



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 20, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(A brief silence.) Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN *“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”*

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!

Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!

Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder,
shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!

Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.

Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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 TO THE DAY

P: On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people.

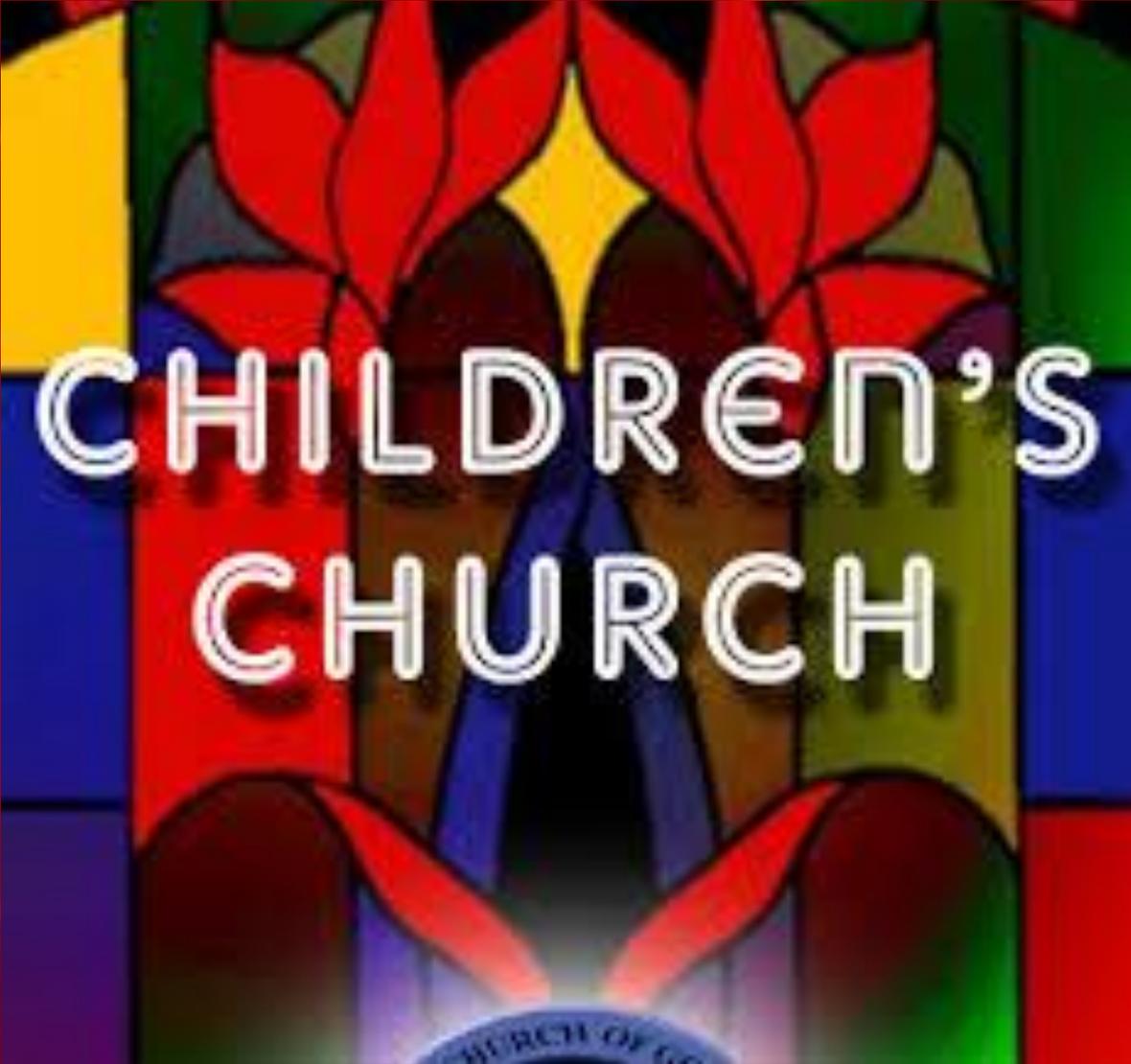
Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us “with sighs too deep for words” when we do not know how to pray.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Mighty God,

C: **You breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

A graphic of a stained glass window with various colored panes (yellow, green, red, blue, brown) and floral patterns. The text "CHILDREN'S CHURCH" is centered in white, outlined letters. At the bottom, a small circular seal is partially visible with the text "CHURCH OF CO".

CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

FIRST READING ACTS 2: 1-21

R: A reading from Acts, the 2nd Chapter

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 104

R: How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with
its swarms too many to number, living
things both small and great.

R: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan,
which you made for the sport of it.

**C: All of them look to you to give them their
food in due season.**

R: You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled
with good things.

C: When you hide your face, they are
terrified; when you take away their
breath, they die and return to their dust.

R: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**C: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

R: You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

R: May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

C: **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Romans, the 8th chapter.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

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

Jesus said, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me;

about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Advocate Among Us and the World”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Spirit of Gentleness”

Refrain

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."**

Refrain

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***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

**You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. Refrain**

Refrain

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole
world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush
of the wind. Refrain**

Refrain

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain**

Refrain

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Those being received into membership may come forward

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.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New Members:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

Congregation:

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.



welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves. *(A brief silence.)* Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Now we are divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Your Spirit has called and gathered this congregation into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints (*especially*) at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit,
O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and
thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***The Congregation receives our new
members with applause.***

SHARING THE PEACE

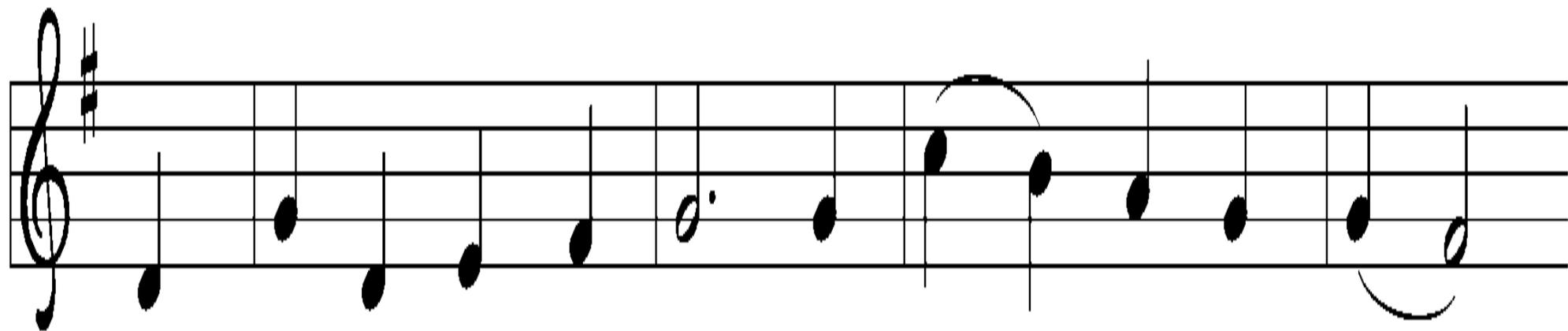
P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C. And also with you.

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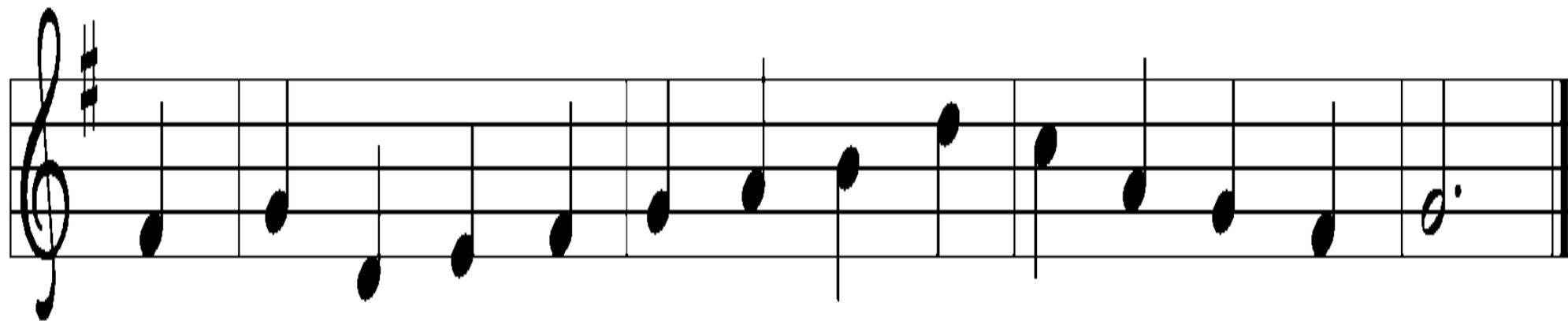
“Touch Your People Once Again”

by Steve Green



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. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

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: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, now and forever.

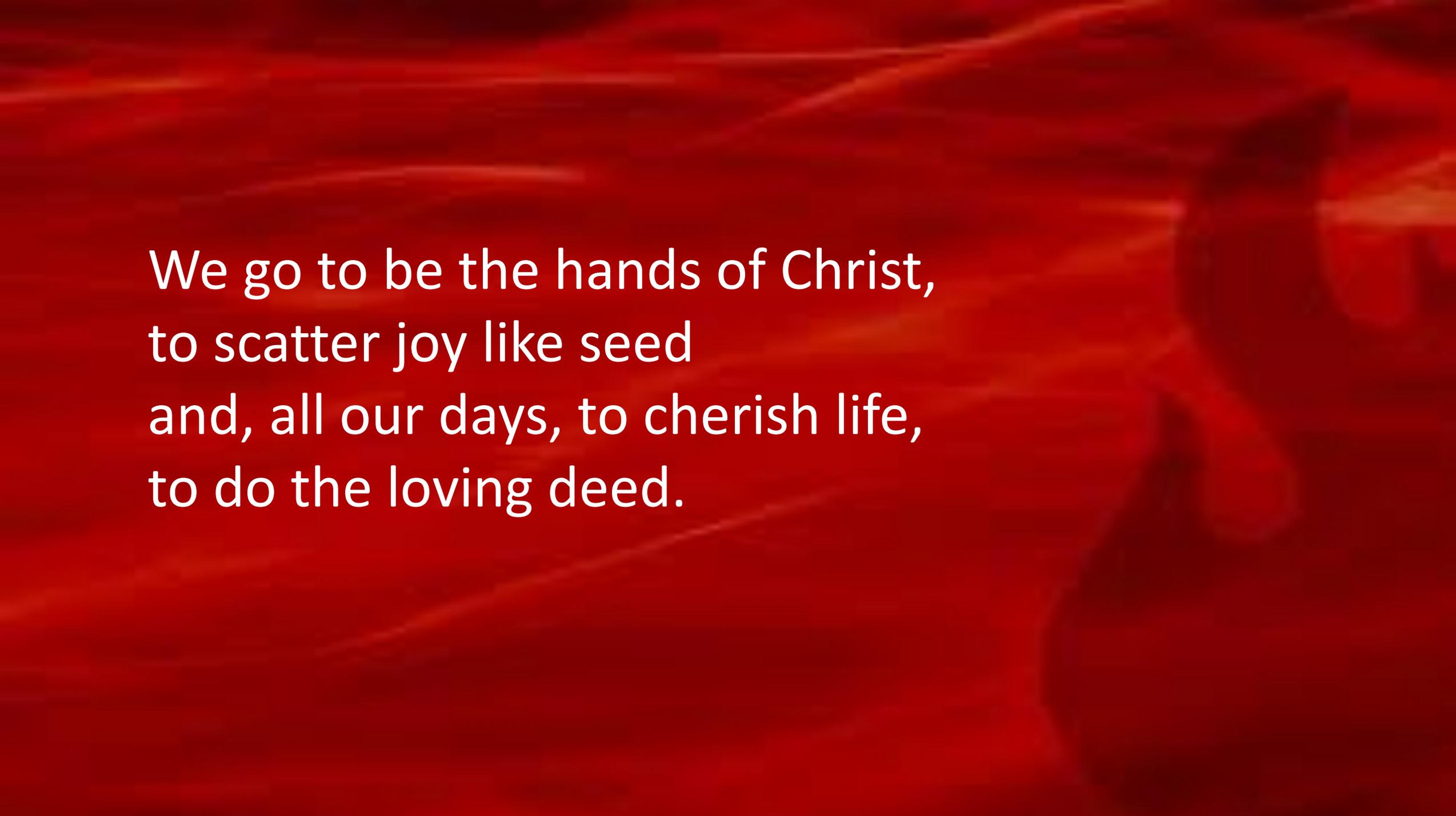
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.



We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

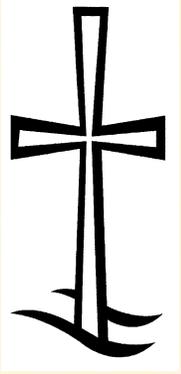
Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.

God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God
with gladness.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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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.**





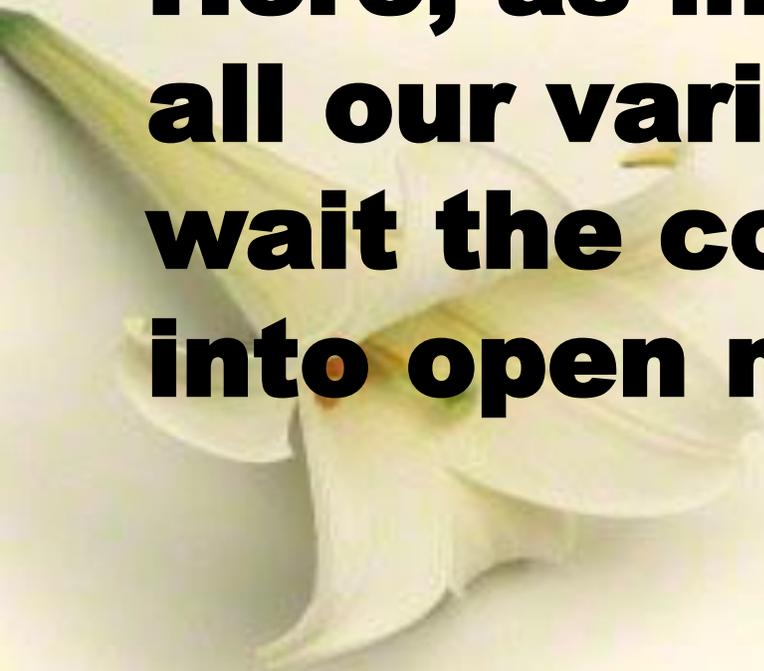
P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through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

C: Amen

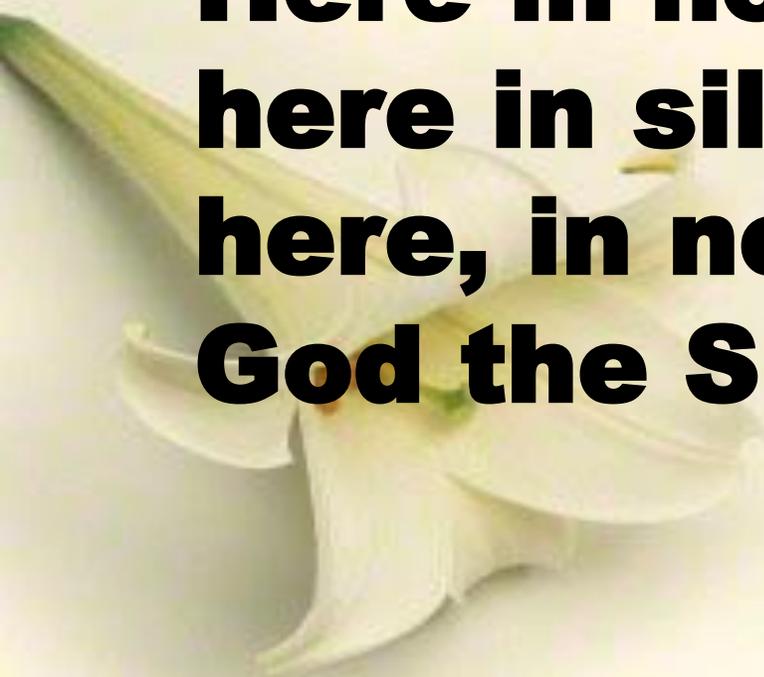
OPENING HYMN
“God Is Here”



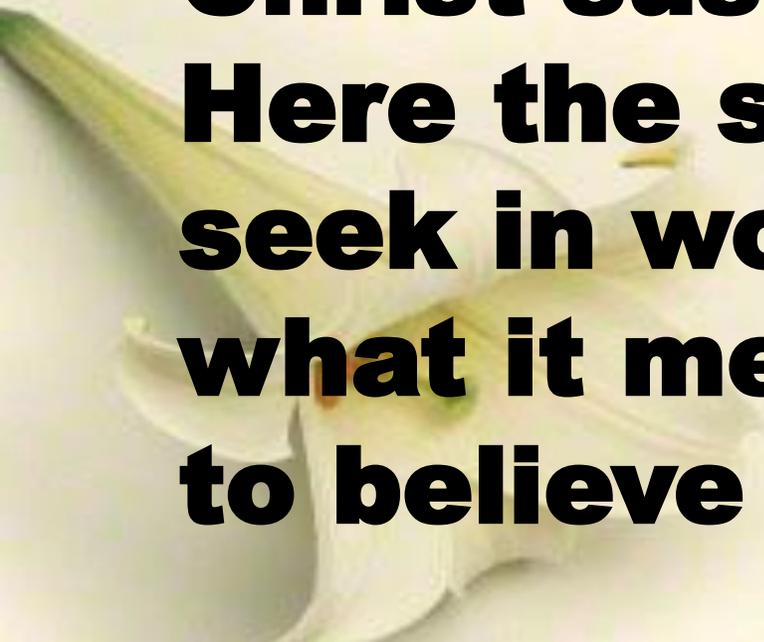
**1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**



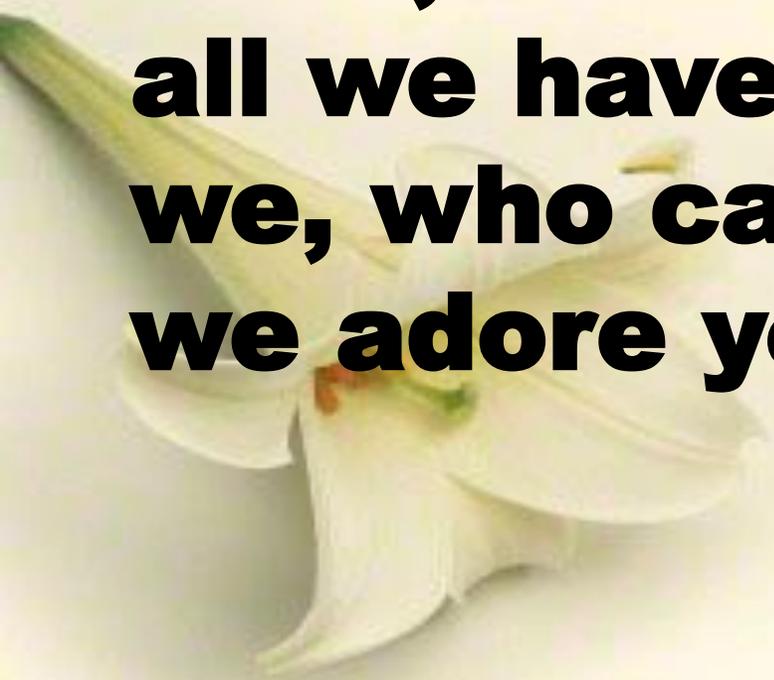
**2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**



**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.**

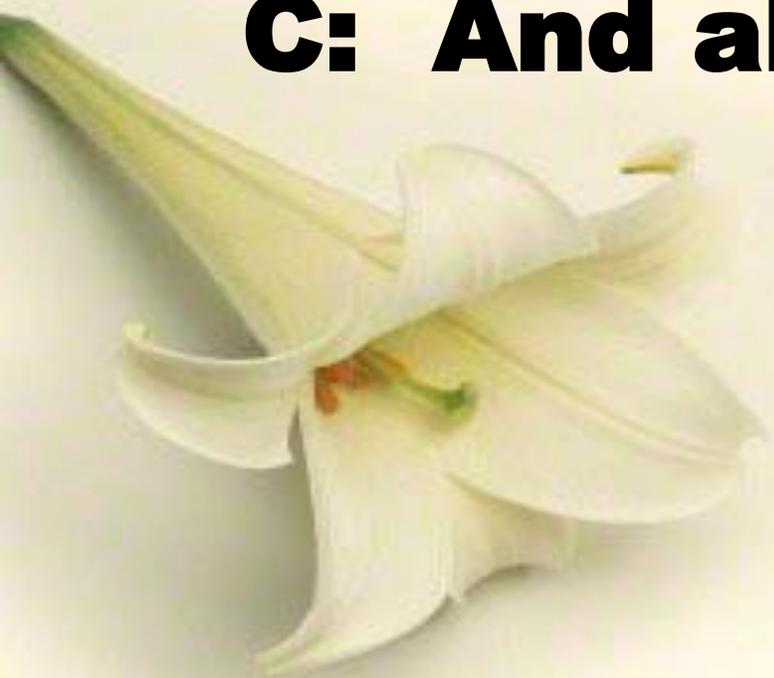


**4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**



**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

A white lily flower is positioned in the bottom-left corner of the image. The flower is in full bloom, with its six petals clearly visible. The stem and a few green leaves are also visible. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Children's Church

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





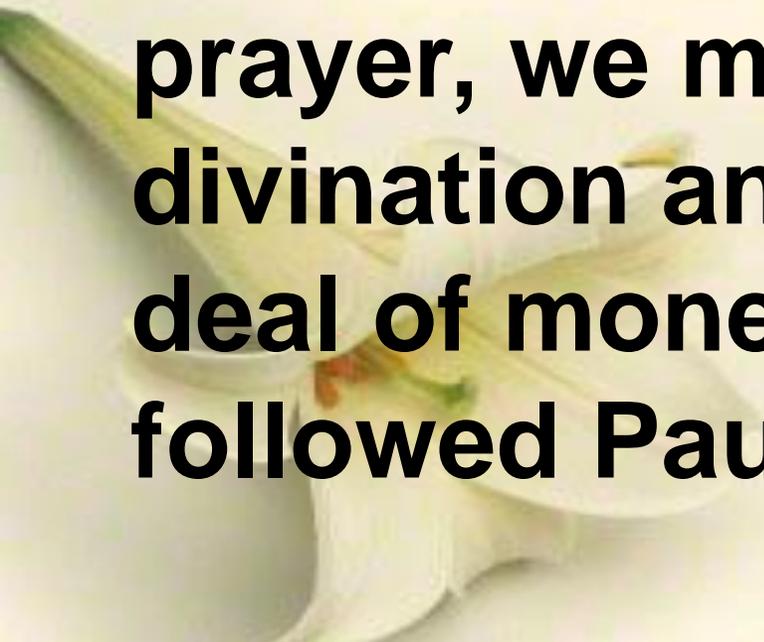
Happy Mother's Day to all Christian women today! All adult women receive a flower during the service in recognition of their witness to Christ. Any carnations left over may be taken to a mother who was unable to be present for worship today.



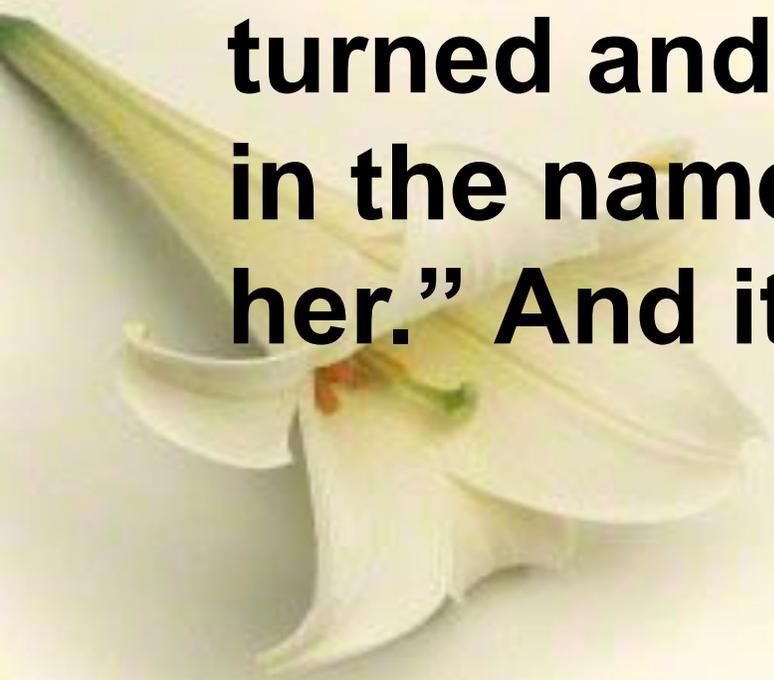
First Reading Acts 16:16-34

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,

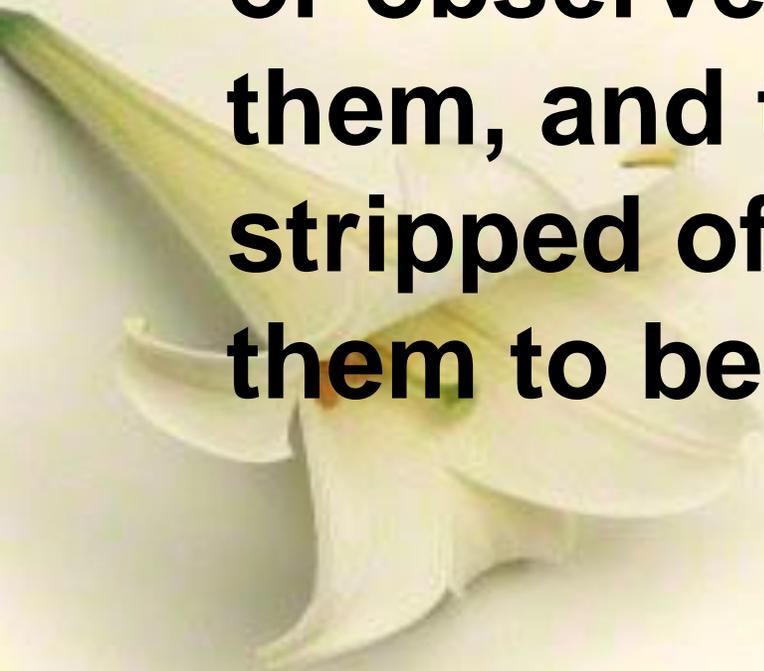


“These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.



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,



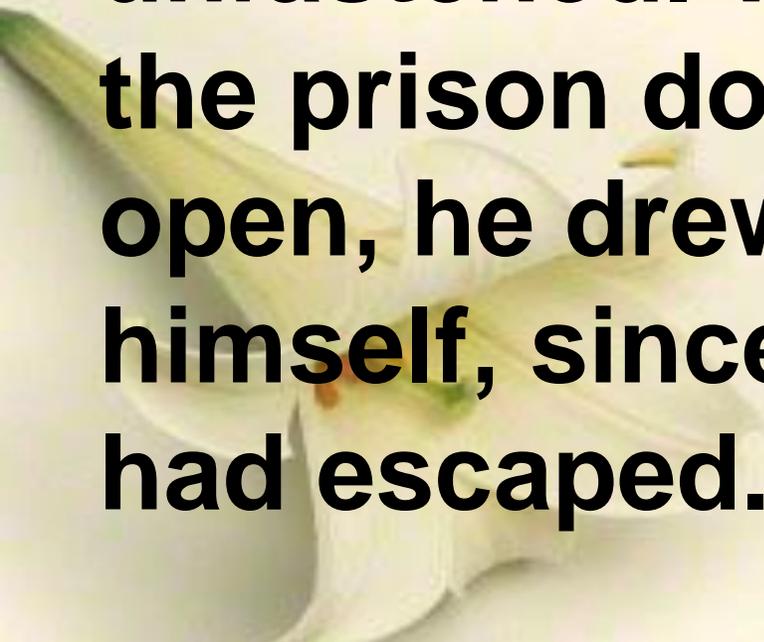


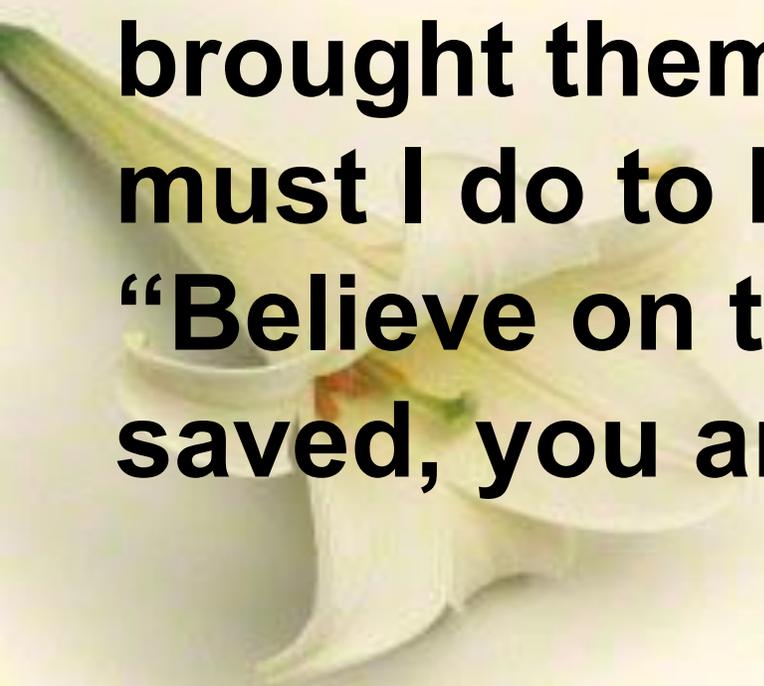
“These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

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.”

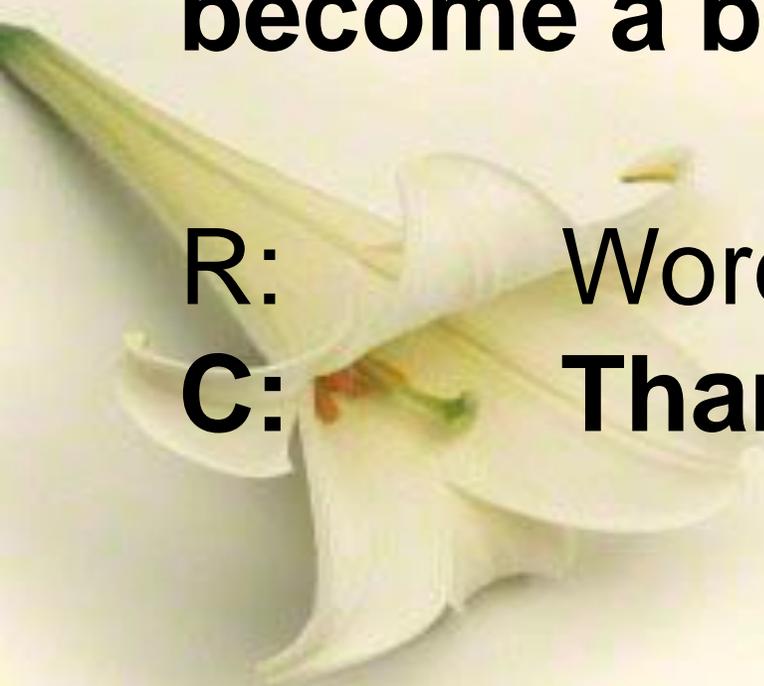
They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.



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.

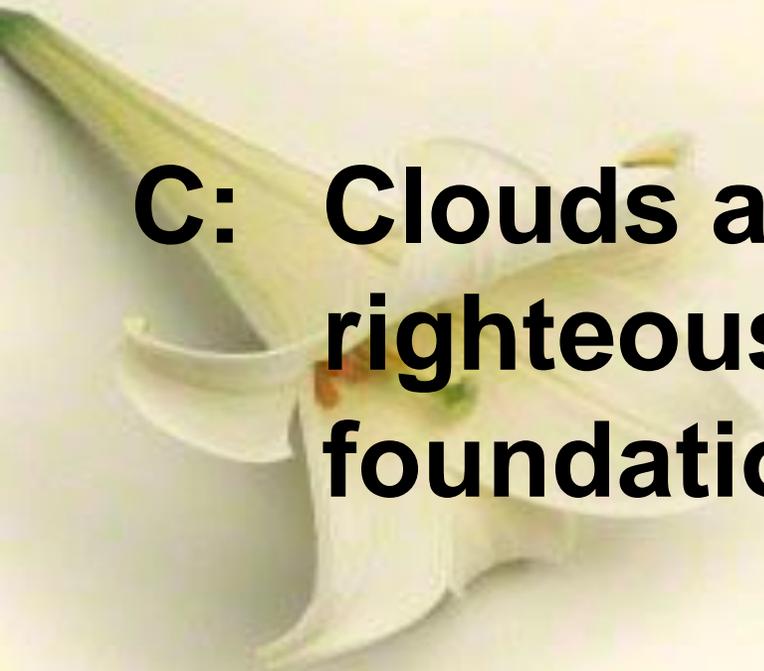
C: **Thanks be to God!**



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.

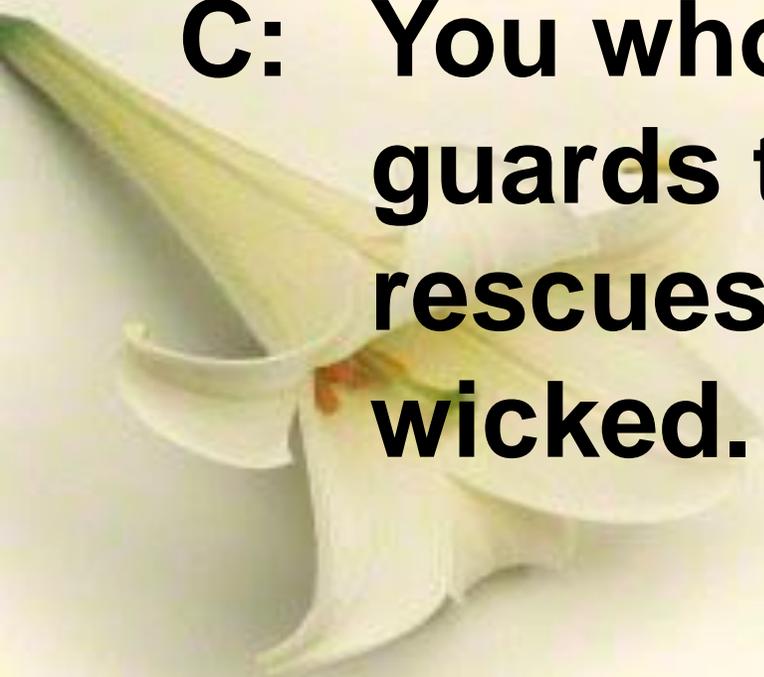
R: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

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.

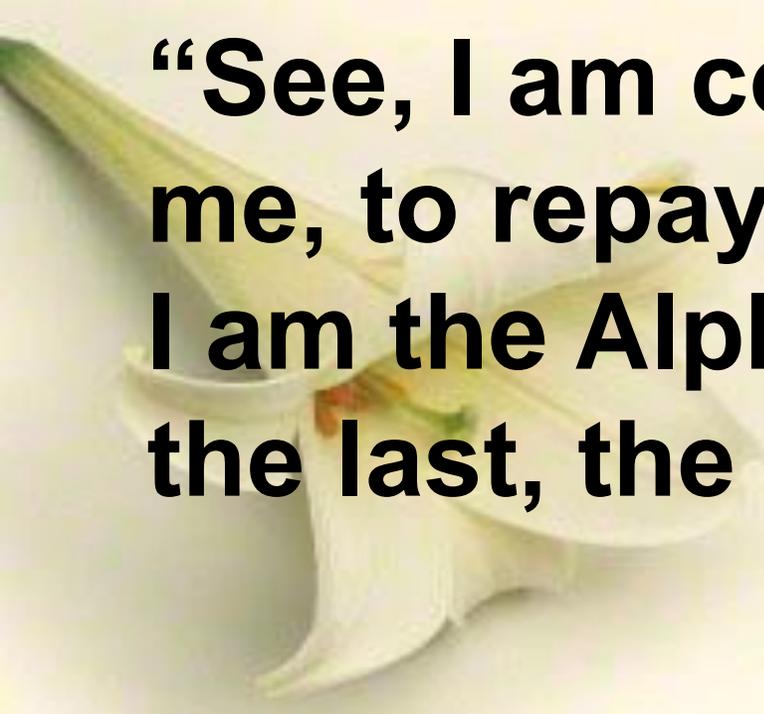
C: You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.



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.”

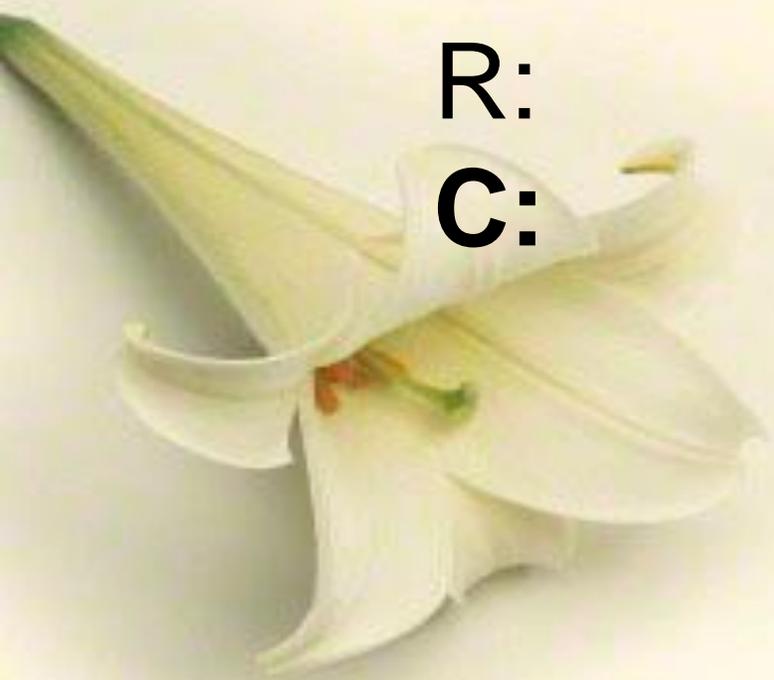
**And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”
And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let
anyone who wishes take the water of life as
a gift. The one who testifies to these things
says, “Surely I am coming soon.”**



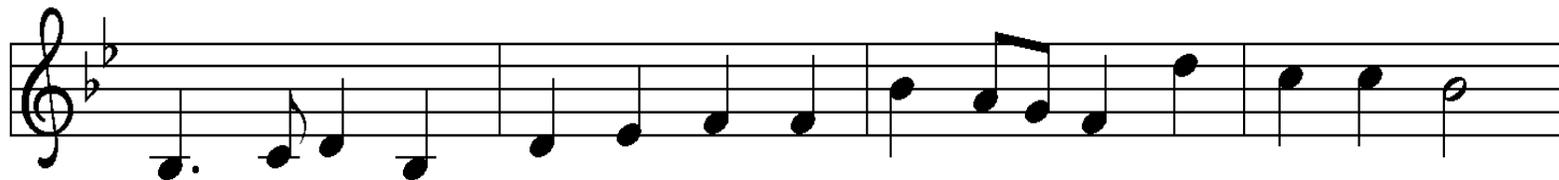
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of
the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
Amen.**

R: Word of God, Word of Life

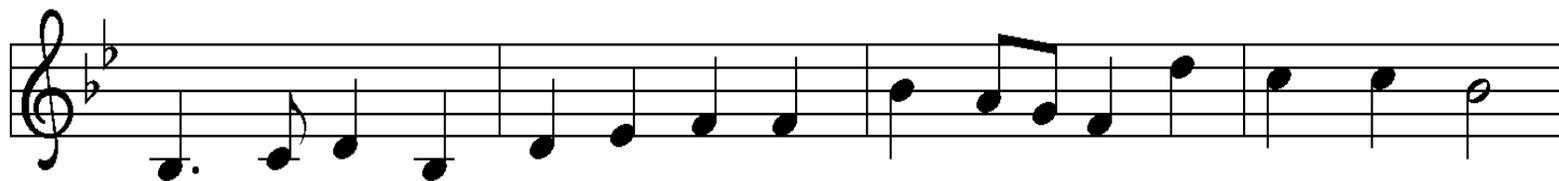
C: Thanks be to God!



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

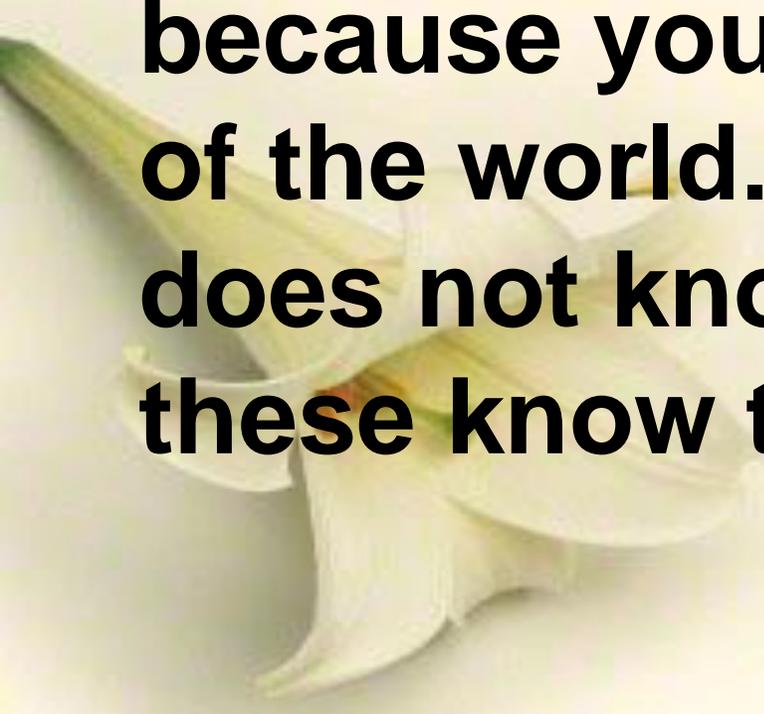
P: The holy gospel according to John.

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”

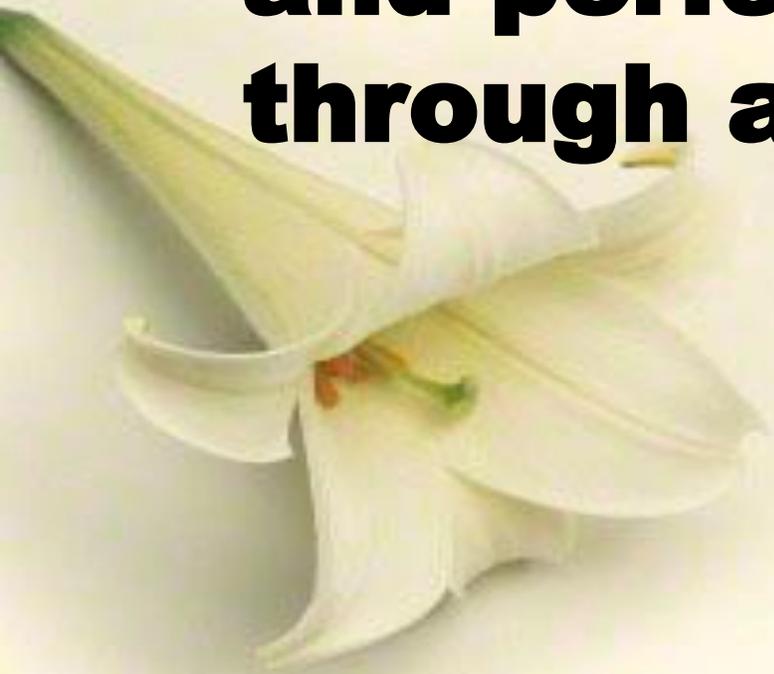
**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**



**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.

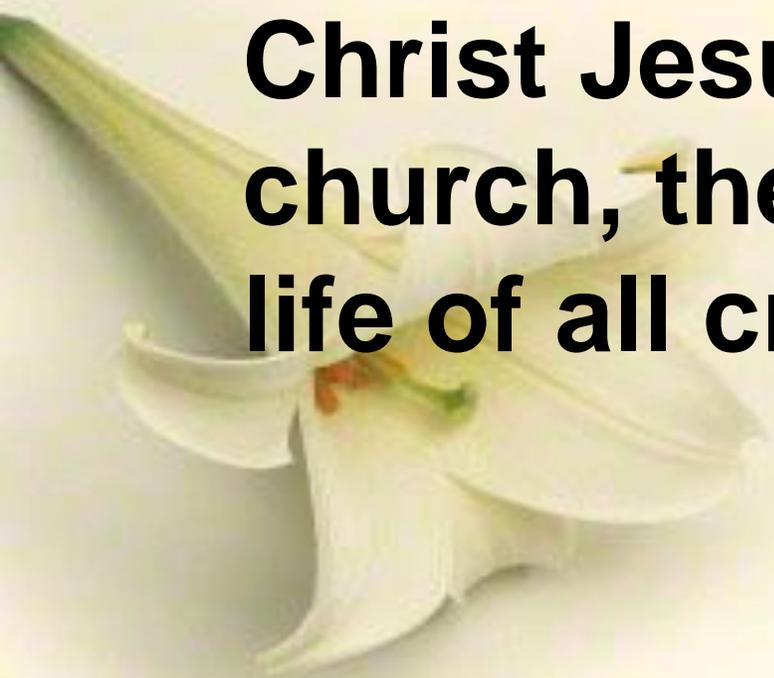


**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



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.

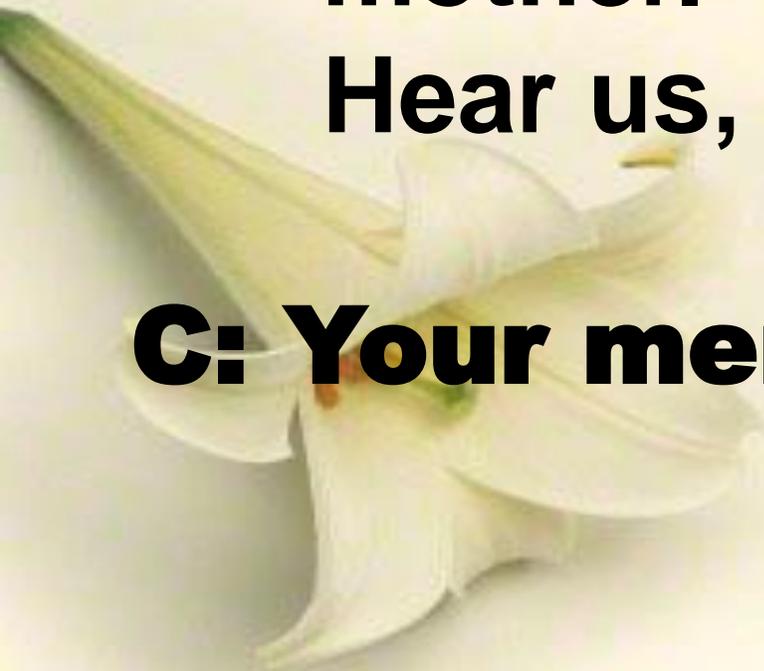
C: Your mercy is great



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



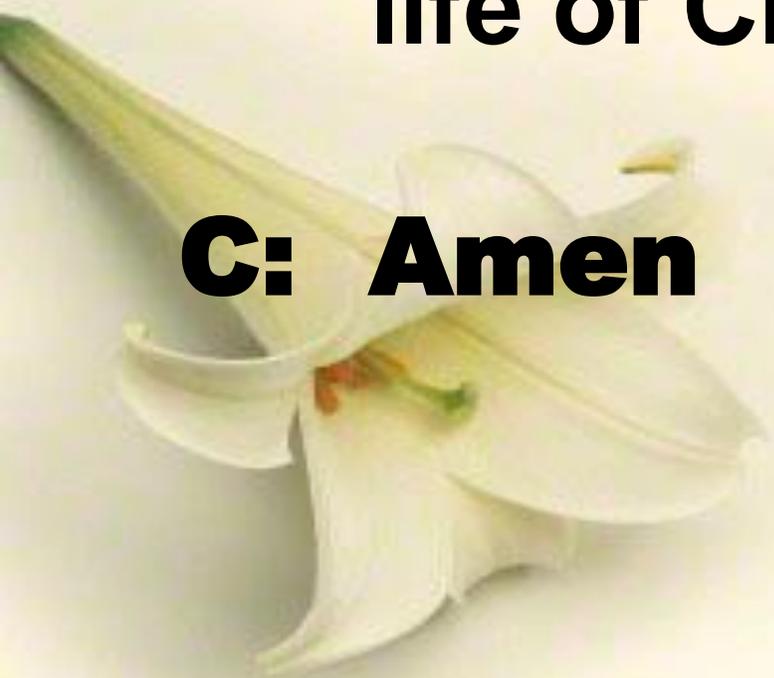
**P: You draw all the saints into your presence. Draw us into the mystery and wonder of your presence until Christ comes again.
Hear us, O God.**

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.**

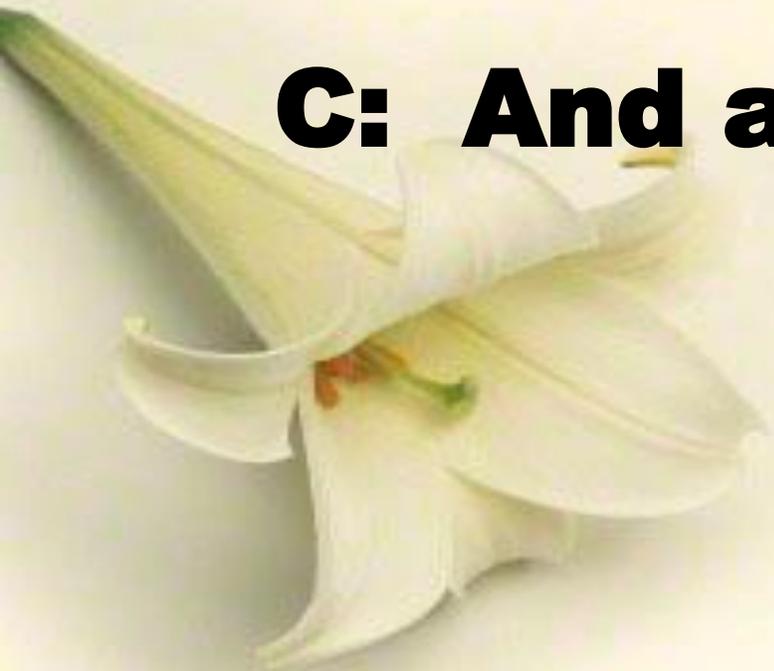
C: Amen



SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: And also with you



VIDEO DURING OFFERING

“Jesus Loves Me”

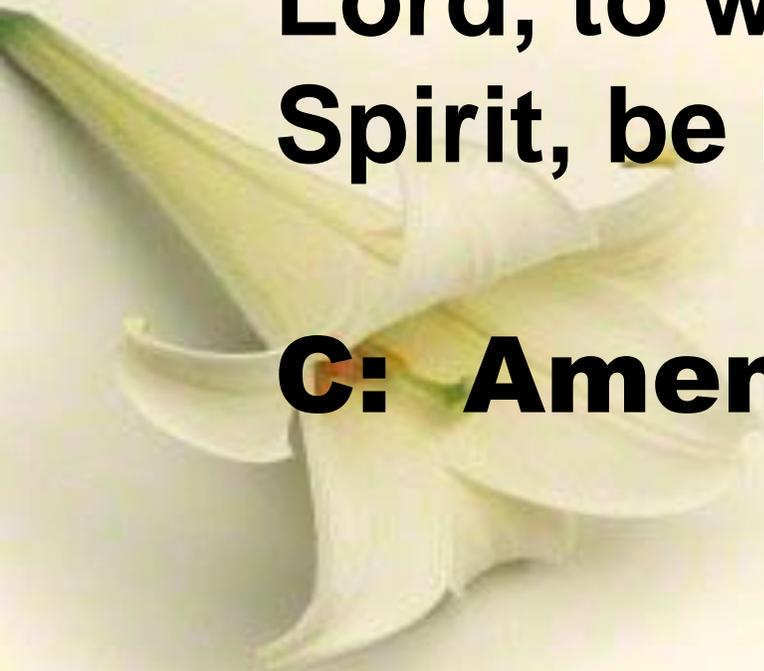
By Chris Tomlin



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.

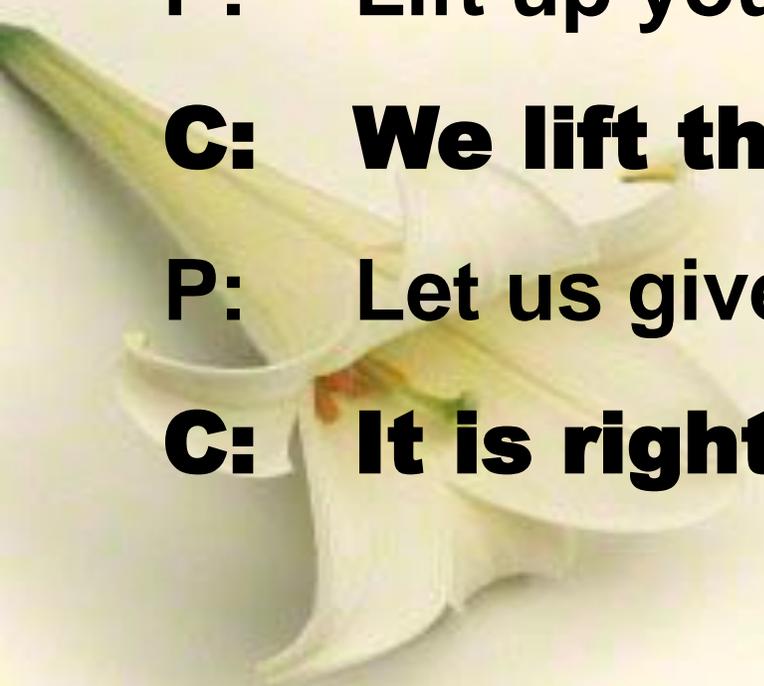
C: And also with you.

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.



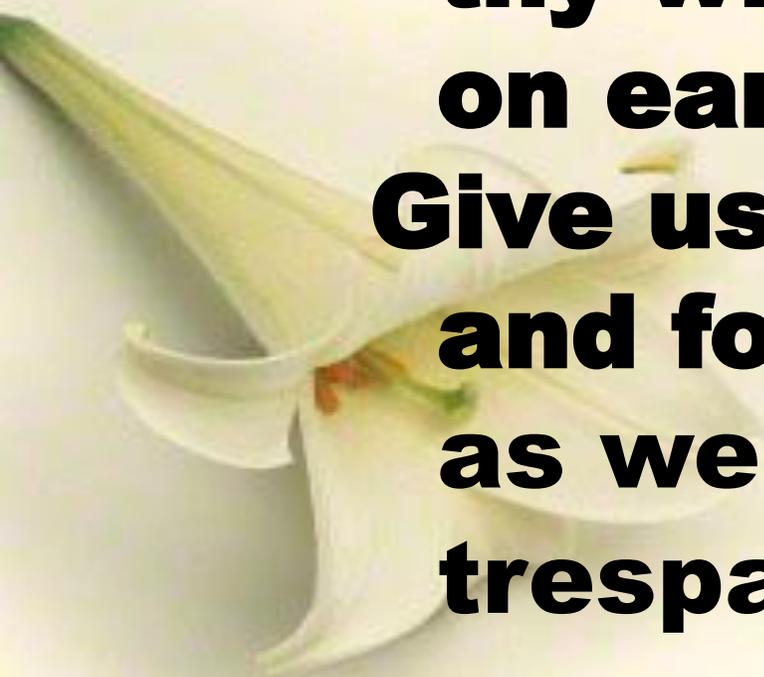
WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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

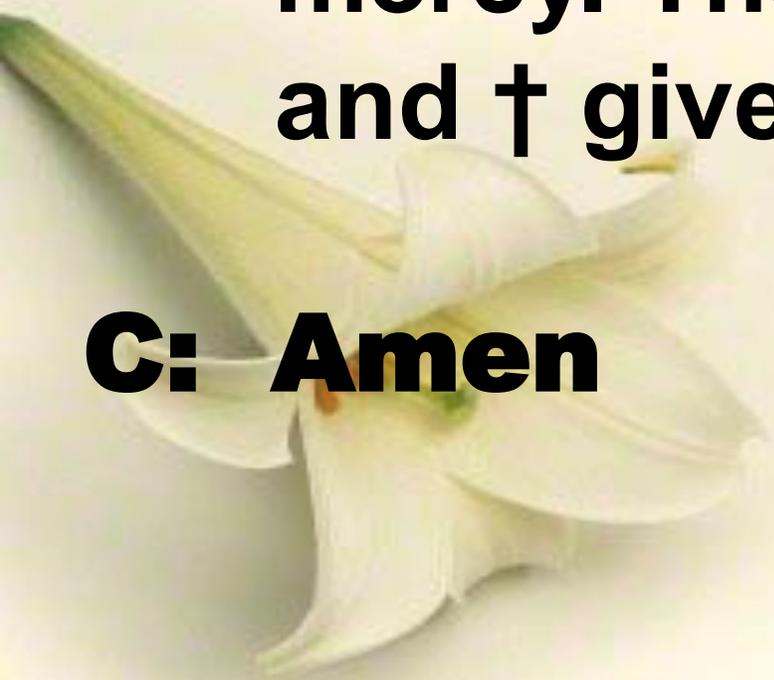
P: We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus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





