

# Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 15, 2018



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

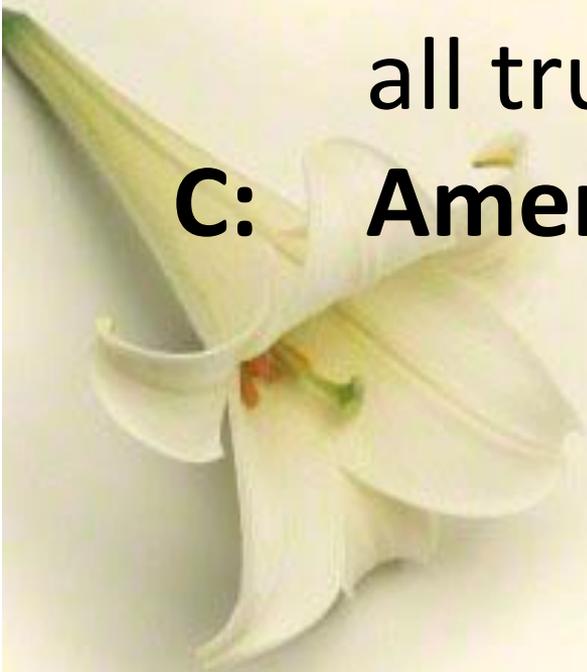


# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, †  
one God, who calls us beloved  
children, who gathers us into  
one flock, who guides us into  
all truth.

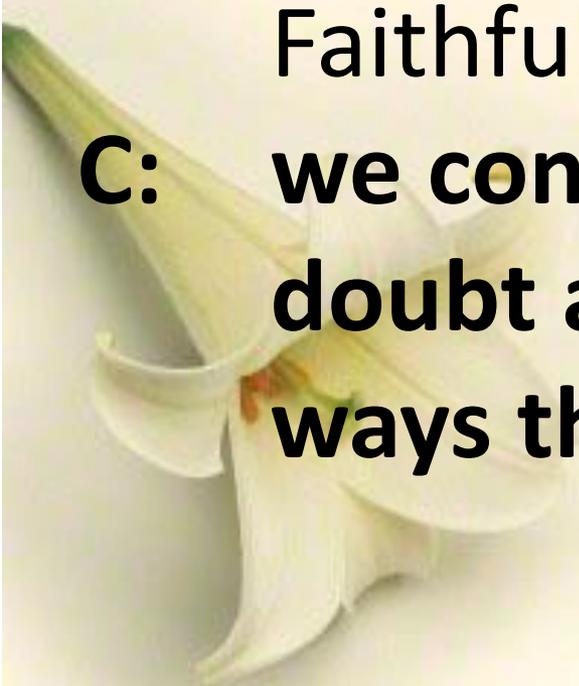
**C: Amen.**



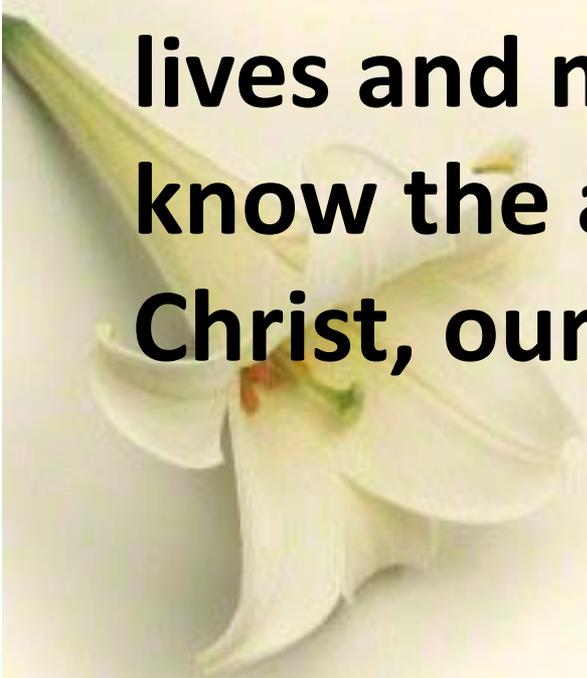
P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

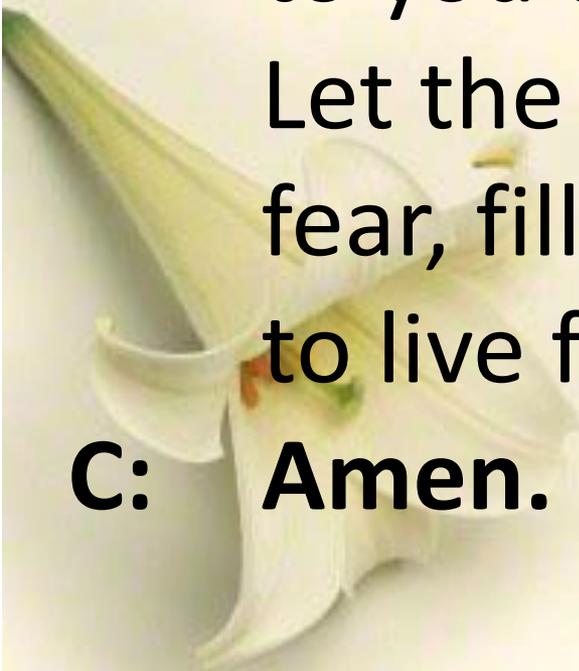
Faithful and just God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.**



**We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**





**P:** In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

**C: Amen.**

# **OPENING HYMN**

***“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”***

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**

**Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!**

**Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**



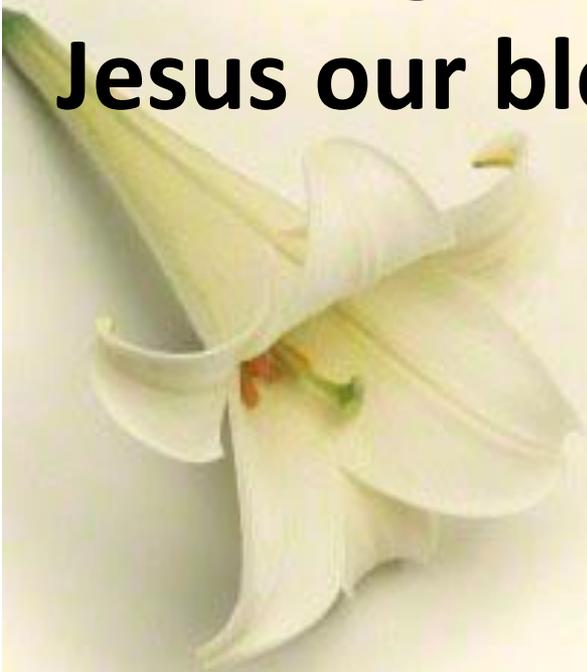
***Refrain***

***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.***

***Give God the glory! Alleluia!***



**Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**



***Refrain***

***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.***

***Give God the glory! Alleluia!***



**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me.**



***Refrain***

***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.***

***Give God the glory! Alleluia!***



**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**



***Refrain***

***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.***

***Give God the glory! Alleluia!***



**City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM!**



***Refrain***

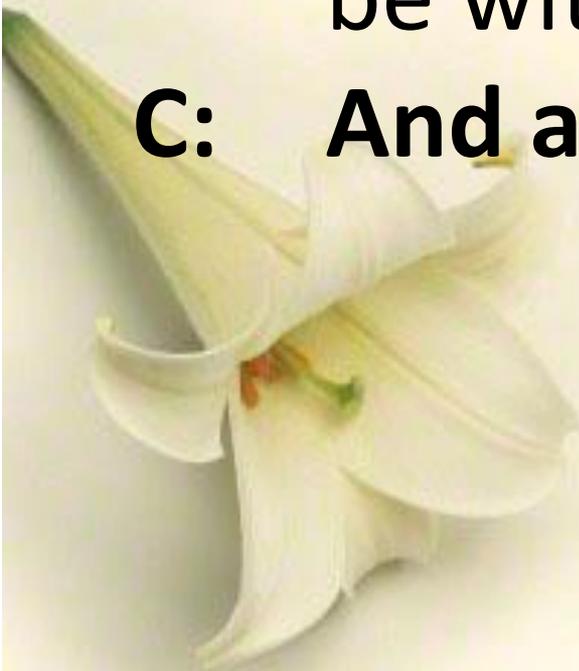
***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.***

***Give God the glory! Alleluia!***



**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:** The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day.



In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

**C: Amen.**

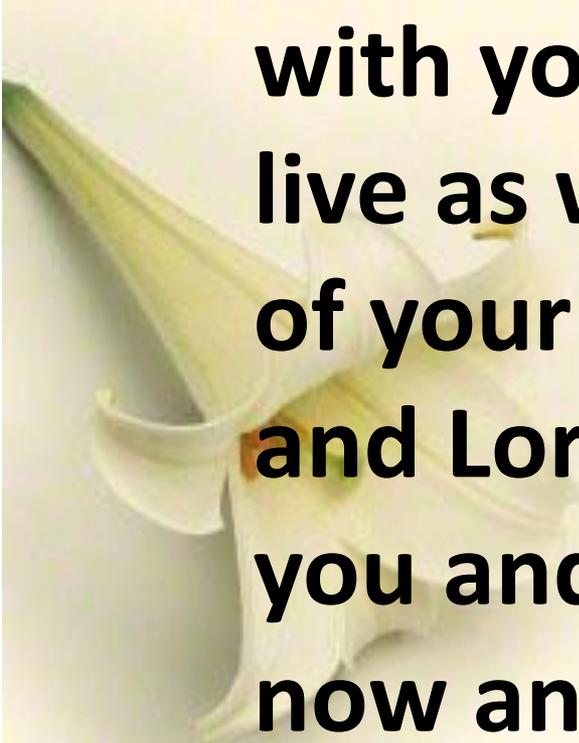


## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Holy and righteous God,

**C: you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



**WELCOME**

**To**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

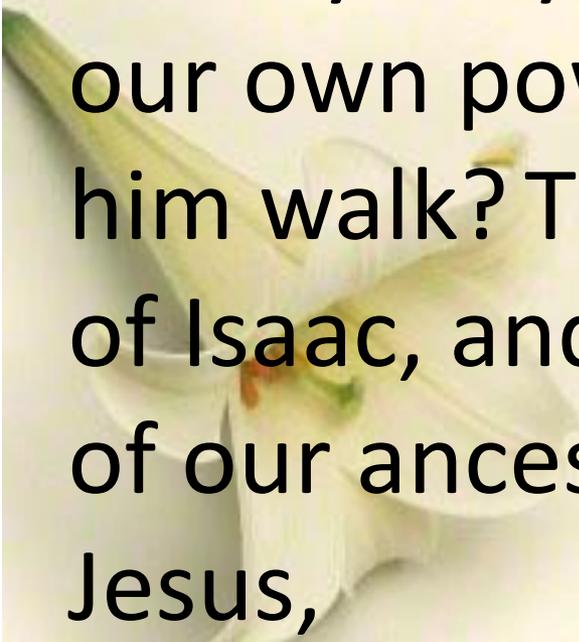
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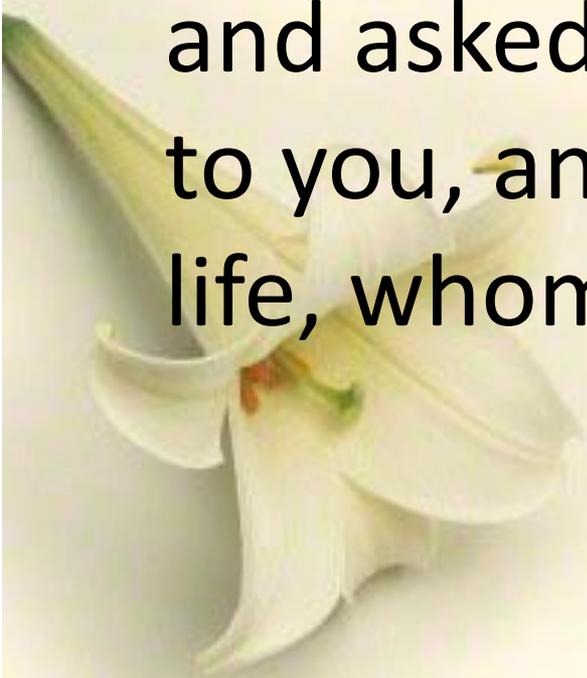
## **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

R: A reading from Acts, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

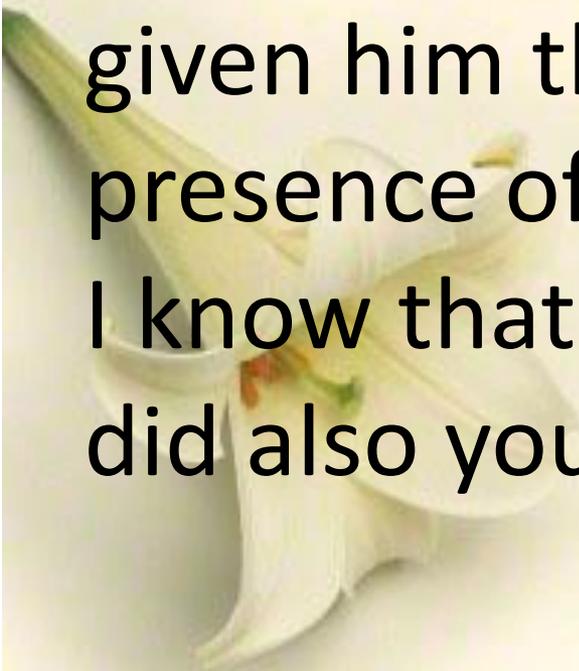
Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus,



whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.



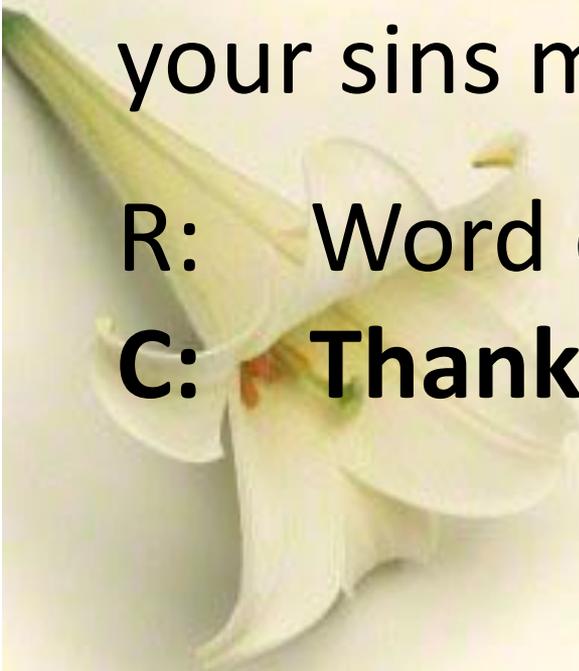
To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.



In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

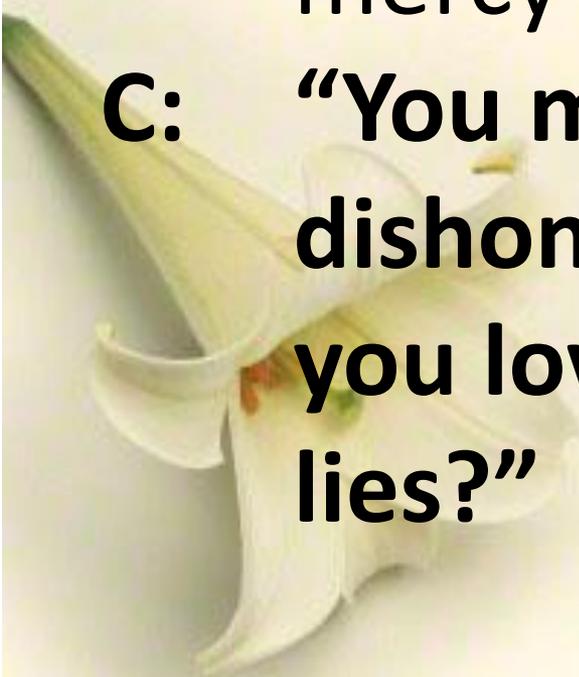
**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **A Responsive Reading from Psalm 4**

**R:** Answer me when I call, O God,  
defender of my cause; you set me  
free when I was in distress; have  
mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**C:** **“You mortals, how long will you  
dishonor my glory; how long will  
you love illusions and seek after  
lies?”**



R: Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

**C: Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**



R: Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

**C: Many are saying, “Who will  
show us any good?” Let the light  
of your face shine upon us,  
O LORD.**



R: You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine  
abound.

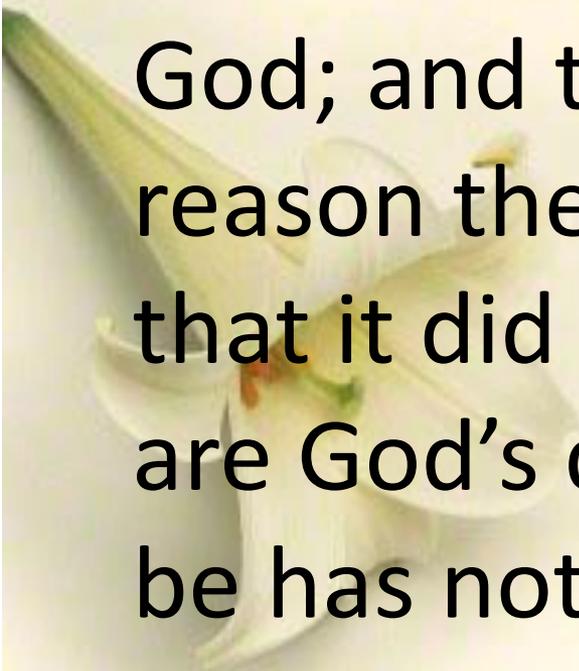
**C: In peace, I will lie down and  
sleep; for you alone, O LORD,  
make me rest secure.**



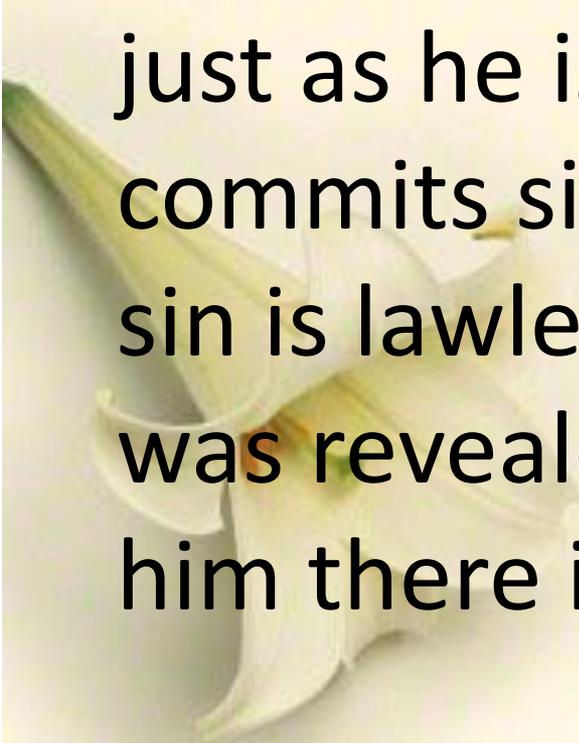
## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

R: A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> John,  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.



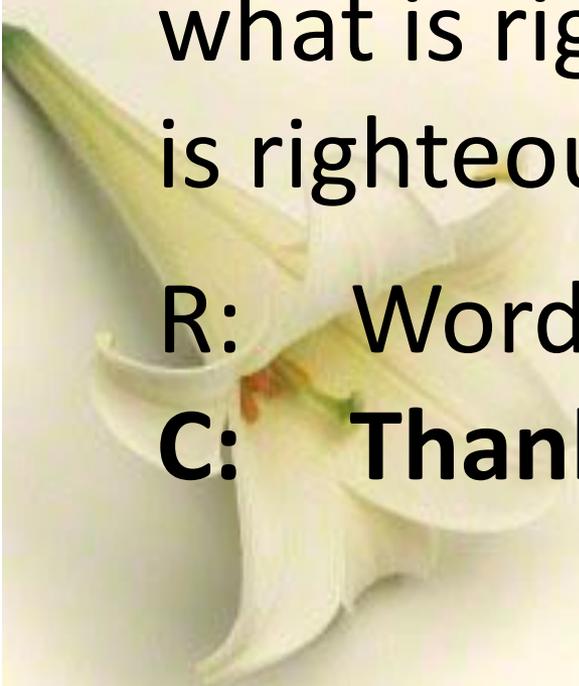
What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.



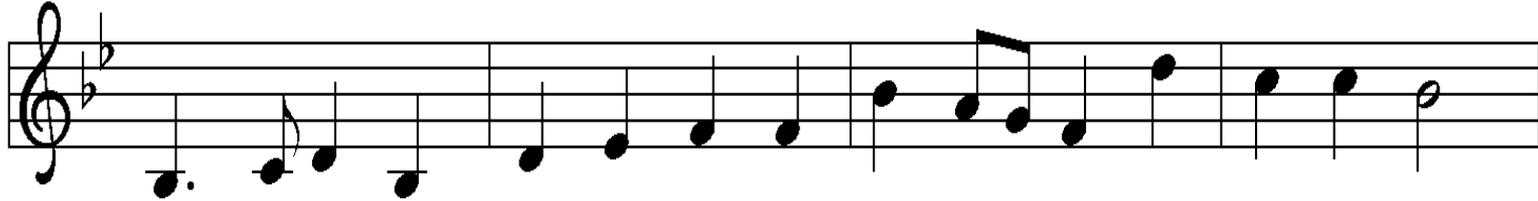
No one who abides in him sins;  
no one who sins has either seen him  
or known him. Little children, let no  
one deceive you. Everyone who does  
what is right is righteous, just as he  
is righteous.

R: Word of God, word of life.

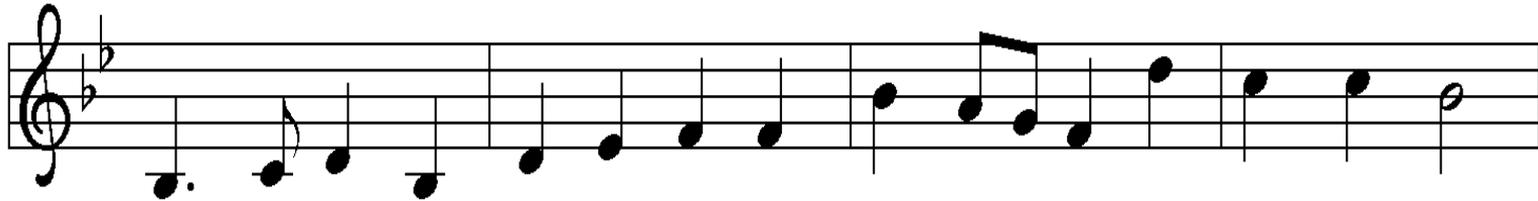
C: **Thanks be to God.**



# 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: Luke 24:36b-48**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

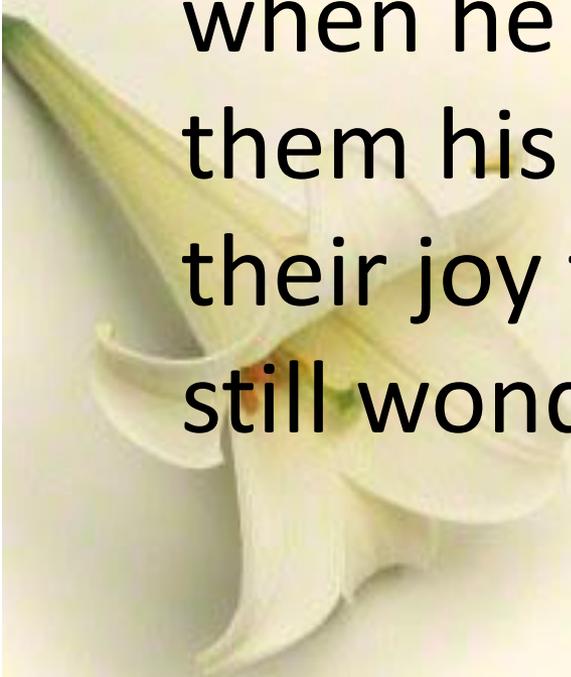
**C: **Glory to you, O Lord.****

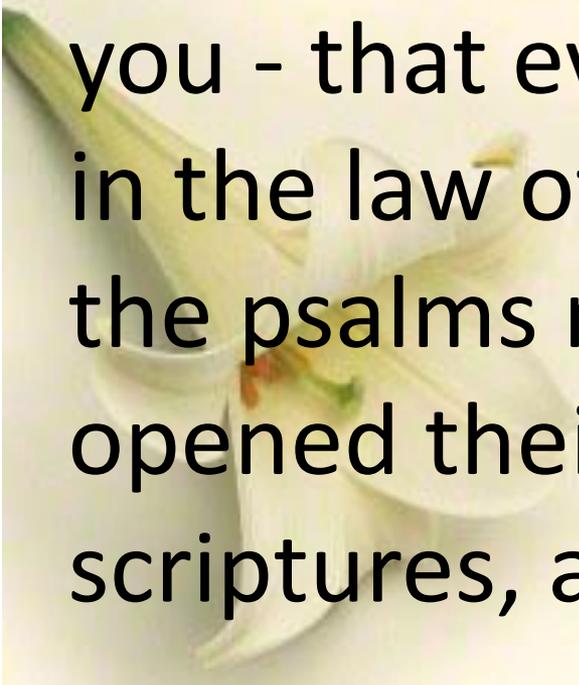
Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them,



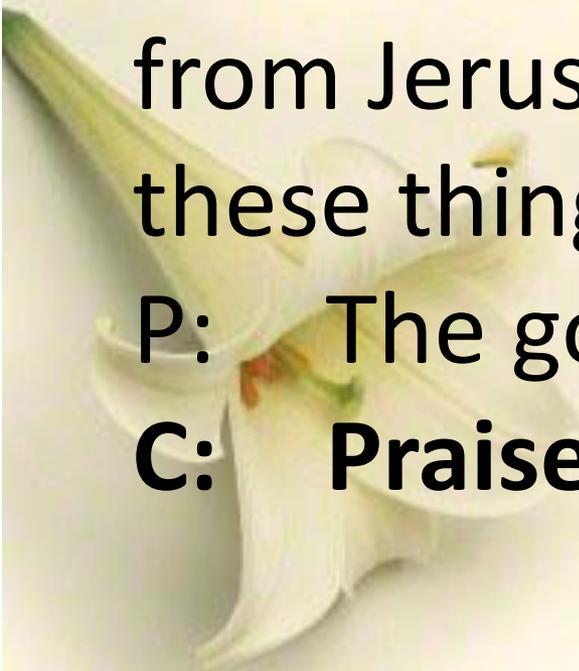


“Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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



# **Sermon**

## **“Sunday Brunch”**



# **BELIEVING DISCIPLES**



# COMMITTED DISCIPLES



# **LEADERSHIP DISCIPLES**



# **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Children of the Heavenly Father”***

**Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.**



**God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.**



**Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

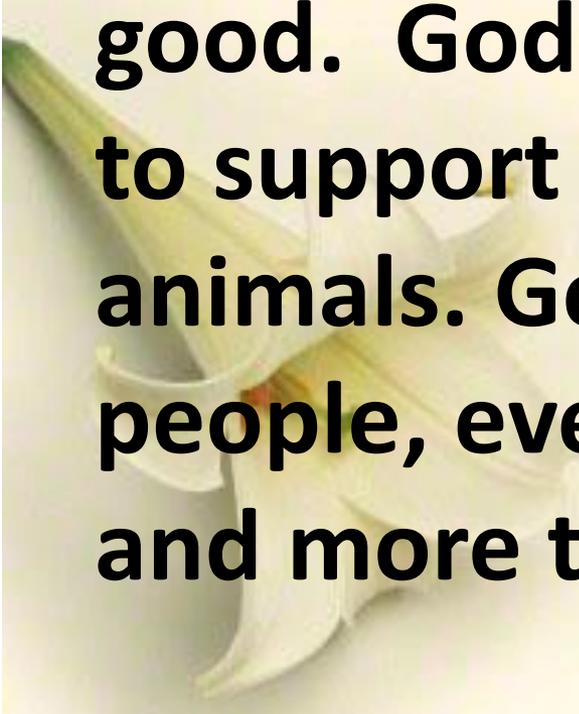


**Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.**

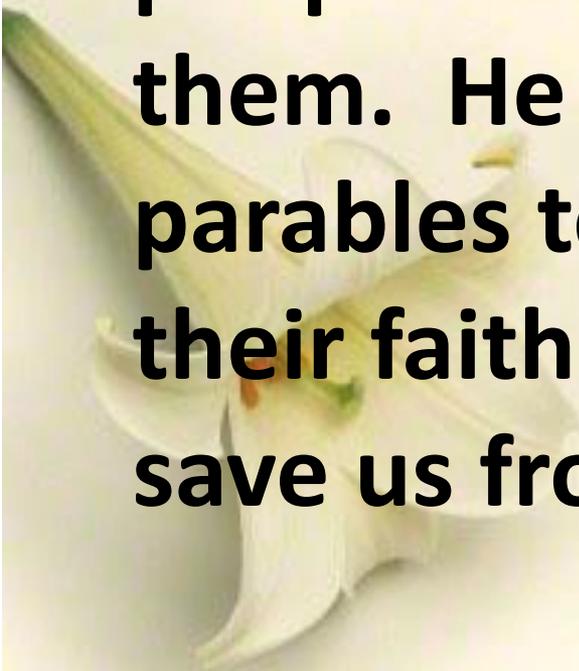


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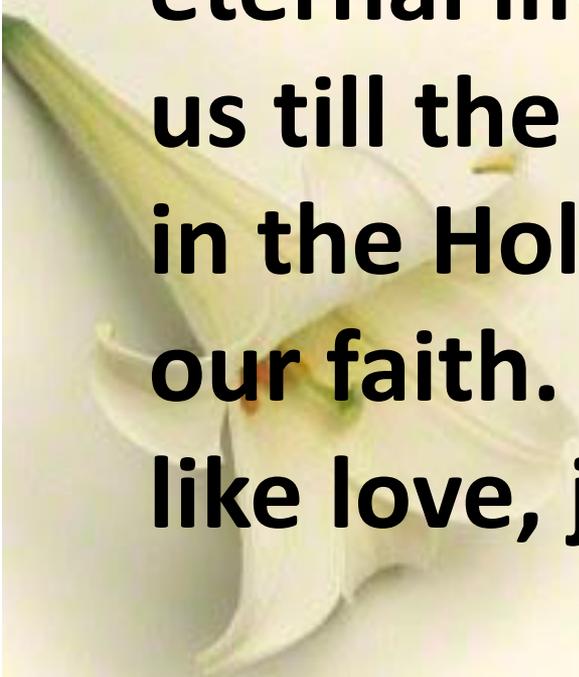
**We believe in God the Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth. God loved his creation and said it was good. God has given us life and things to support our life, like plants and animals. God is still creating through people, every time there is new life and more technology.**



**God provides for us by giving us all that we need for daily life. We believe in Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. He healed many people because he cared about them. He taught many stories and parables to his followers to increase their faith. He died on the cross to save us from our sins.**

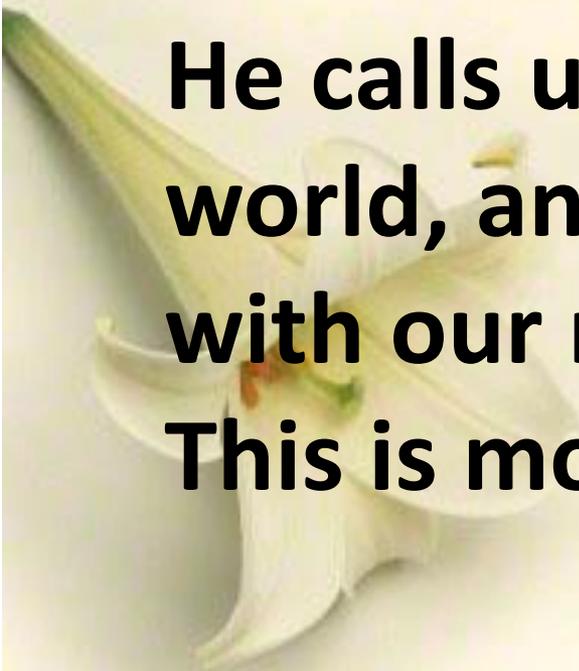


**He rose from the dead, and after he rose he commanded us to make new disciples all over the world. Because he loves us, he offers all who believe eternal life. He promises to be with us till the end of the age. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of our faith. He gives us spiritual gifts like love, joy, and kindness.**



**He forgives our sins and helps us to live holy lives. The Holy Spirit calls people to become part of the Christian Church, and helps the church to grow around the world. He calls us to serve others in the world, and helps us live in peace with our neighbor.**

**This is most certainly true. AMEN!**



# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rejoicing in the life, death,  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
we pray for the witness of the  
church, the wholeness of creation,  
and all who are in need.

*(A brief silence.)*

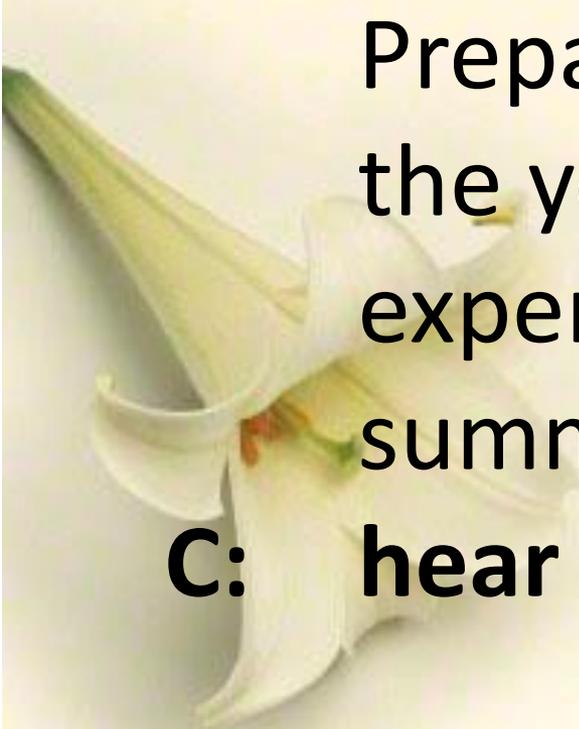


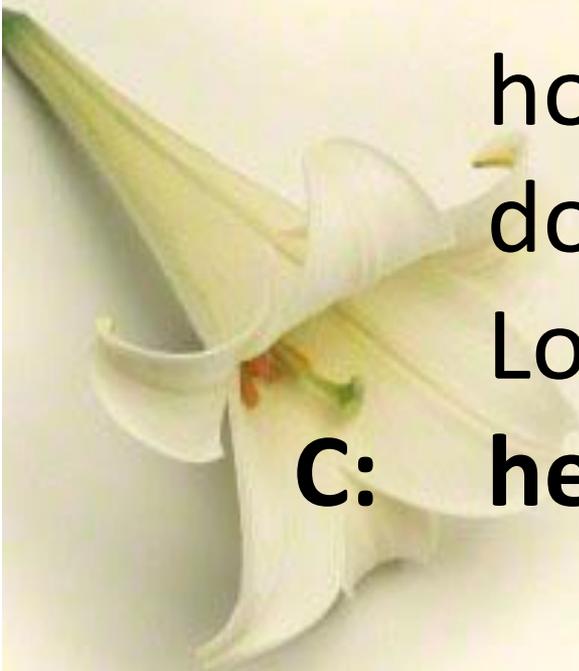
Holy God, we pray for the church  
and its many expressions.

Strengthen the National Youth  
Gathering planning team.

Prepare the hearts and minds of  
the youth and adults who will  
experience your love this  
summer. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**





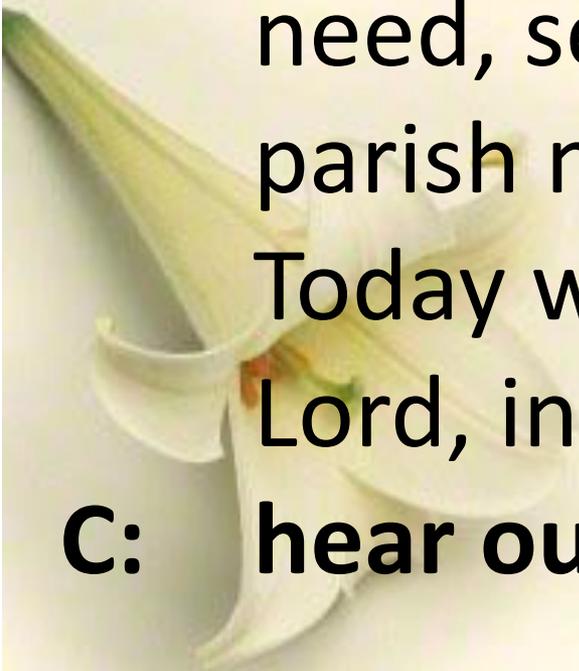
P: Creating God, you gave us  
dominion over every living  
creature. Grant us wisdom to  
use our power to develop  
sustainable farming and  
housing practices. Slow  
down our rush to consume.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Greet them with hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



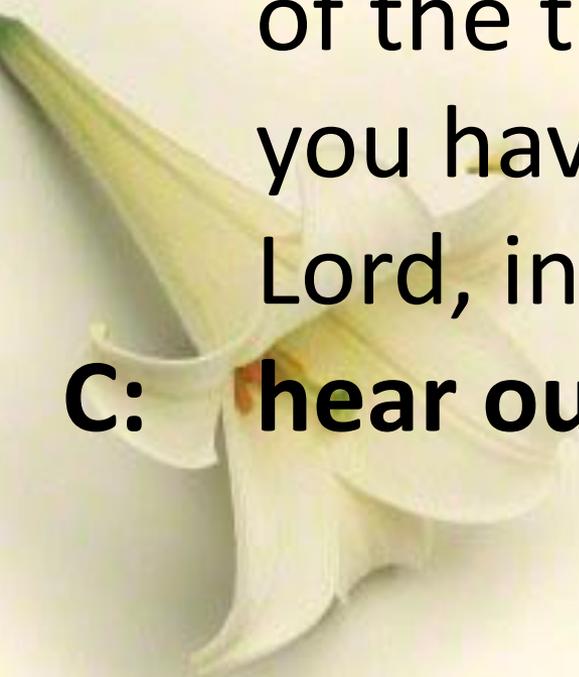


C: Compassionate God, you heal us.  
For all who have not been granted  
the healing they desire and for all  
who cannot access the care they  
need, send social workers, doctors,  
parish nurses, and other caregivers.  
Today we pray especially for . . . .  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



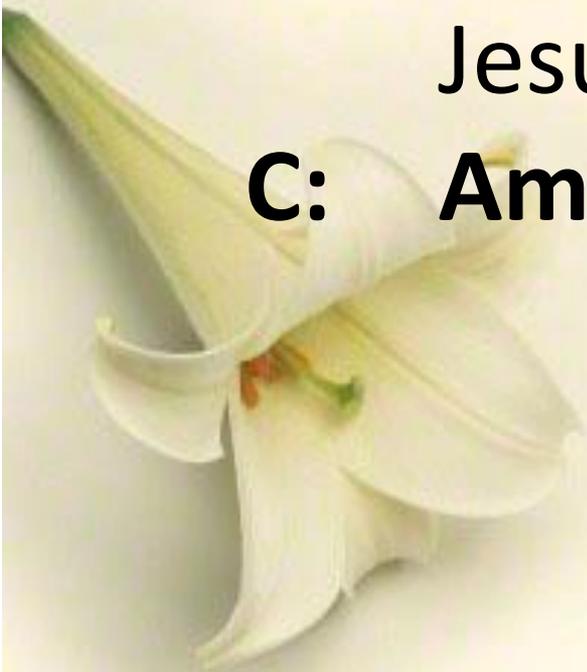
P: God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn (*especially*). Hold them in your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



**P:** We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



# SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**



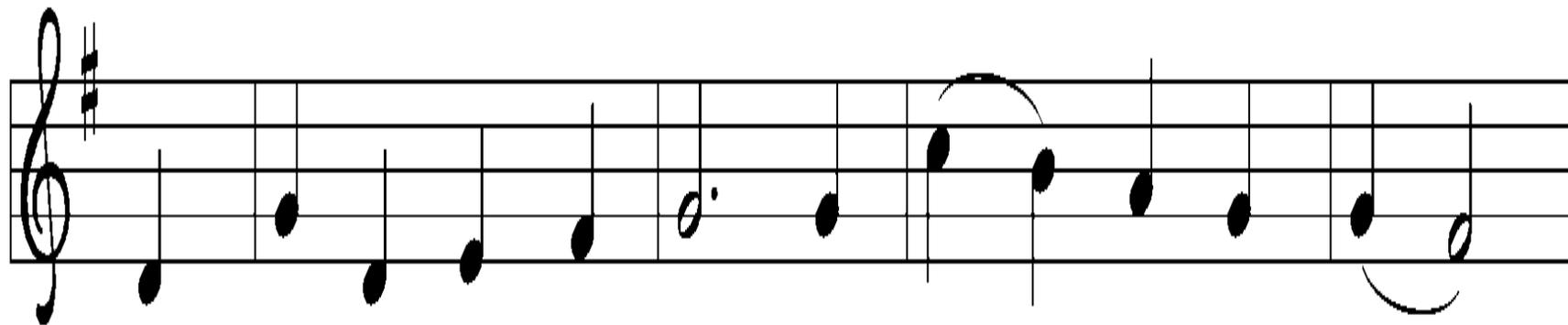
**VIDEO DURING OFFERING**

***“What A Friend”***

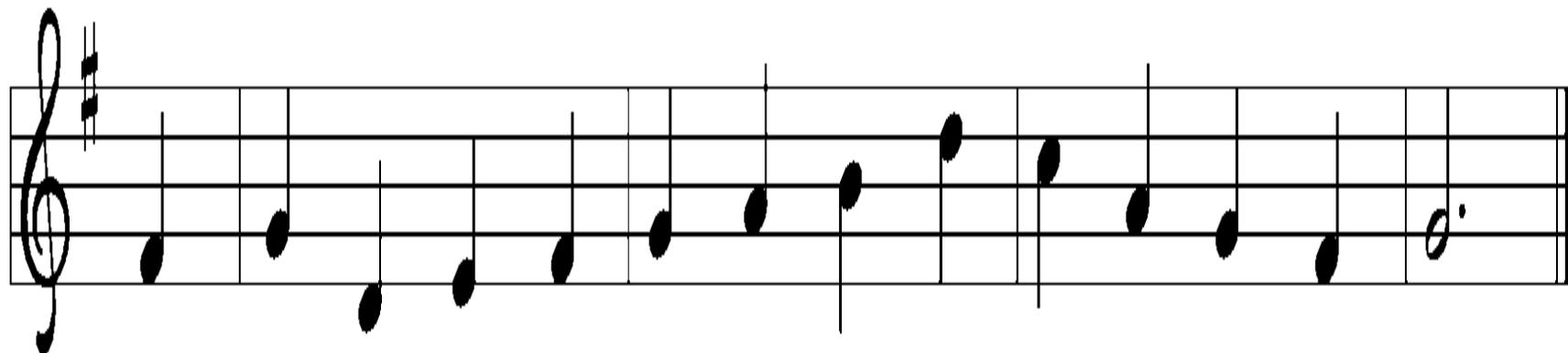
**by Matt Maher**



## Offertory Response



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,

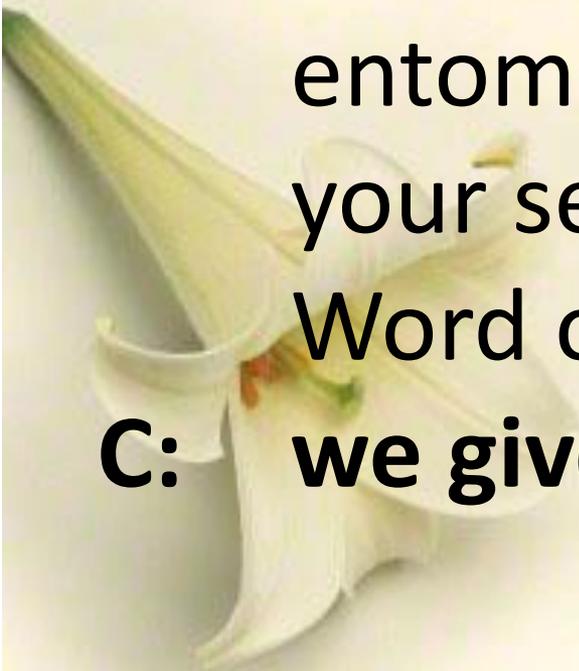


all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

# 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.

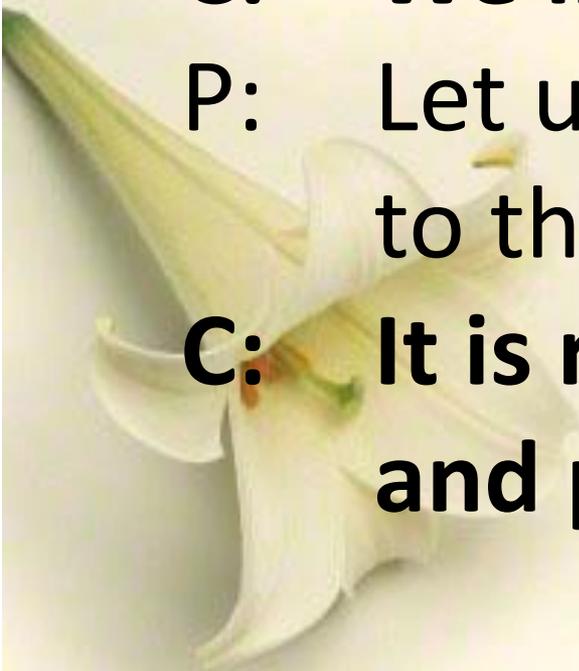
C: **And also with you.**

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.**

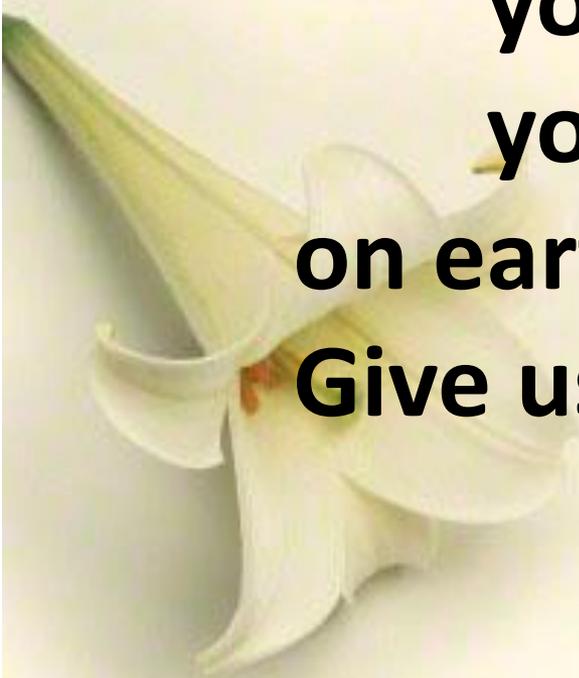


# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



***THE LORD'S PRAYER  
(MODERN VERSION)***

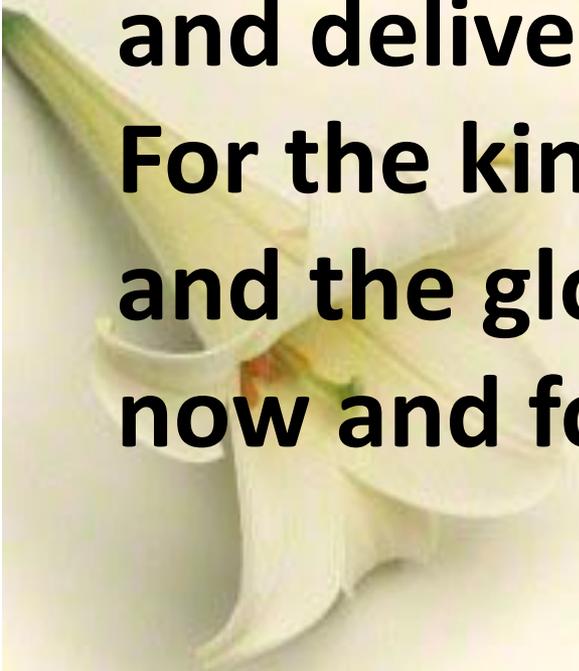
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**



**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**



# COMMUNION



# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

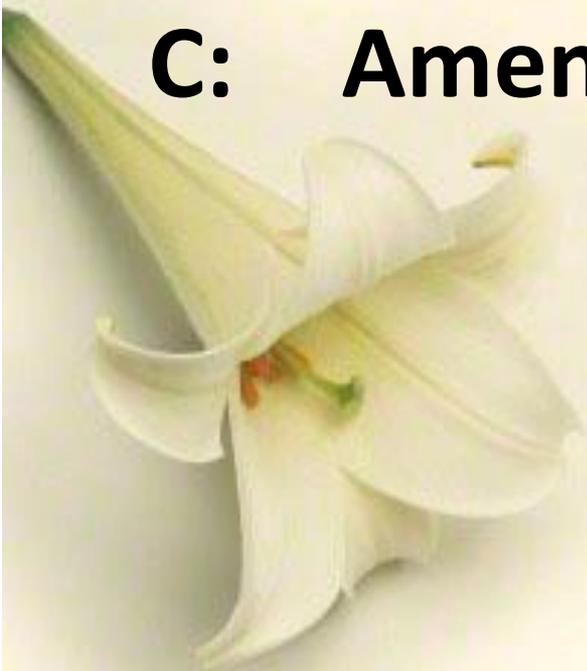
**P:** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus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

**C: Amen.**

# **BLESSING**

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

**C:** Amen.



# **CLOSING HYMN**

***“On Our Way Rejoicing”***

**On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.**

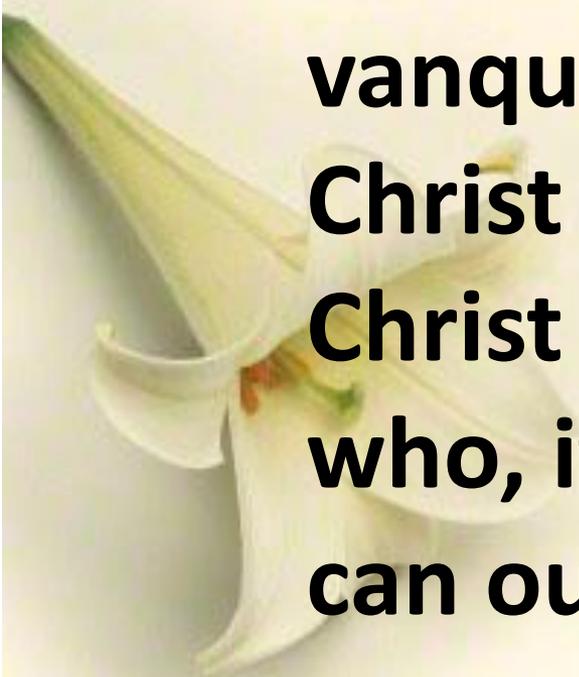
**Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.**

**Christ without, our safety;**

**Christ within, our joy;**

**who, if we be faithful,**

**can our hope destroy?**



***Refrain***

***On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!***



**Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore.**



***Refrain***

***On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!***



# DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace.

Christ is with you!

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Thanks for worshipping  
with us today!*

*Please join us in the  
Fellowship Hall for  
refreshments*

