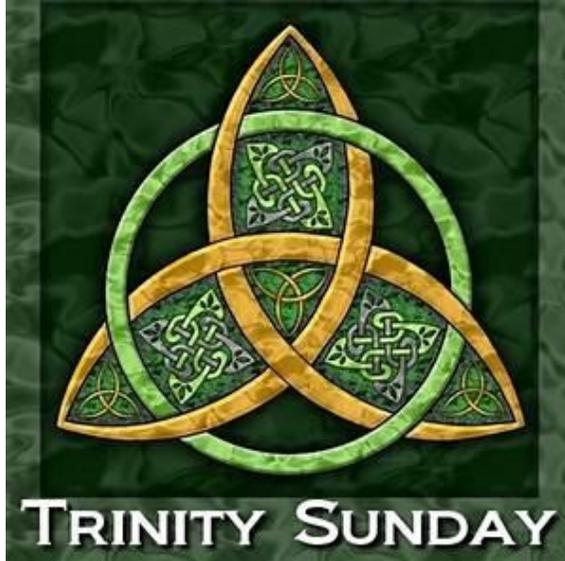




Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ*



Holy Trinity Sunday
Sunday, May 27, 2018

PRELUDE - Dan Holmes *“A New Song”*

WELCOME

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 – with Dan Holmes

“Amazing Grace”

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

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: “O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church’s year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **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.**

Children's Church



"Let the
little children
come to me"

MATTHEW 19:14

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs, the 8th chapter.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth - when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

R: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From 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: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in
all the earth!

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans, the 5th chapter.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Dan Holmes

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

P: The holy gospel according to John,
the 16th chapter.

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

Jesus said, “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

Guest - Mr. Dan Holmes

“Follow The Light”

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: Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need. *(A brief silence.)* For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that the work of the Spirit unite us in Christ to proclaim the wonders of God, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the majesty of creation: the moon and stars that enlighten the night, the birds that inhabit the sky, and the fish that reside in the seas, that all creatures flourish together, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For all levels of government; for wisdom and truth displayed in world leaders, and for international relief agencies, that God's love poured into our hearts extend to all people and nations, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the sick, that they are comforted; for the despairing, that they receive hope; for infants and children, that they be granted nurturing caretakers; and for all who cry out to God in any need (*especially*), let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For all who provide fatherly care and guidance, for those estranged from family, for friends and neighbors, and for our congregation, that God's mercy serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that we cling to the hope of sharing with them the glory of God, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

VIDEO DURING OFFERING

***“A Few Good Men”* by Gaither Vocal Band**



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; 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: 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

Dan Holmes “Say Amen!”

DISMISSAL

P: Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *Dan Holmes*

“THE ROAD OF FAITH (SHINE ON!)”

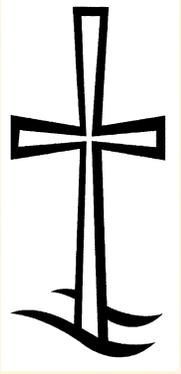
We will have a special door offering available if you wish to help defray Dan’s expenses for leading the music at worship today.

Dan’s CDs will be available for purchase after today’s service! They make great gifts!

**Very special thanks to our guest musician,
Dan Holmes!**

**God has blessed you and we're glad you shared
your beautiful music with us this morning!
Thank you!**





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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.**





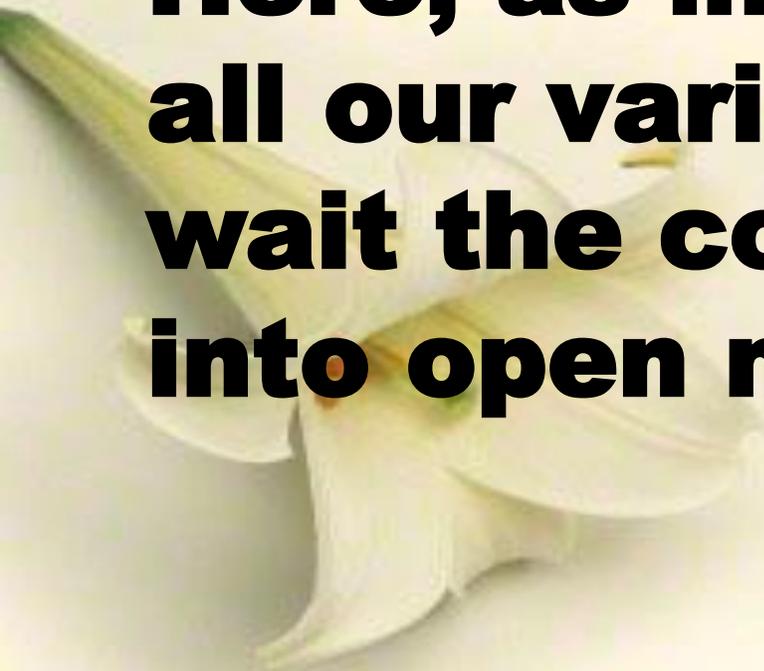
P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through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

C: Amen

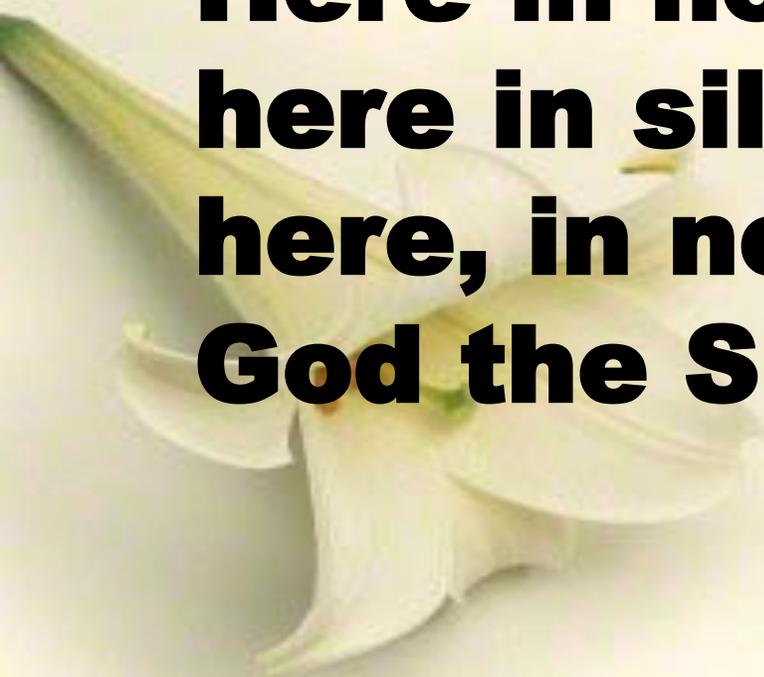
OPENING HYMN
“God Is Here”



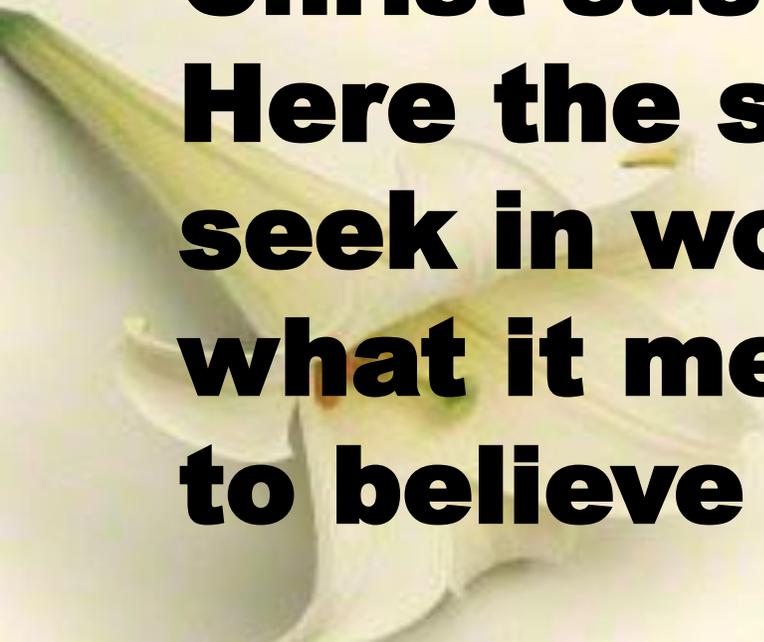
**1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

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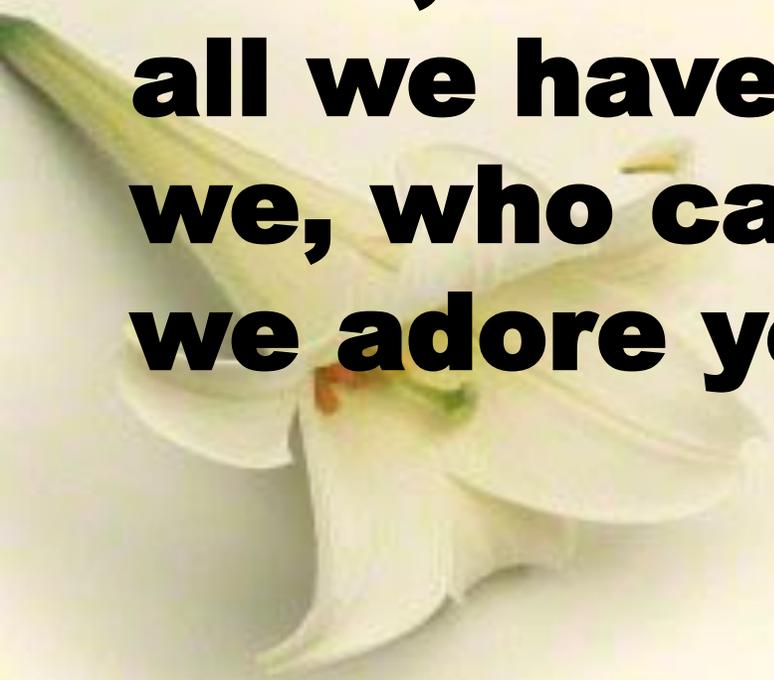
**2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**



**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.**

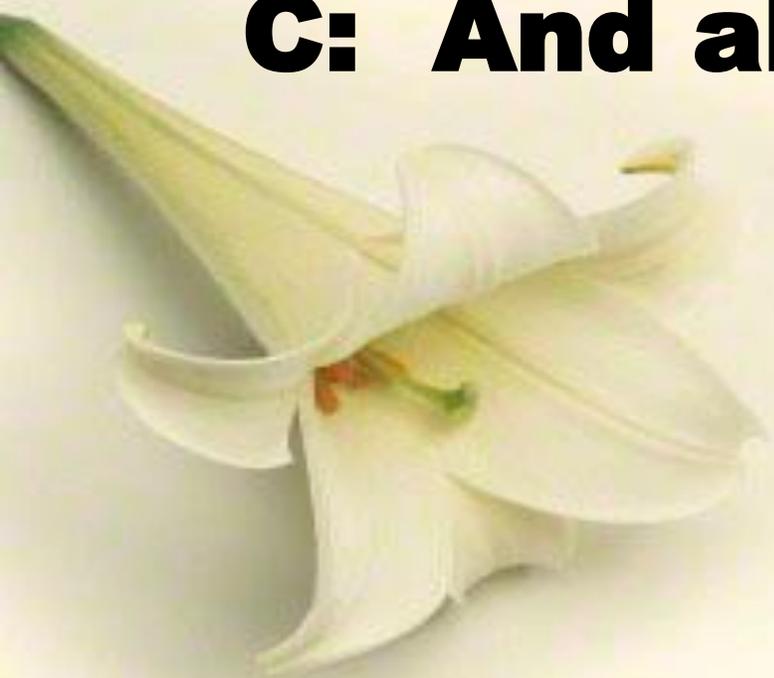


**4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**



**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

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Children's Church

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





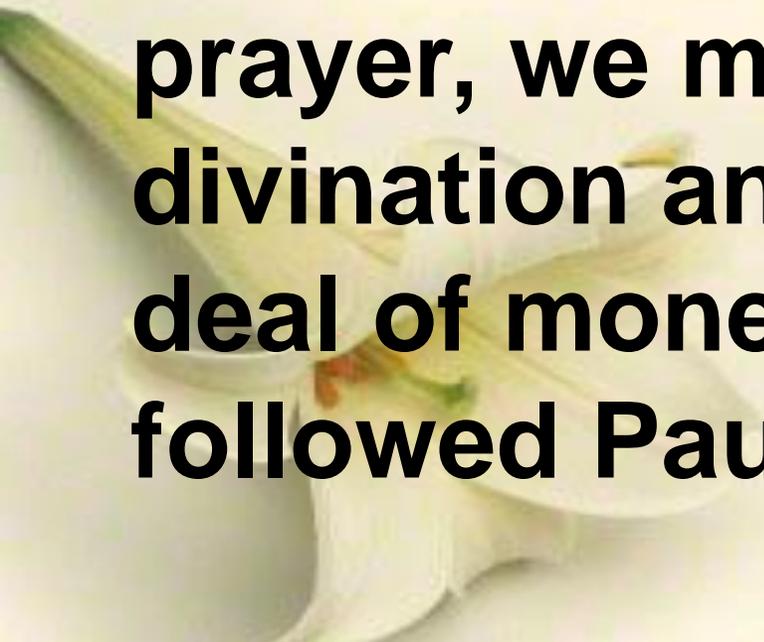
Happy Mother's Day to all Christian women today! All adult women receive a flower during the service in recognition of their witness to Christ. Any carnations left over may be taken to a mother who was unable to be present for worship today.



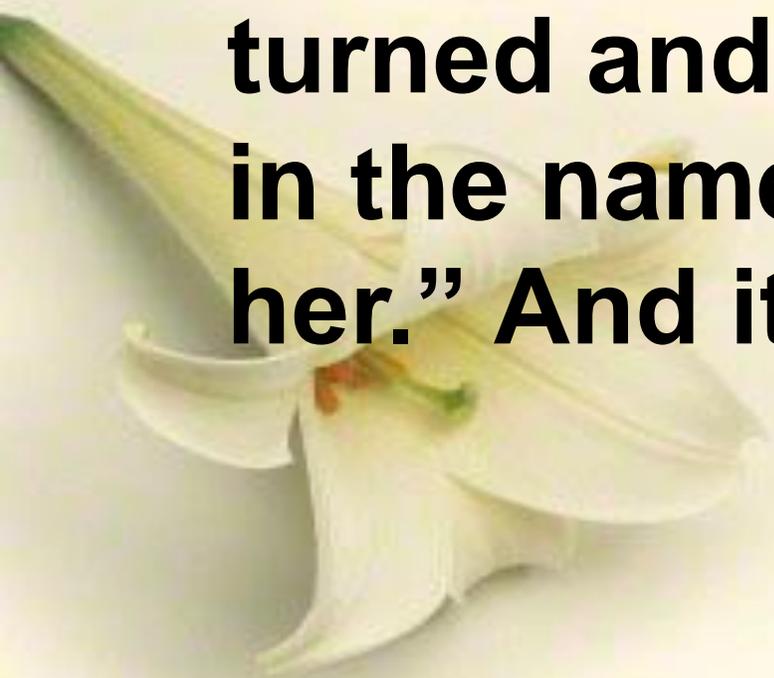
First Reading Acts 16:16-34

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,



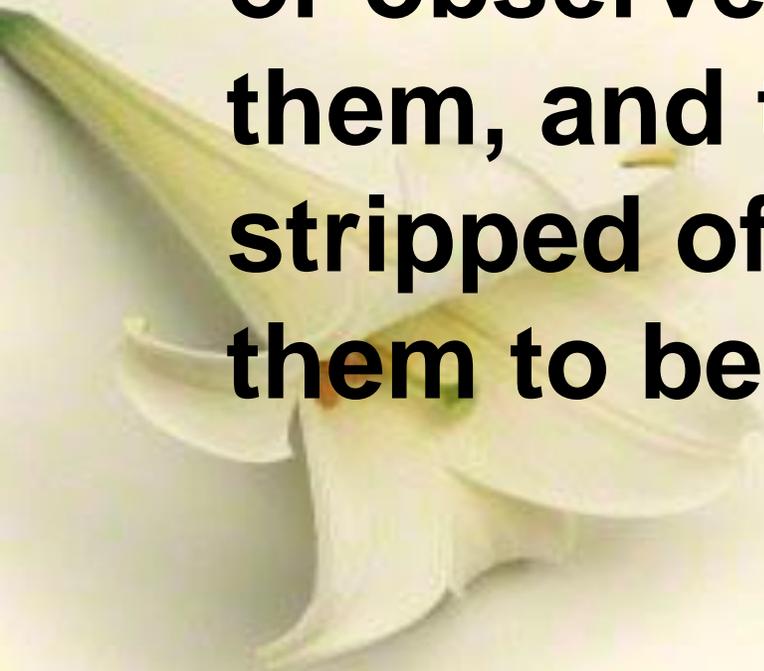
“These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.



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,



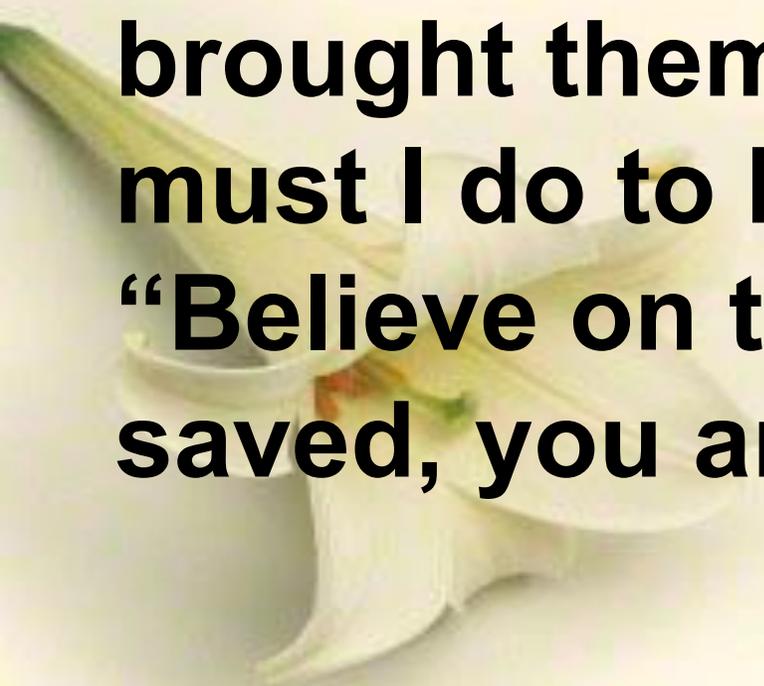


“These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

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.

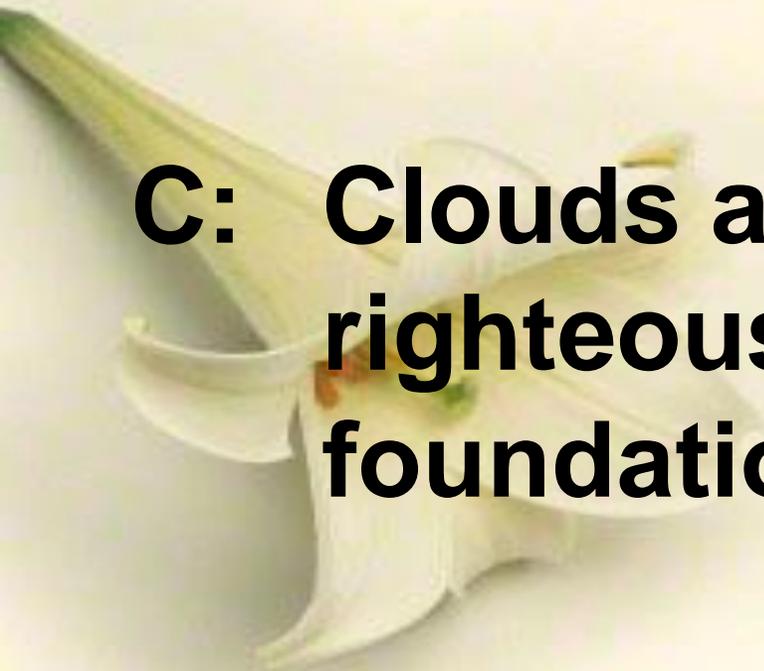
C: **Thanks be to God!**



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.

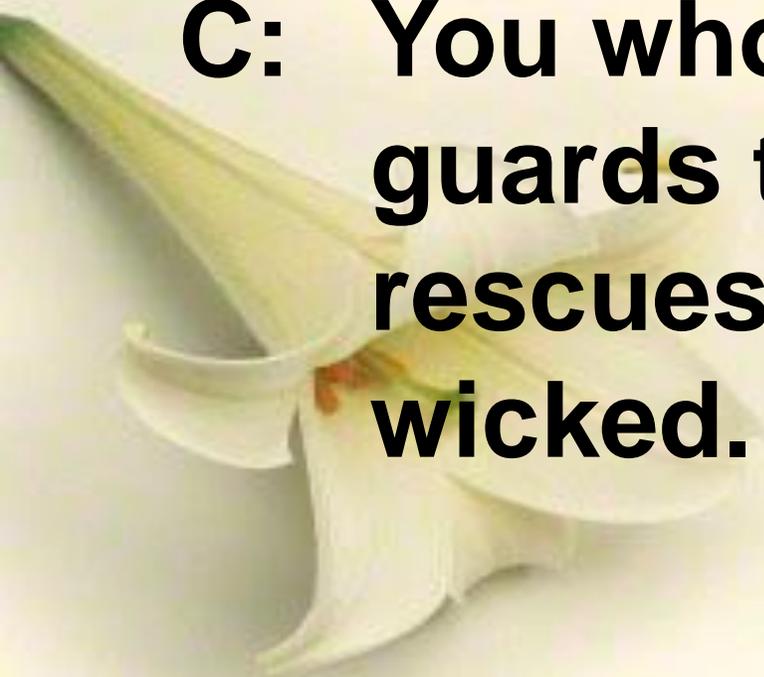
R: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

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.”

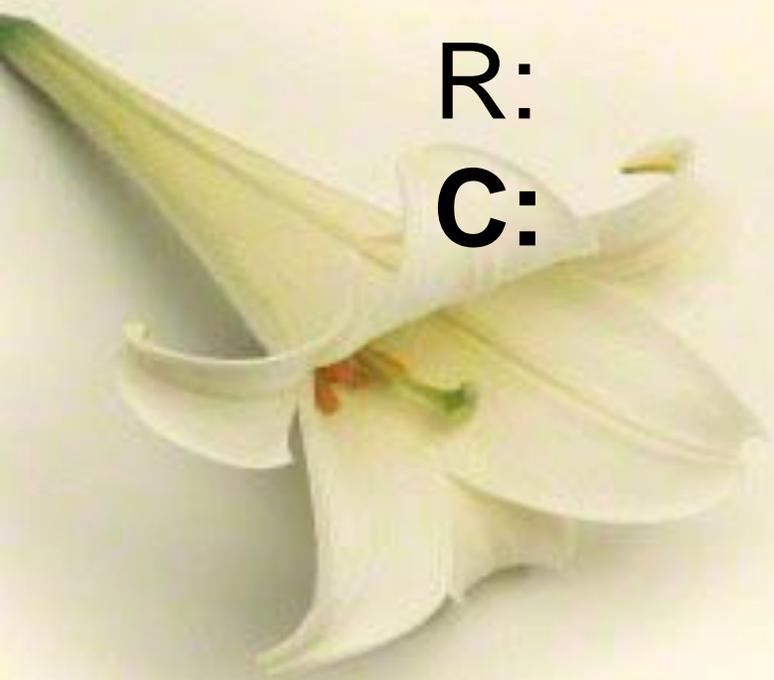
**And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”
And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let
anyone who wishes take the water of life as
a gift. The one who testifies to these things
says, “Surely I am coming soon.”**



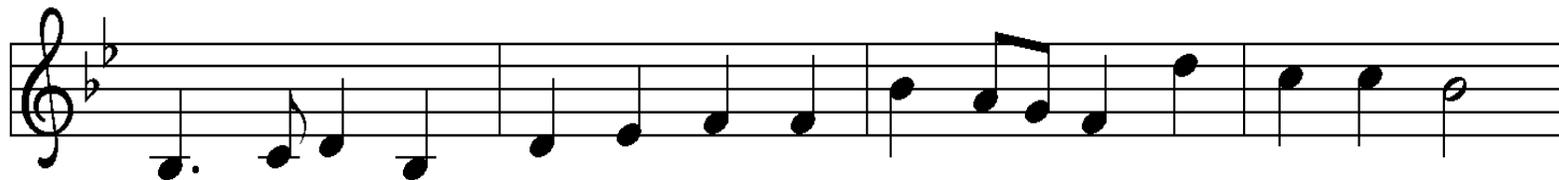
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of
the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
Amen.**

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

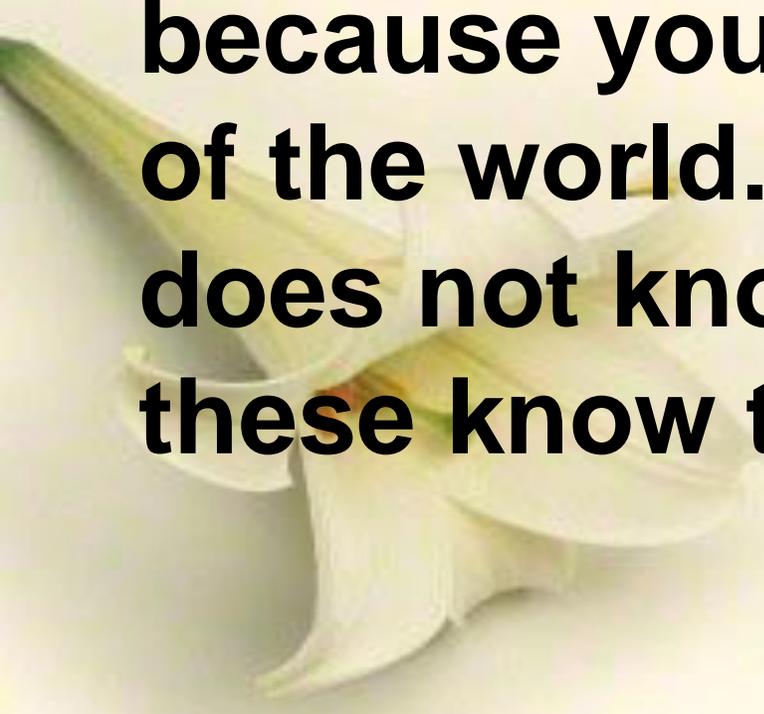
P: The holy gospel according to John.

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”

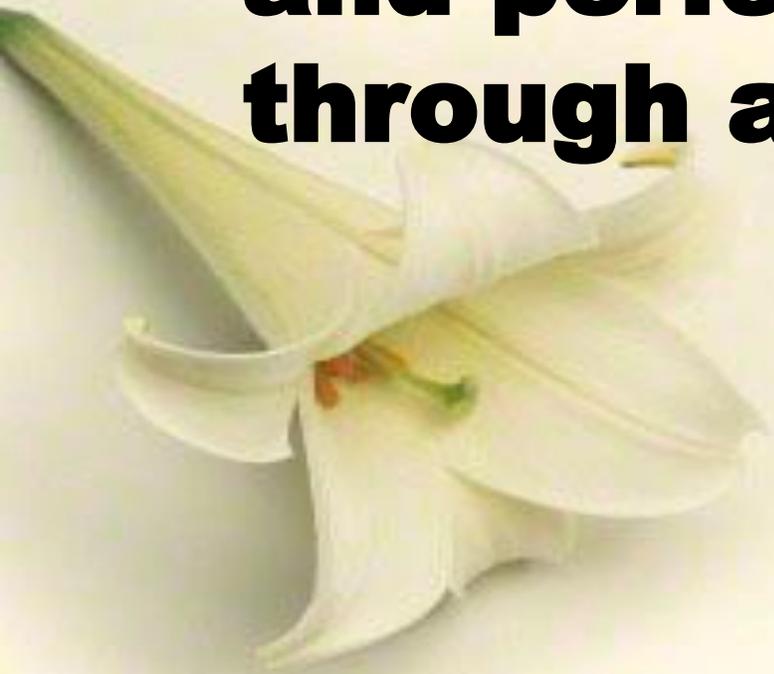
**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**



**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.

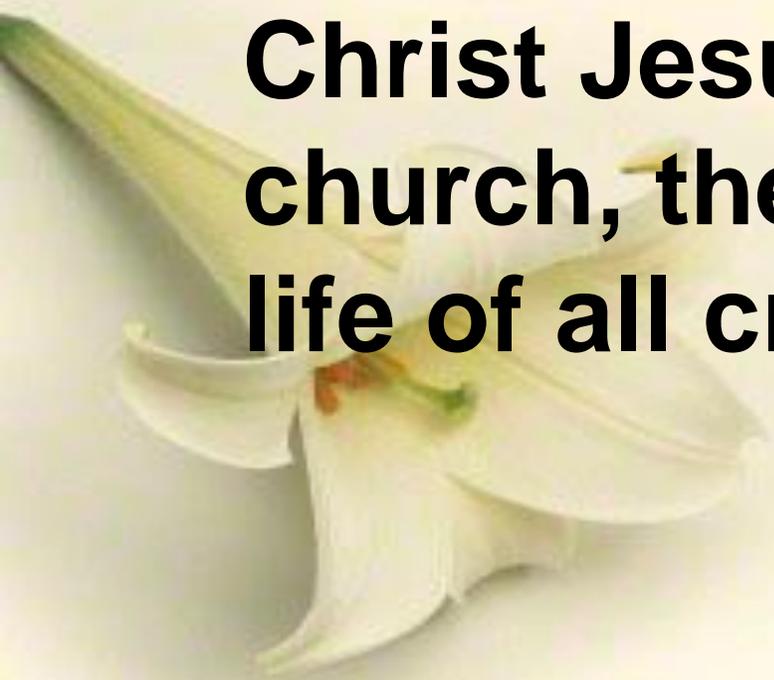


**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



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.

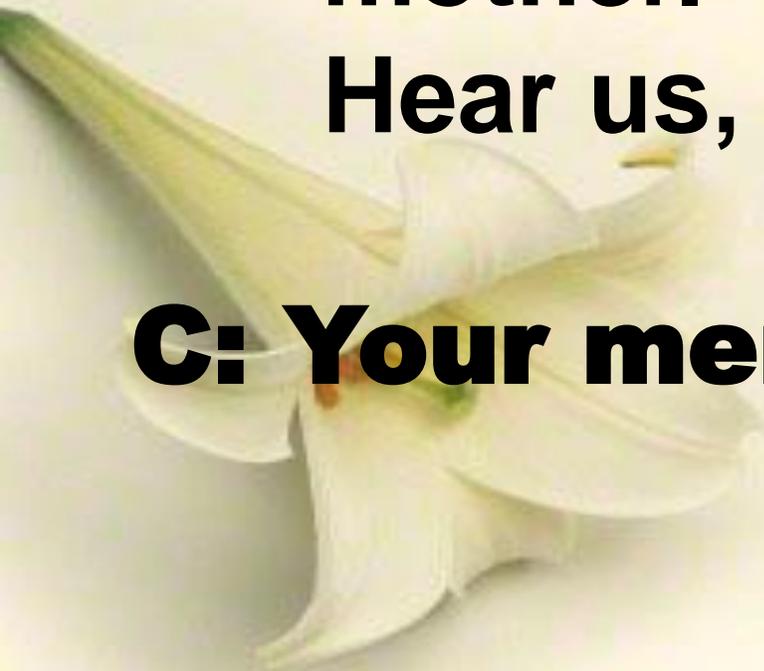
C: Your mercy is great



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



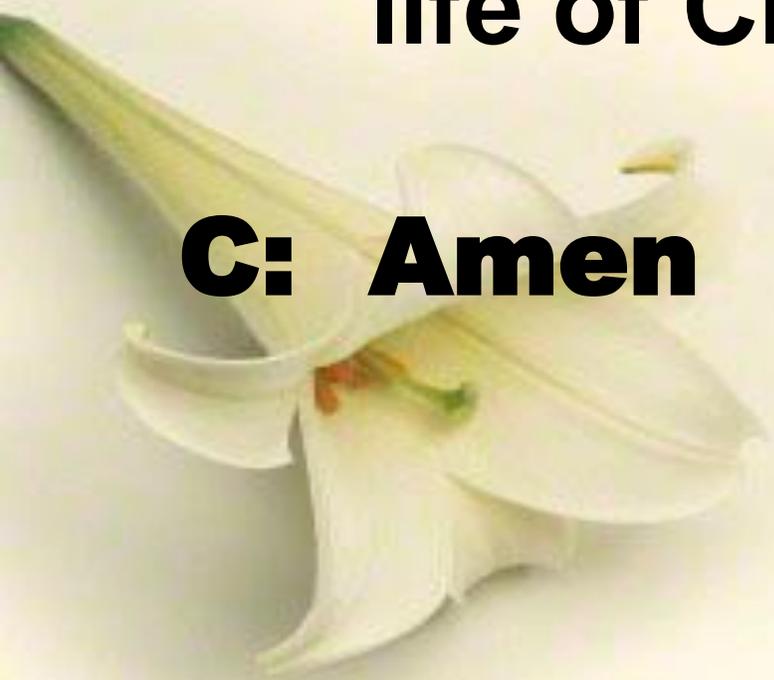
**P: You draw all the saints into your presence. Draw us into the mystery and wonder of your presence until Christ comes again.
Hear us, O God.**

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.**

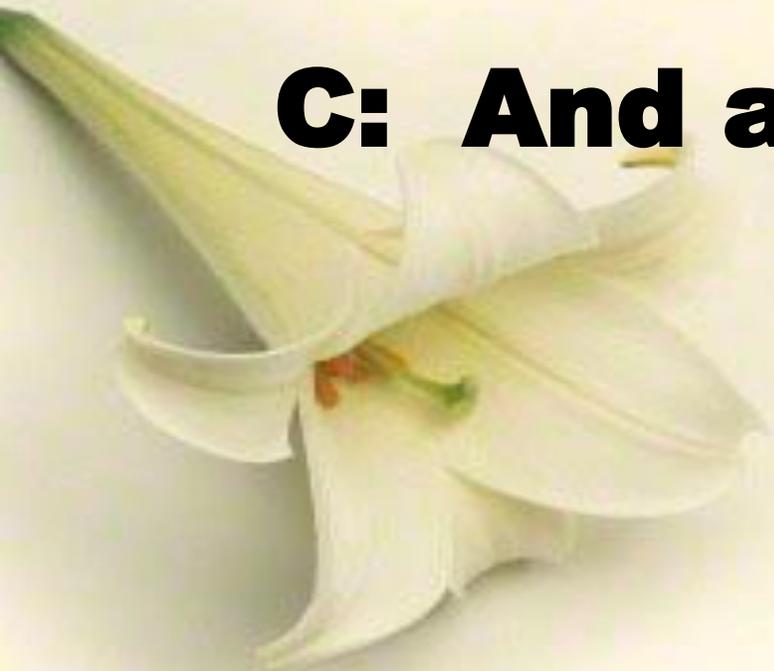
C: Amen



SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: And also with you

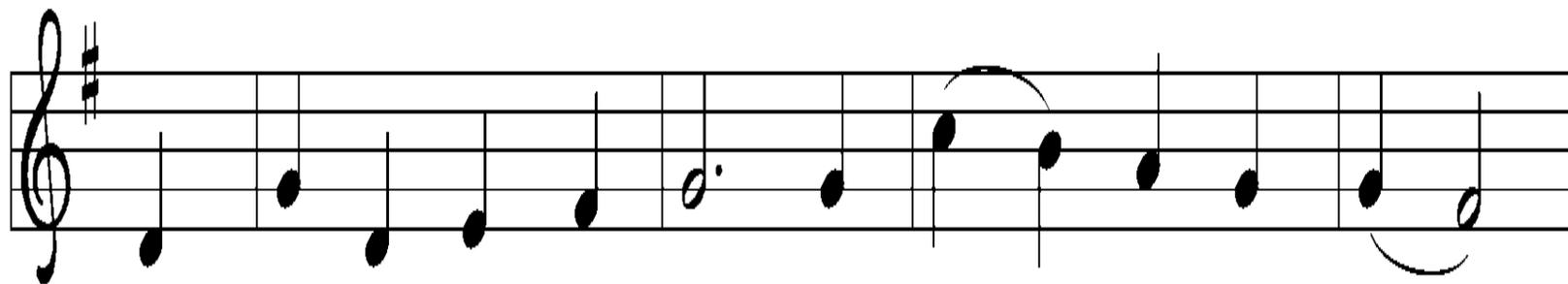


VIDEO DURING OFFERING

“Jesus Loves Me”

By Chris Tomlin

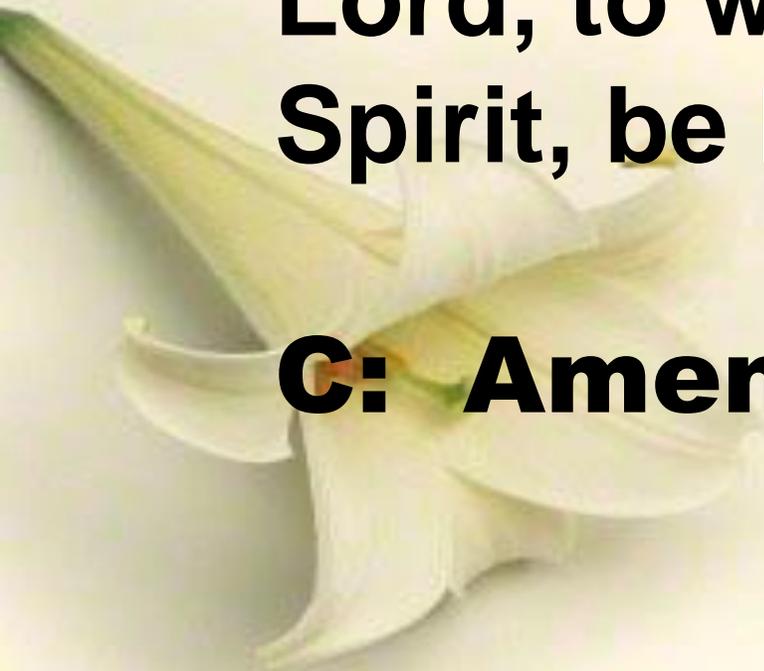




OFFERING PRAYER

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.

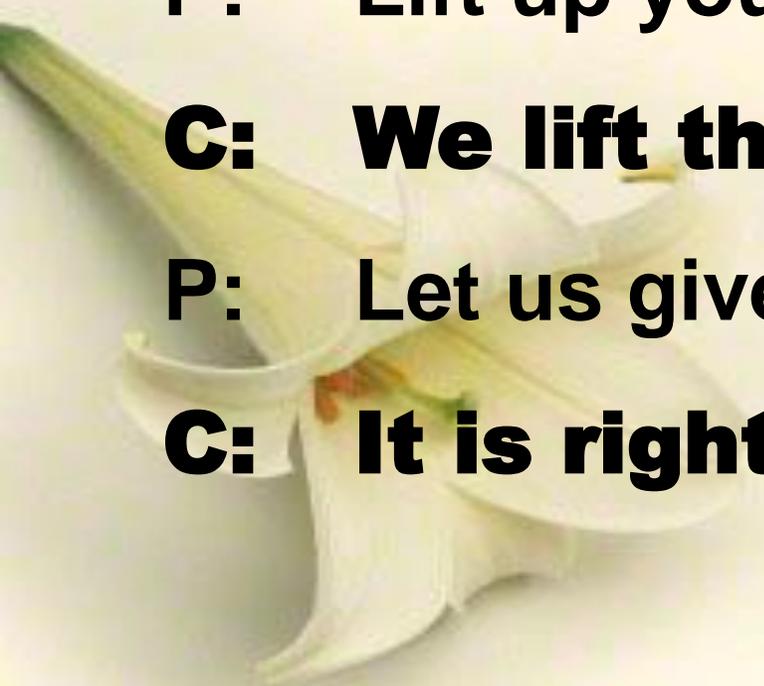
C: And also with you.

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.



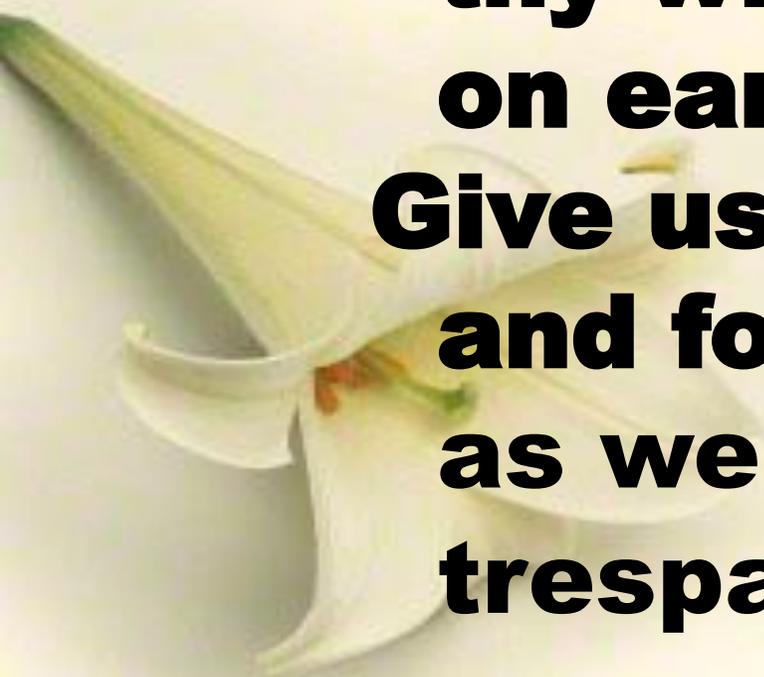
WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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

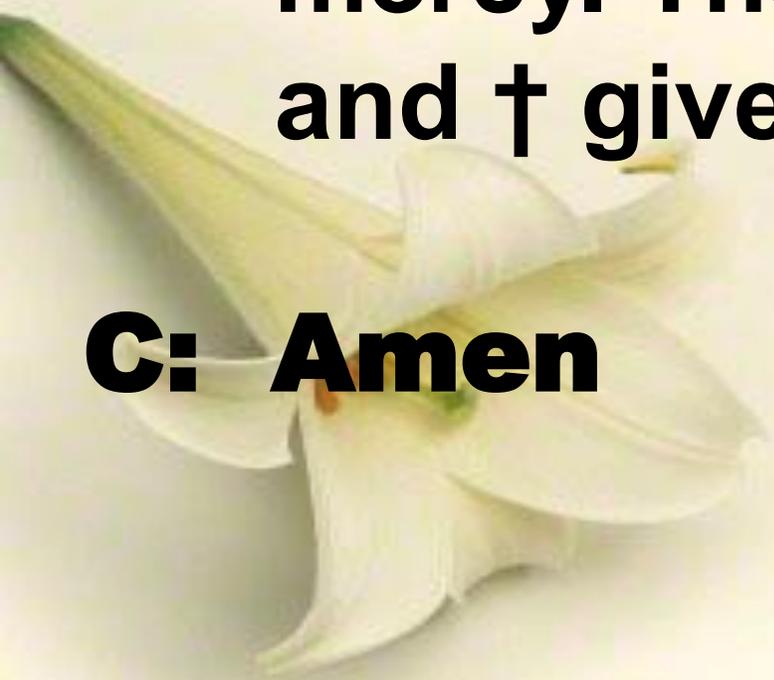
P: We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus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





