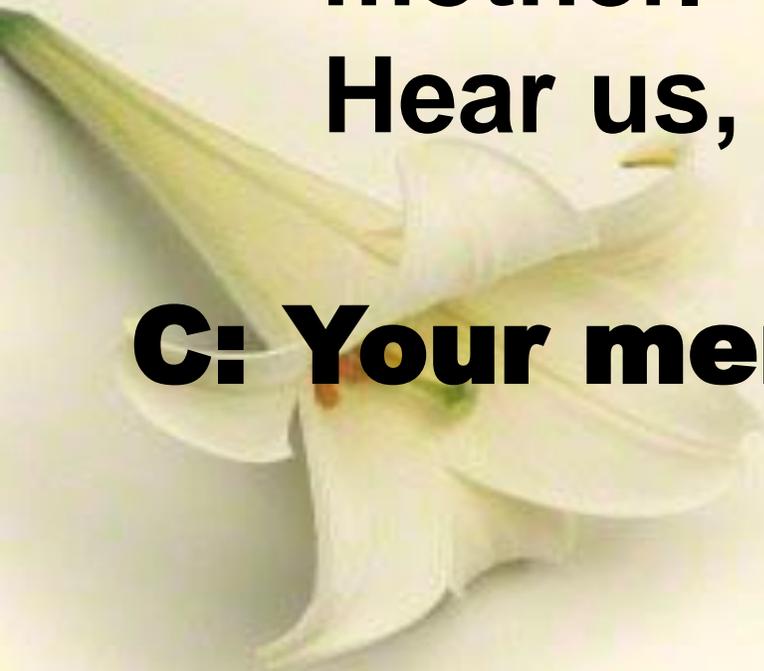
**C: Your mercy is great**



**P: Bless those who serve in a mothering role for others. Send your Spirit to those who mourn, who have not known their mothers, or who long to be a mother.**

**Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great**



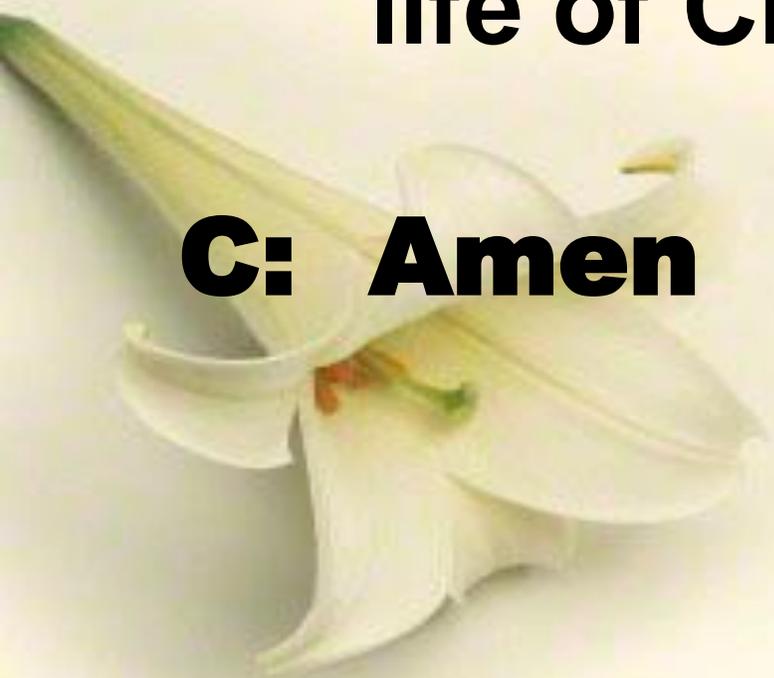
**P: You draw all the saints into your presence. Draw us into the mystery and wonder of your presence until Christ comes again.  
Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great**



**P: We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.**

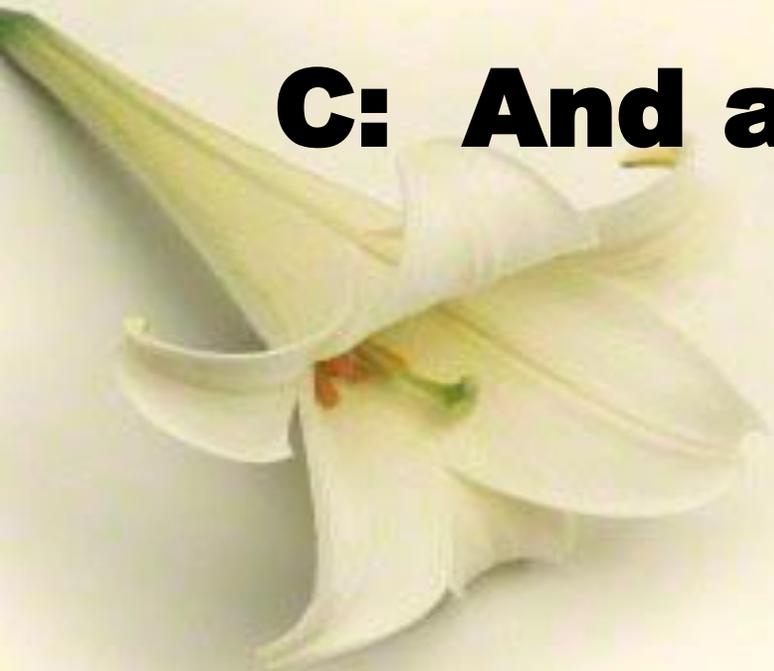
**C: Amen**



# **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P: The Peace of Christ be with you**

**C: And also with you**

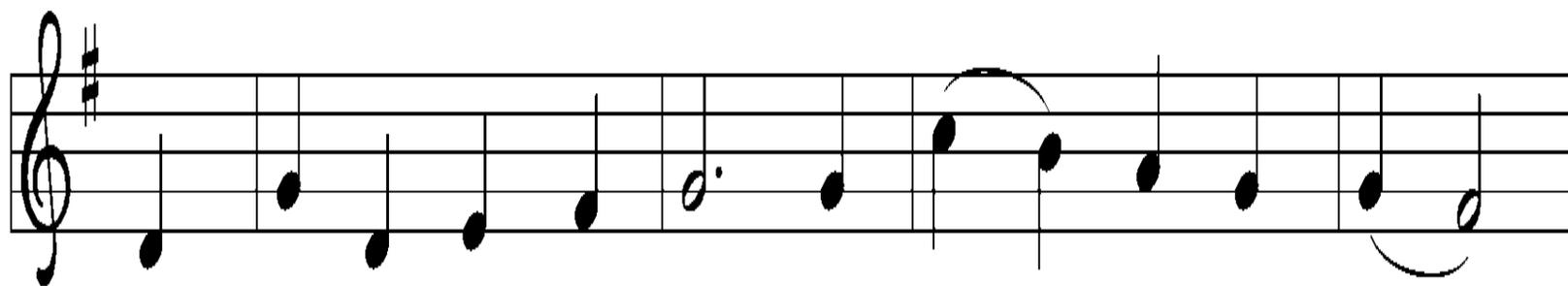


# **VIDEO DURING OFFERING**

**“Jesus Loves Me”**

**By Chris Tomlin**





1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

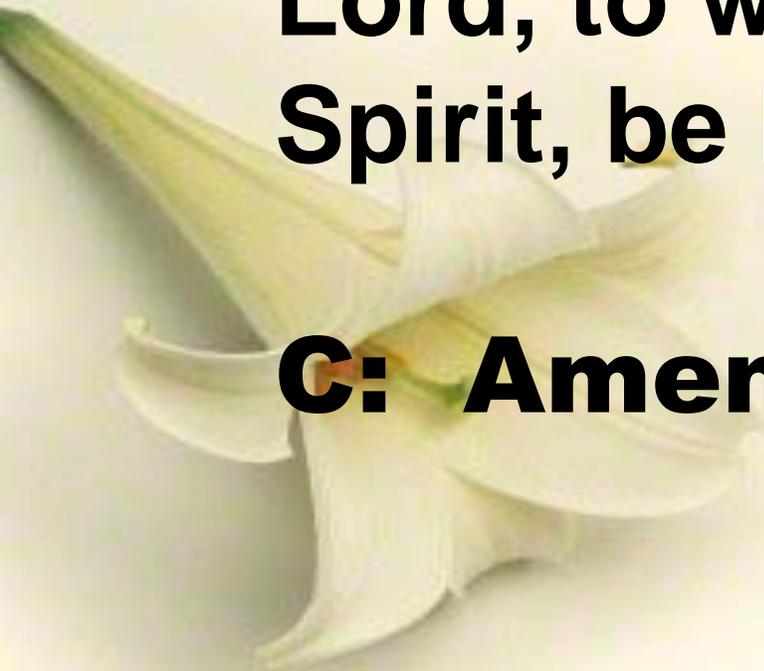


all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

# **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need,**





**awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.**

**C: Amen.**

# **DIALOGUE**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

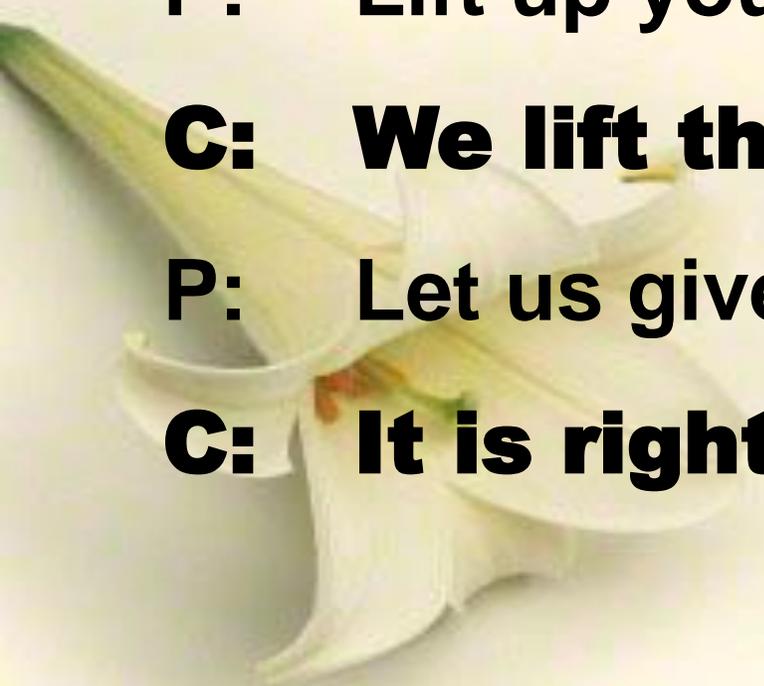
**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



# **THE LORDS PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;**



**and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**



# **COMMUNION**



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

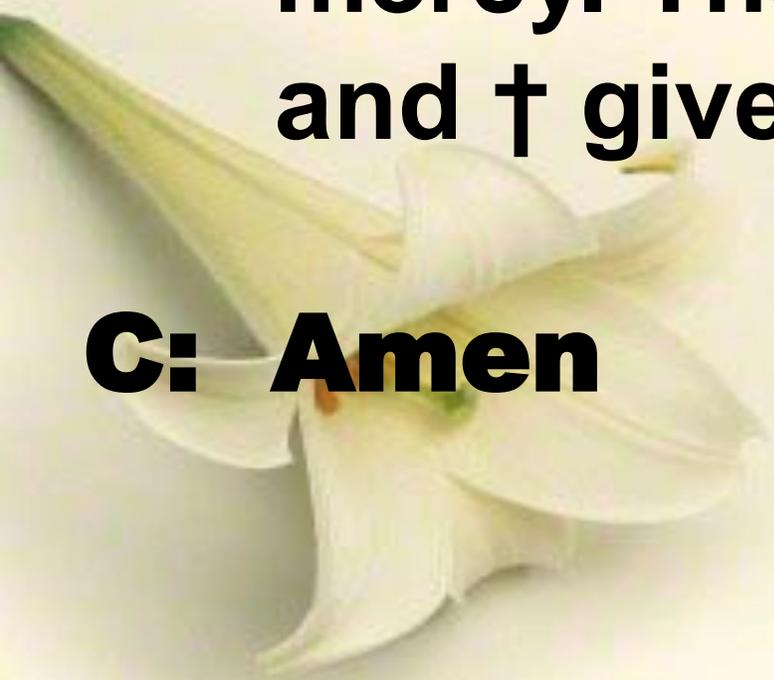
**P: We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**C: Amen**

# **BLESSING**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.**

**C: Amen**



# **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Choral Benediction”**



**May the light of God shine on us today**  
**May the light of God shine on us today**  
**May it show us where to travel**  
**lead us back if we should stray**  
**May the light of God shine on us today.**



**May the love of God live in us today**  
**May the love of God live in us today**  
**May the warmth we feel within us**  
**show in all we do and say**  
**May the love of God live in us today.**



**May the peace of God be with us today  
May the peace of God be with us today  
May it guide us and protect us  
as we go our separate ways  
May the peace of God be with us today.**



# **DISMISSAL**

**P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Thanks be to God**





