



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

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

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, June 3, 2018**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy  
endures forever.

**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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)*  
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** *“Gather Us In”*

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away--  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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:** Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: throughout time you free the oppressed,  
heal the sick, and make whole all that you have  
made. Look with compassion on the world  
wounded by sin, and by your power restore us  
to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH



## **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 5th chapter.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work - you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

R: Word of God, word of life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **A Responsive Reading From Psalm 81**

**R:** Sing with joy to God our strength and  
raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**C:** **Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

R: Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

**C: for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

R: God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

**C: “I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger’s basket.**

R: You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**C: Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

R: There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

**C: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out  
of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide,  
and I will fill it.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

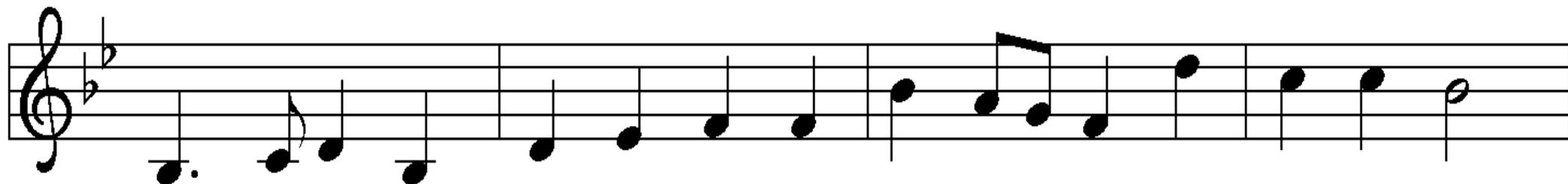
A reading from 2 Corinthians, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

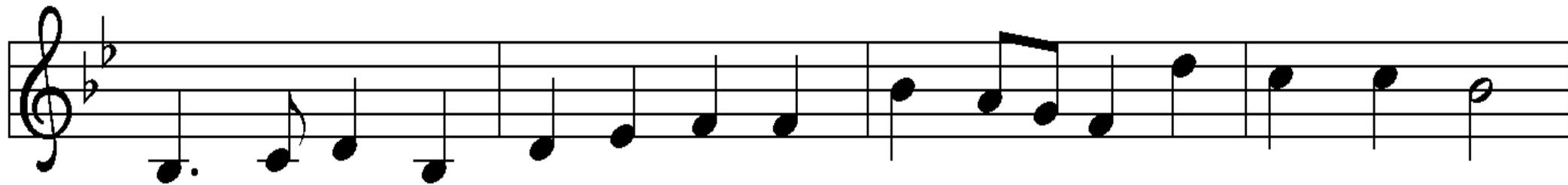
We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



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: Mark 2:23--3:6**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Mark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

One sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?”

He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.” Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

# **Sermon**

**“For Love of Sabbath”**

# **HYMN OF THE DAY *“O Day of Rest and Gladness”***

**O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
to the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation,  
the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious  
the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
and thus on you, most glorious,  
a threefold light was giv'n**

**Today on weary nations  
the heav'nly manna falls;  
to holy convocations  
the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing  
with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing  
with soul-refreshing streams.**

**New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.**

**We sing to you our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises  
to you, blest Three in One.**

# **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:** Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves. (*A brief silence.*) God our strength, you command your people to keep sabbath. Coax your church away from the busyness of the world and give us holy rest, so that, refreshed, we will give vibrant witness to your world-healing love. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** God our strength, you restore what is withered. As all creation stretches forth in hunger and thirst for you, revive what has ceased to flourish and repair what has fallen into decay. Make us partners in your holy healing. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** God our strength, we ache for peace. Teach nations that you carry our burdens, you free human hands, and you rescue us in distress. Raise up leaders in the world who listen to your voice and walk in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

P: God our strength, people are afflicted and perplexed, persecuted and struck down. Shine the light of your glory into the hearts of your suffering ones (*especially*) so that they will not be crushed, driven to despair, or forsaken. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God our strength, you grieve our hardness of heart whenever we turn your holy counsel into rules to control others. Open our hearts to your loving will for these times, for our neighbors, and for this community of faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God our strength, death is at work in us,  
but life is in you. Free us now to live into  
your promise of indestructible life and,  
in the end, restore us with all the saints  
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.**

# SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~**

***“Hallowed Be Thy Name”***

**by Babbie Mason**



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** 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 LORD'S 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:** Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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

**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.**

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**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. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



***Please join us to celebrate  
Pastor Rick's 46th Ordination Anniversary  
with his favorite - German chocolate cake!***

























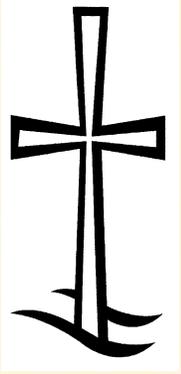












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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**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  
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Lord. Amen.**





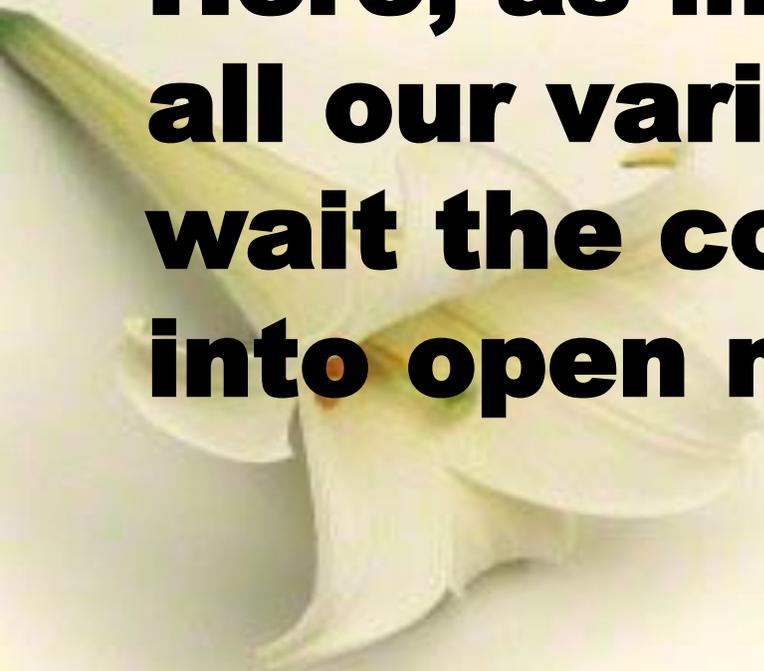
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**C: Amen**

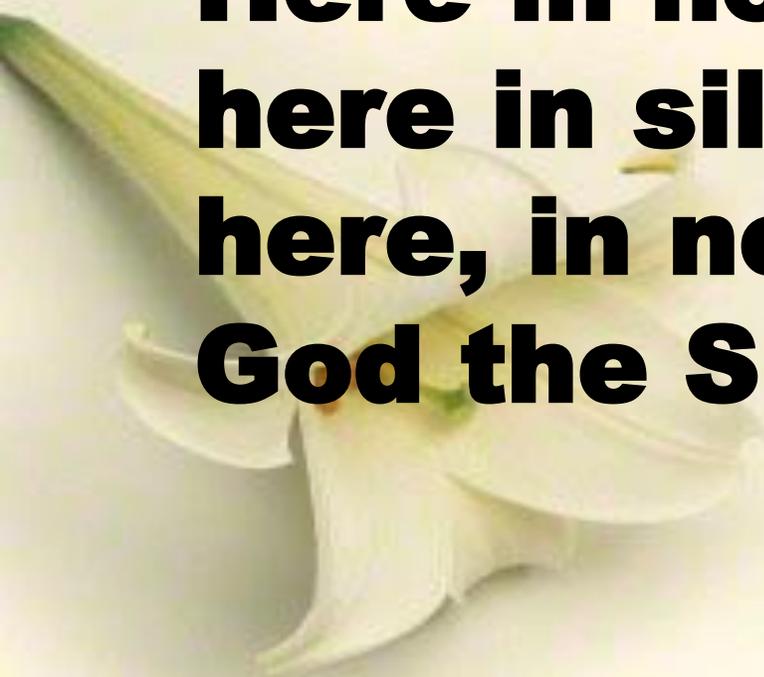
**OPENING HYMN**  
**“God Is Here”**



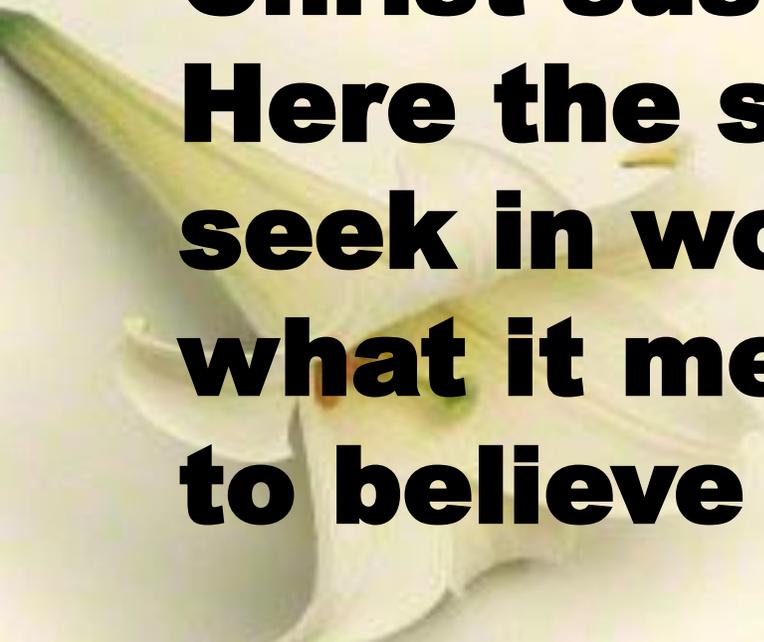
**1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**

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**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.**

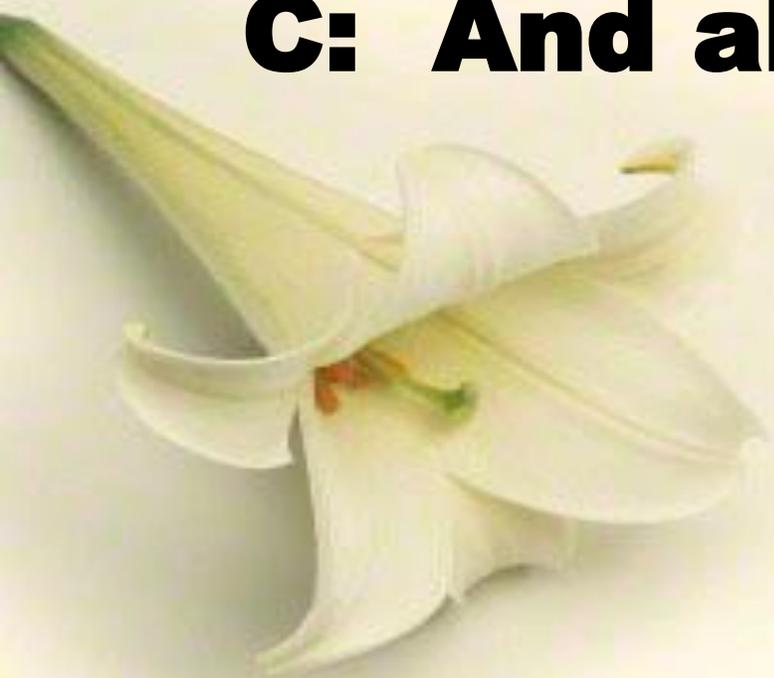


**4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**



**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.***





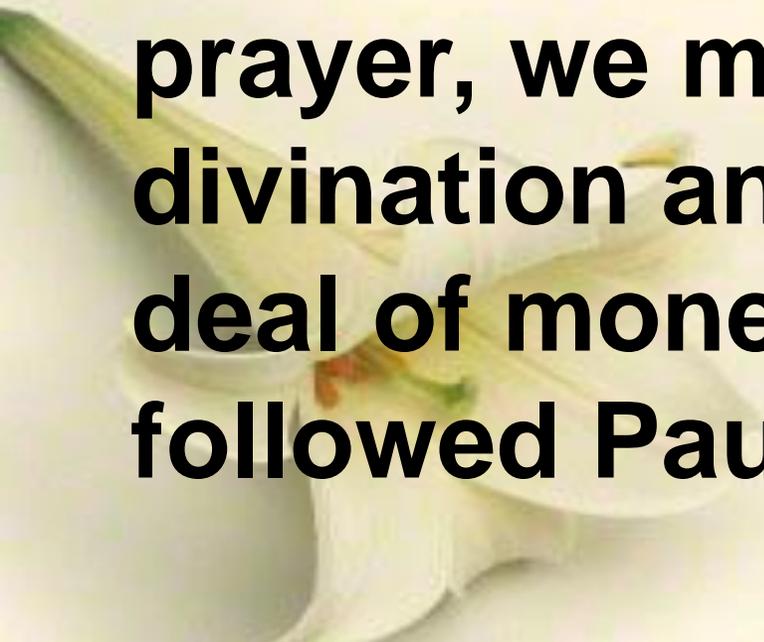
***Happy Mother's Day to all Christian women today! All adult women receive a flower during the service in recognition of their witness to Christ. Any carnations left over may be taken to a mother who was unable to be present for worship today.***



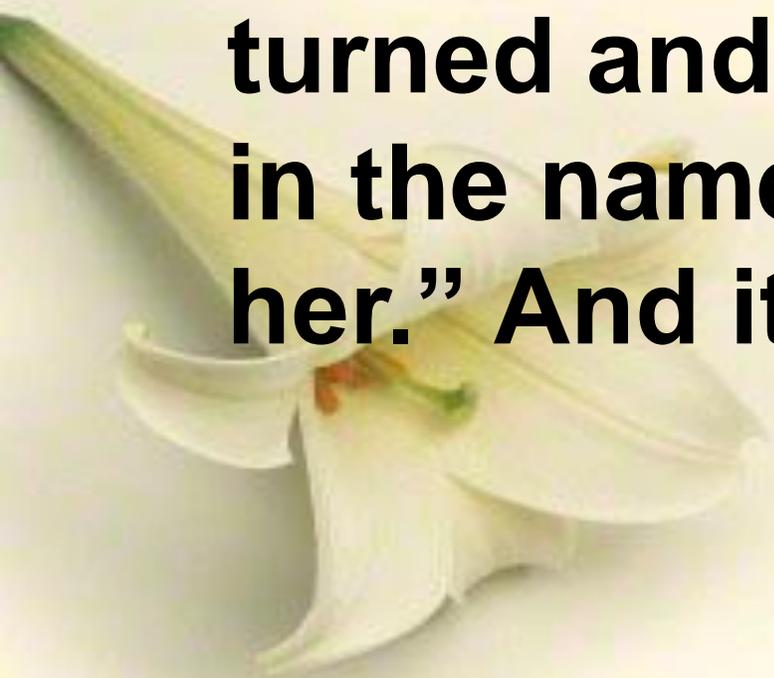
## **First Reading Acts 16:16-34**

**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.**

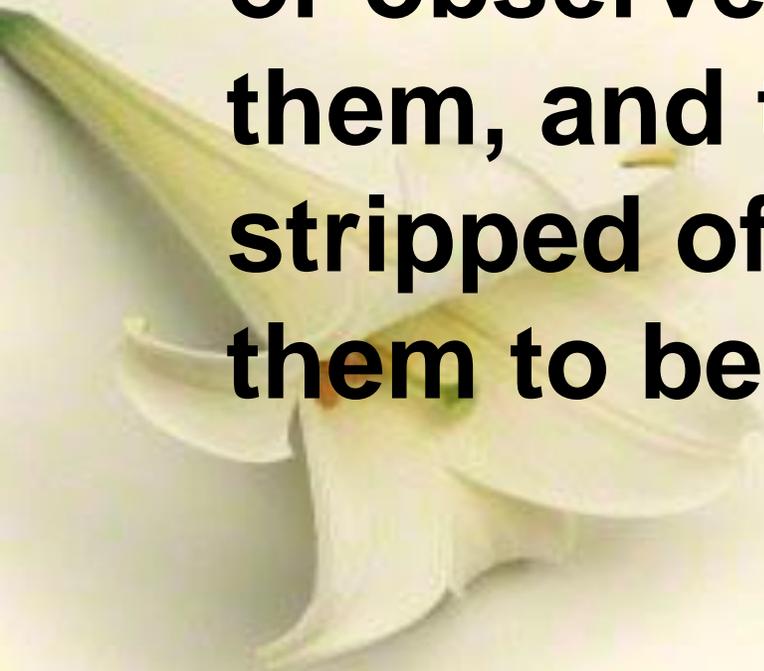


**But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities.**

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



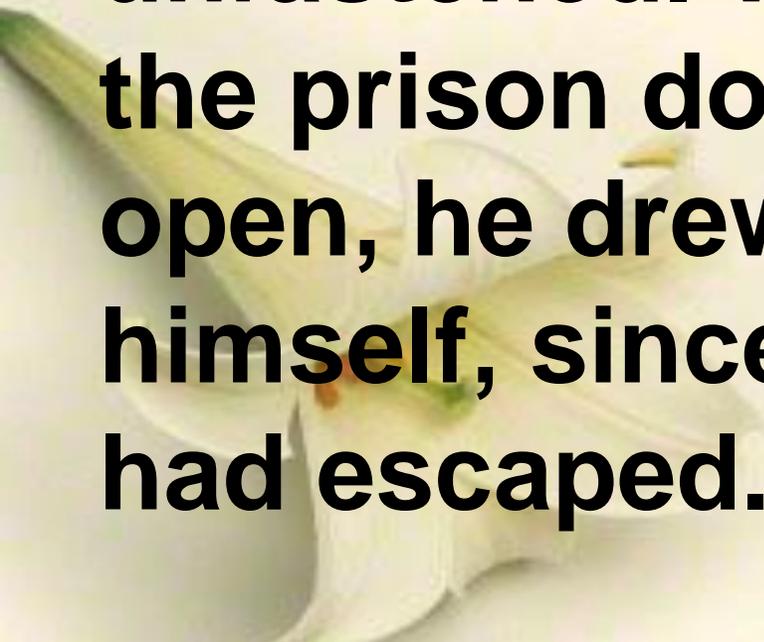
**“These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.**

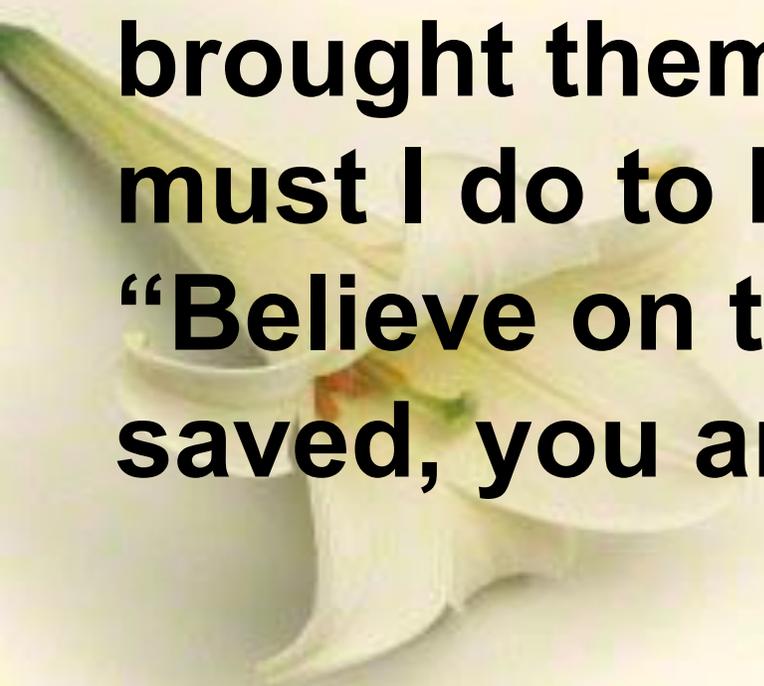
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**After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.**

**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.

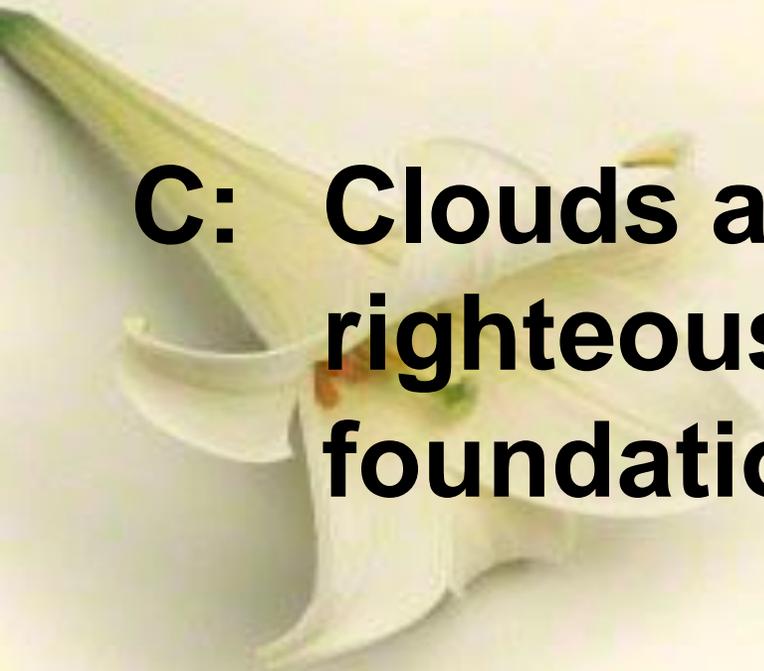
**C:** **Thanks be to God!**



# 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.**

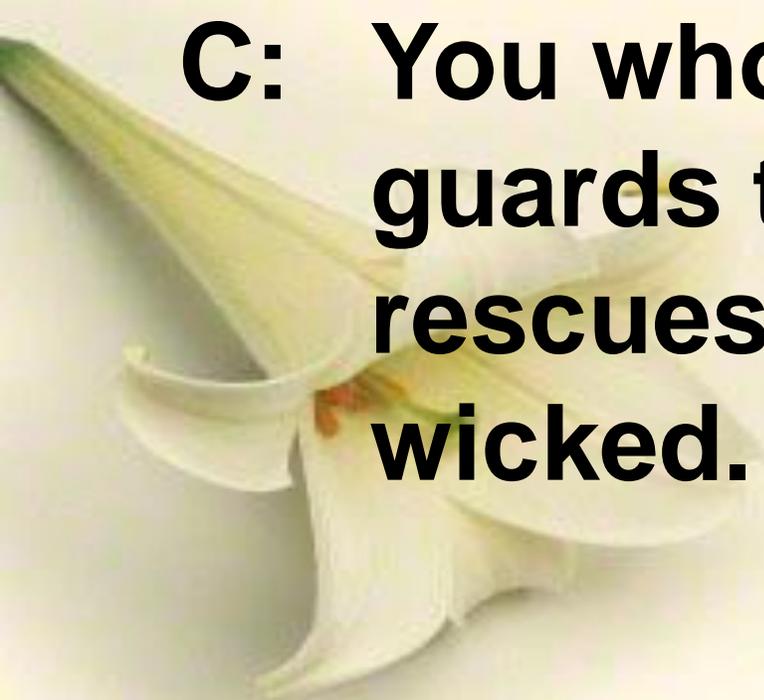
R: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**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.

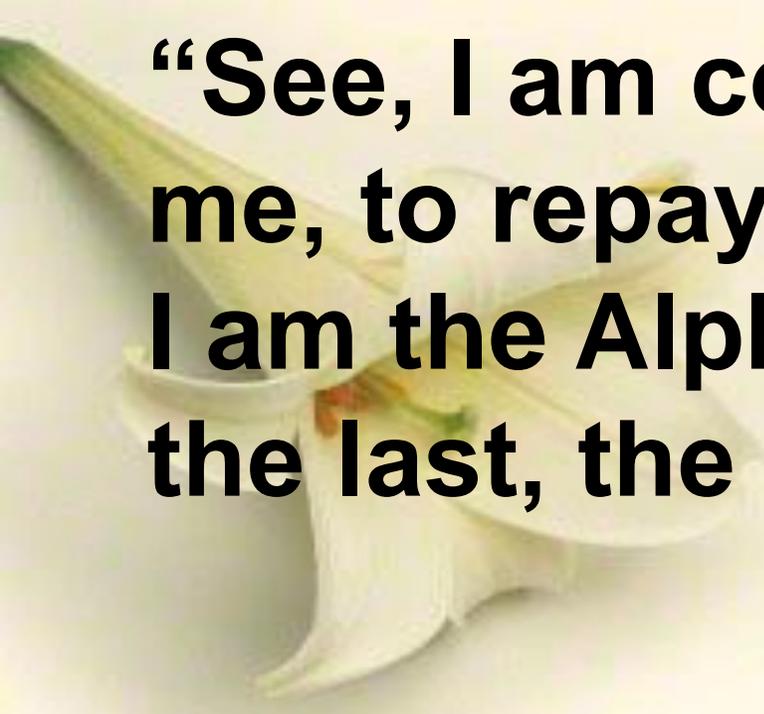
**C: You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**



## **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.”**

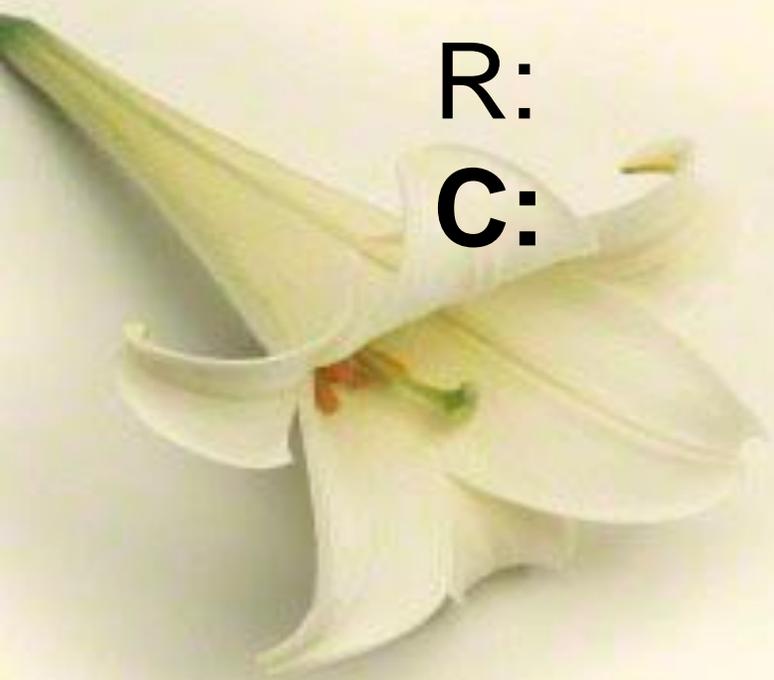
**And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”  
And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let  
anyone who wishes take the water of life as  
a gift. The one who testifies to these things  
says, “Surely I am coming soon.”**



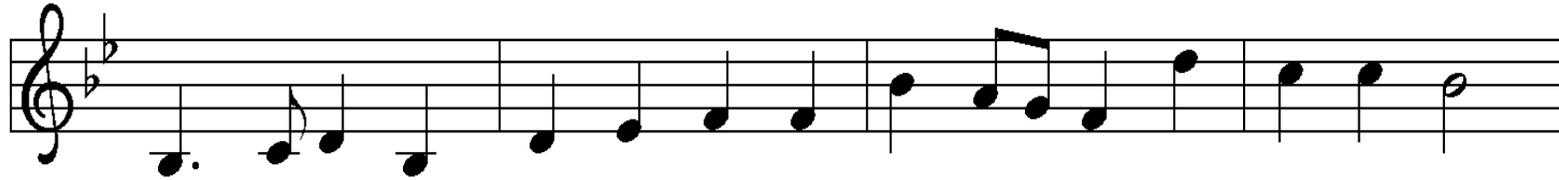
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of  
the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.  
Amen.**

**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**

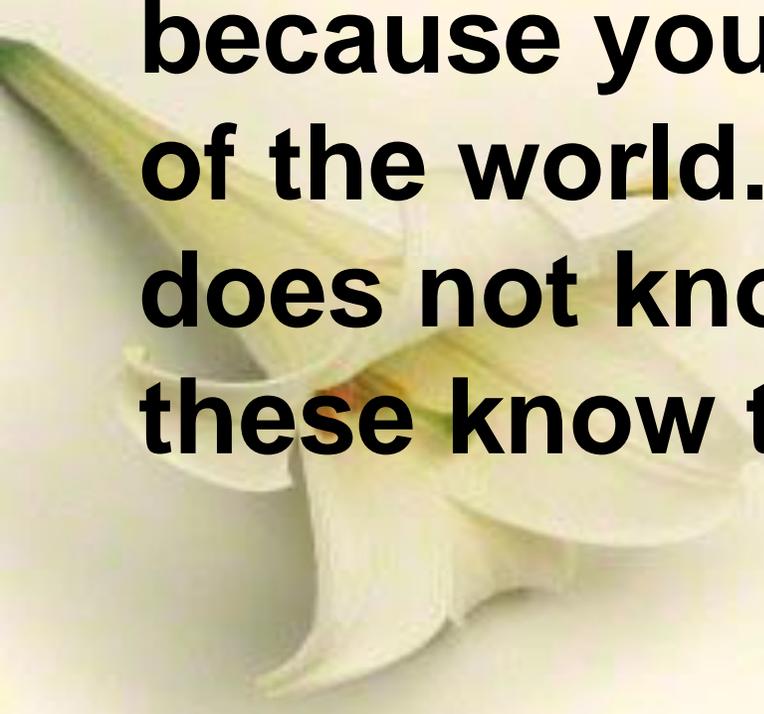
**P:** The holy gospel according to John.

**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”**

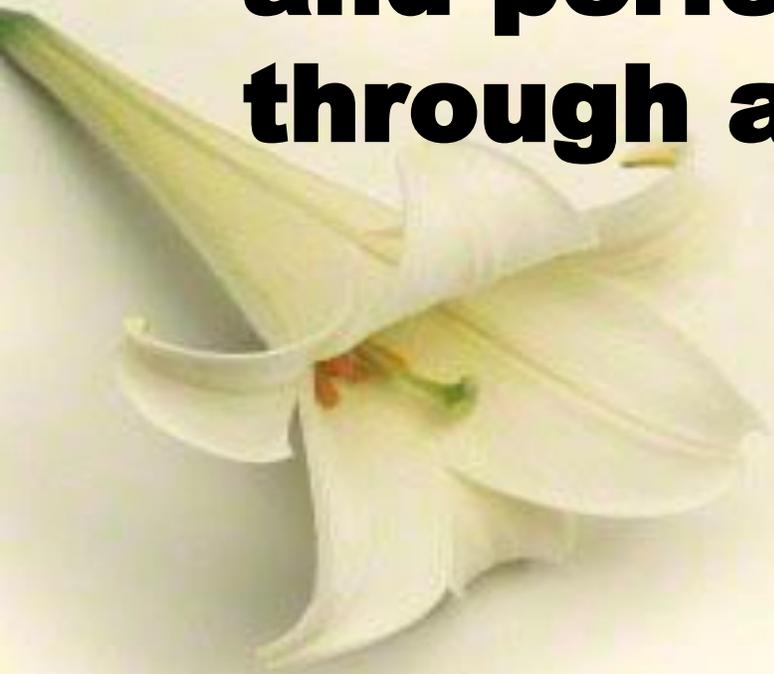
**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.**



**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.**

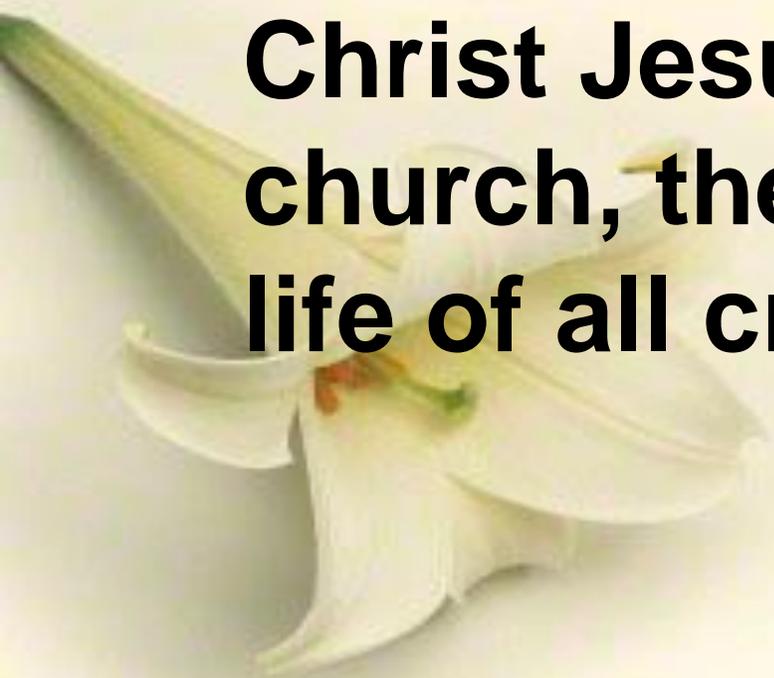


**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



# **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.***

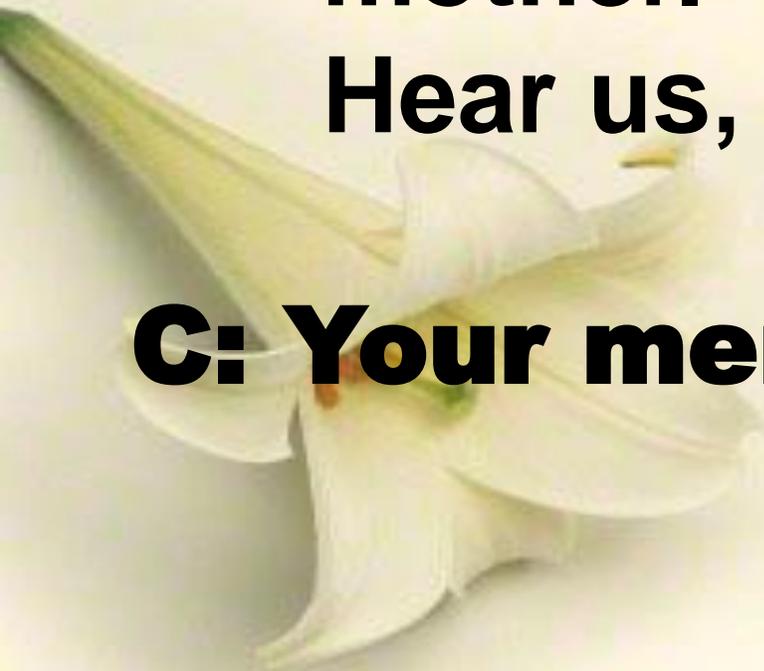
**C: Your mercy is great**



**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**



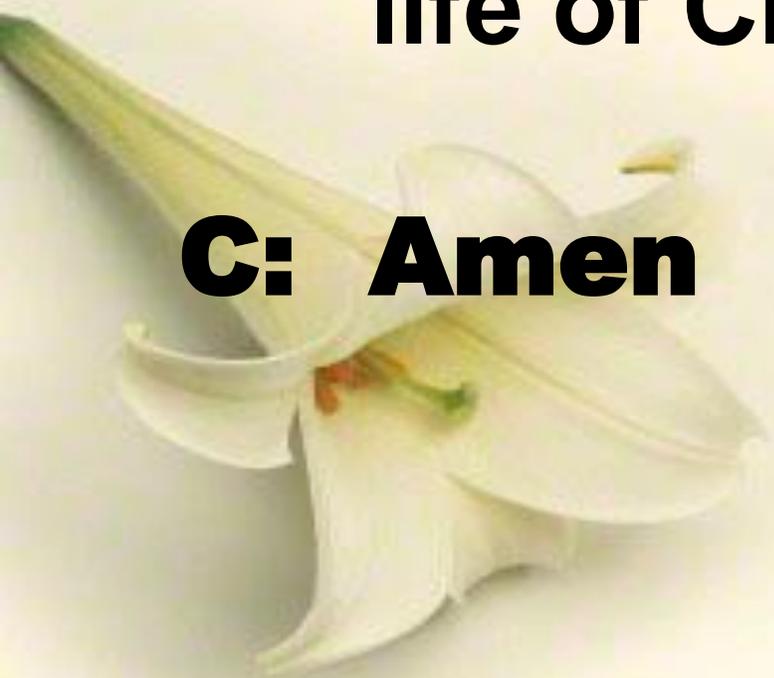
**P: You draw all the saints into your presence. Draw us into the mystery and wonder of your presence until Christ comes again.  
Hear us, O God.**

**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.**

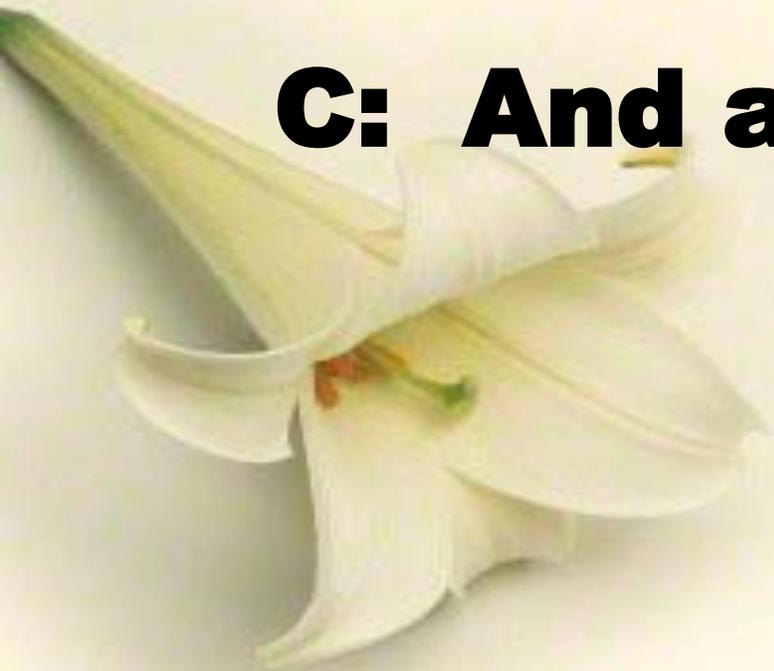
**C: Amen**



# **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**

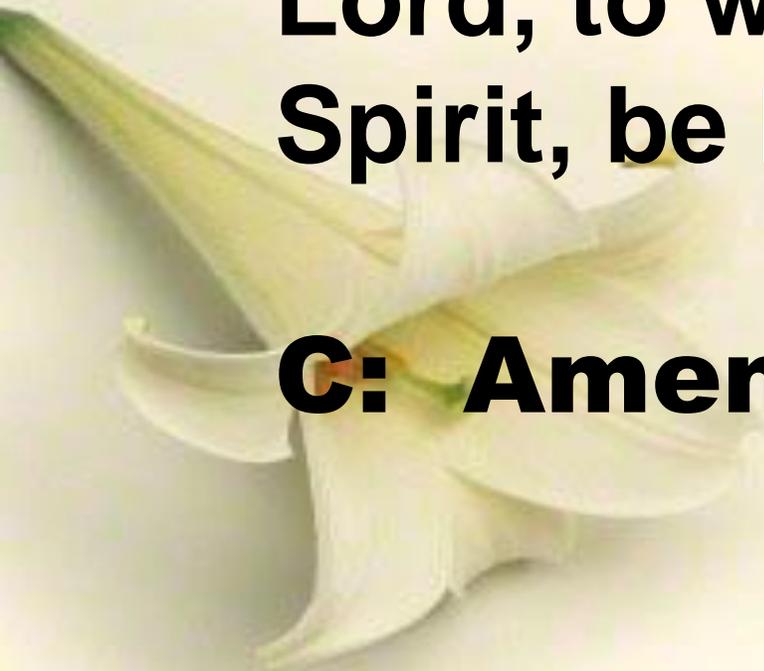




# **OFFERING PRAYER**

**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.**

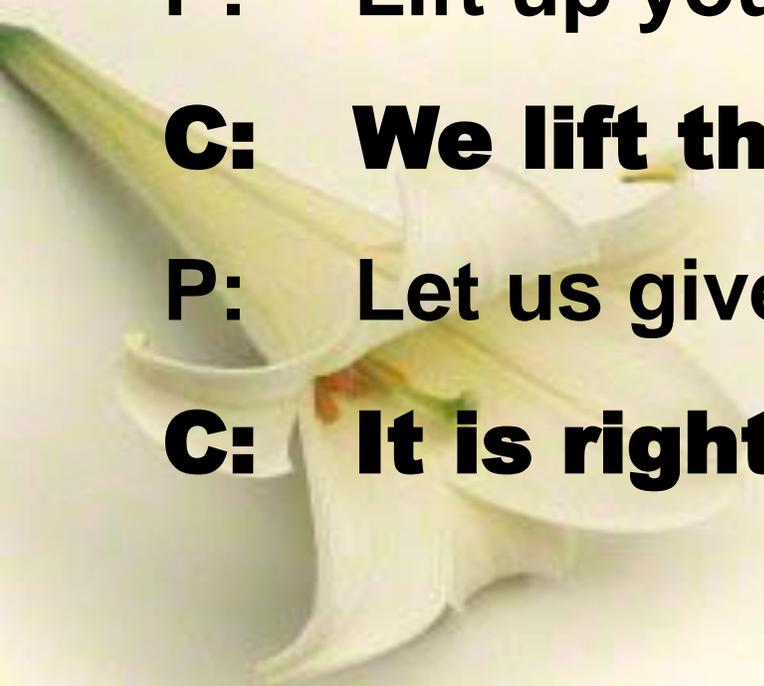
**C: And also with you.**

**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.**



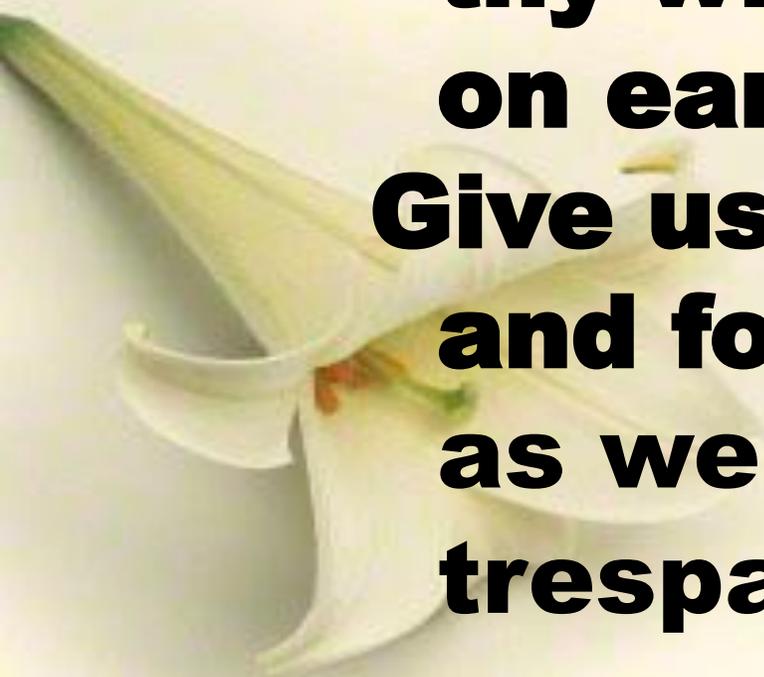
# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



# **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**

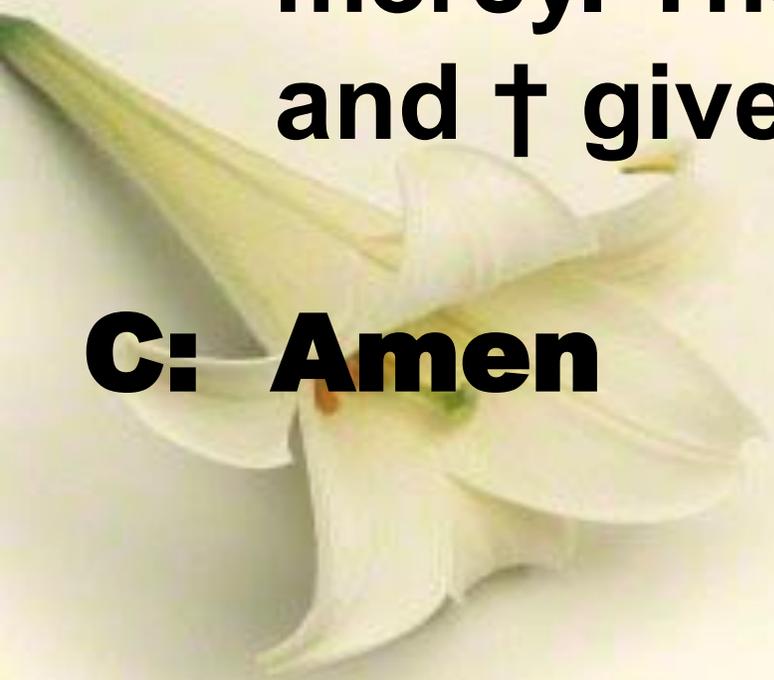
**P: We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus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





