

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 23, 2017



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



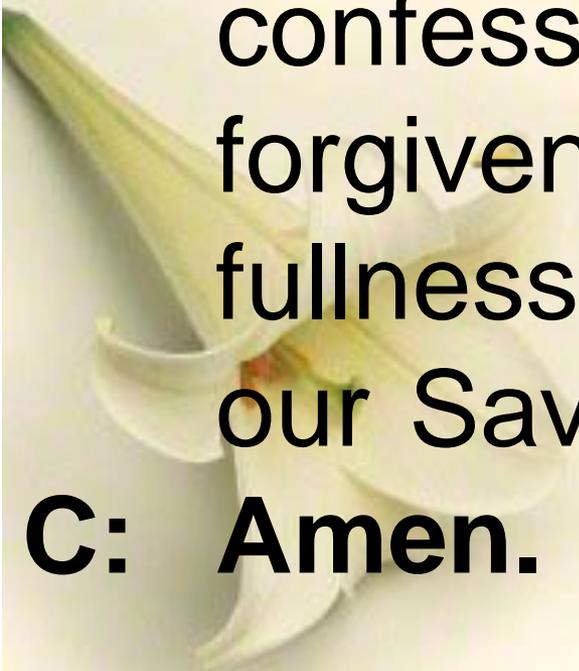
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



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.

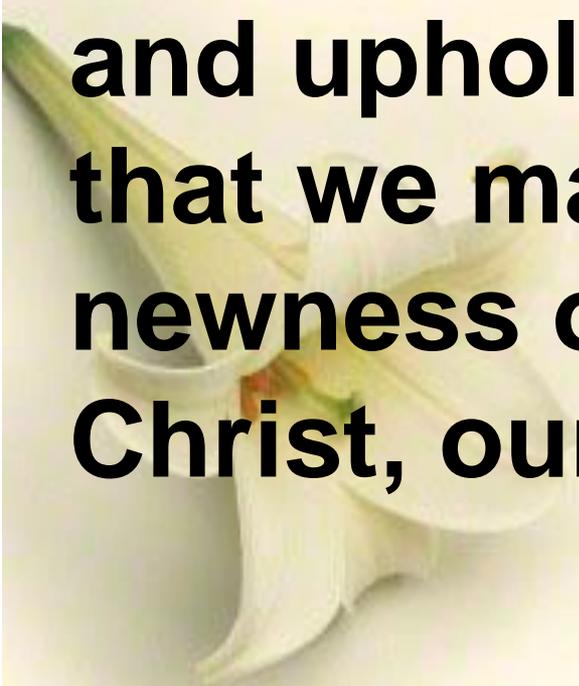
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)*

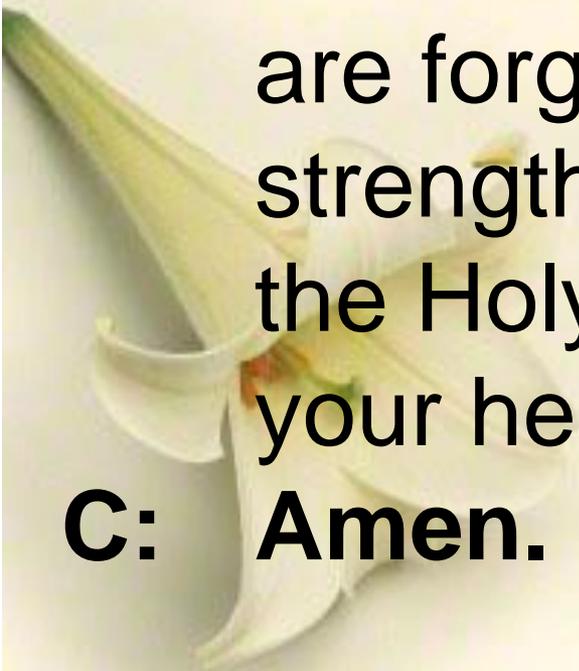
Gracious God,

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.

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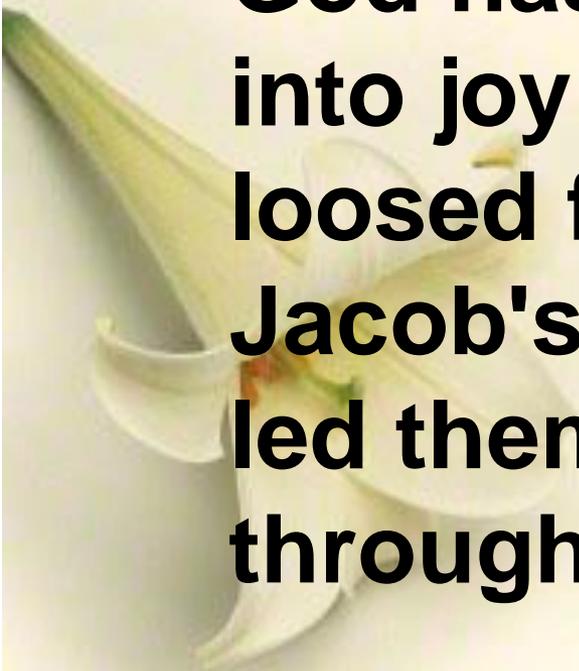
P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through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

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

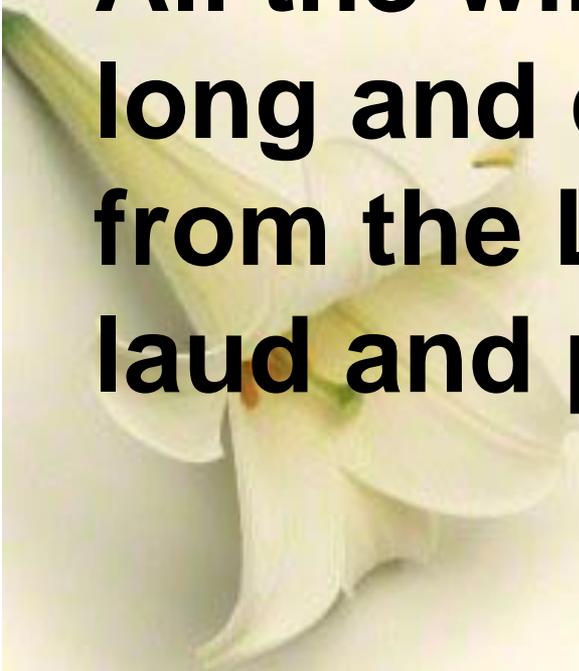
“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.**



**'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun has risen.**

**All the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from the Light to whom we give
laud and praise undying.**



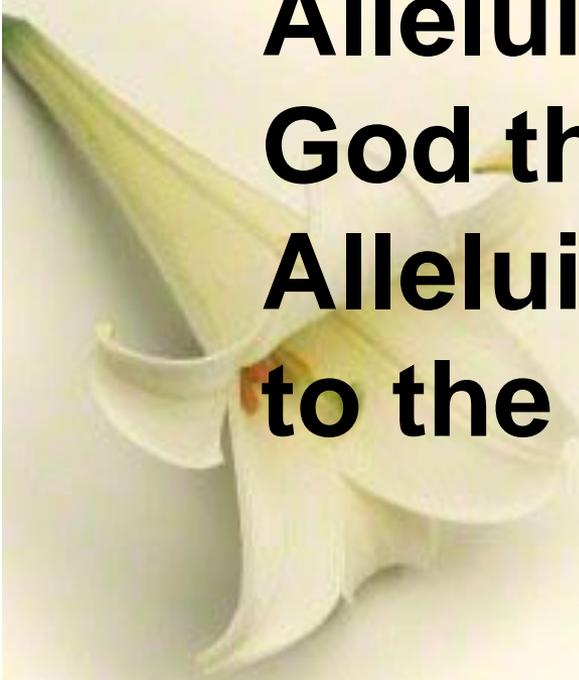
**Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!**



**Neither could the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own,
you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.**

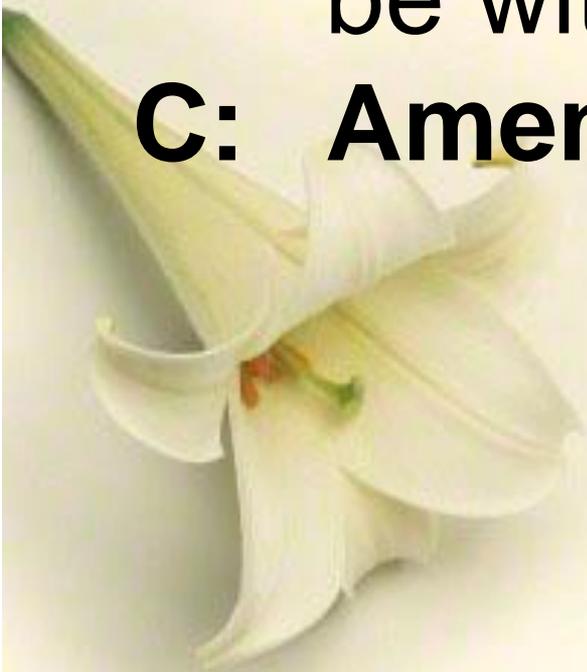
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**Alleluia! now we cry
to our Lord immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia! with the Son
God the Father praising;
Alleluia! yet again
to the Spirit raising.**



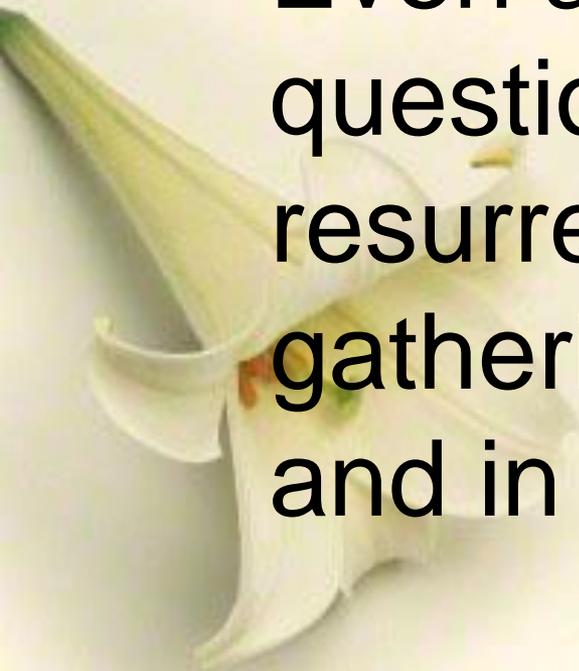
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen



INTRODUCTION

P: In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives.



Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

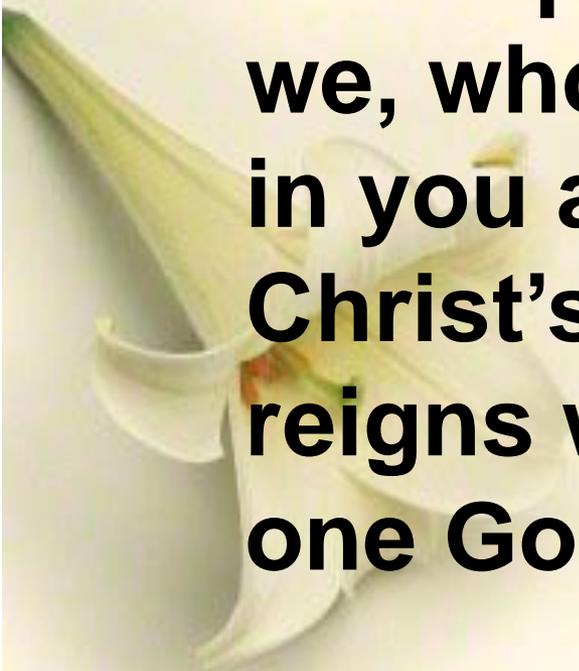
C: Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



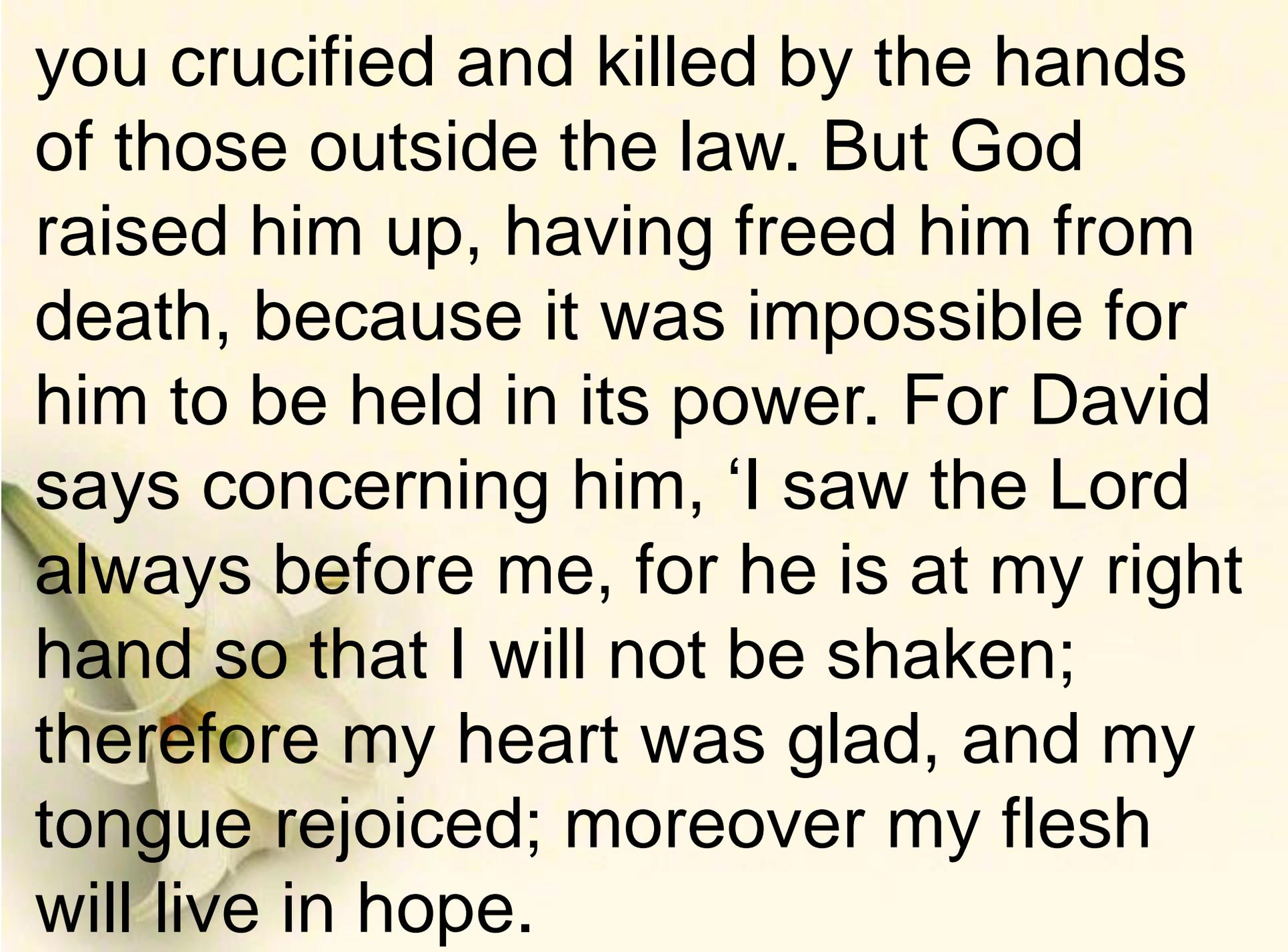


FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

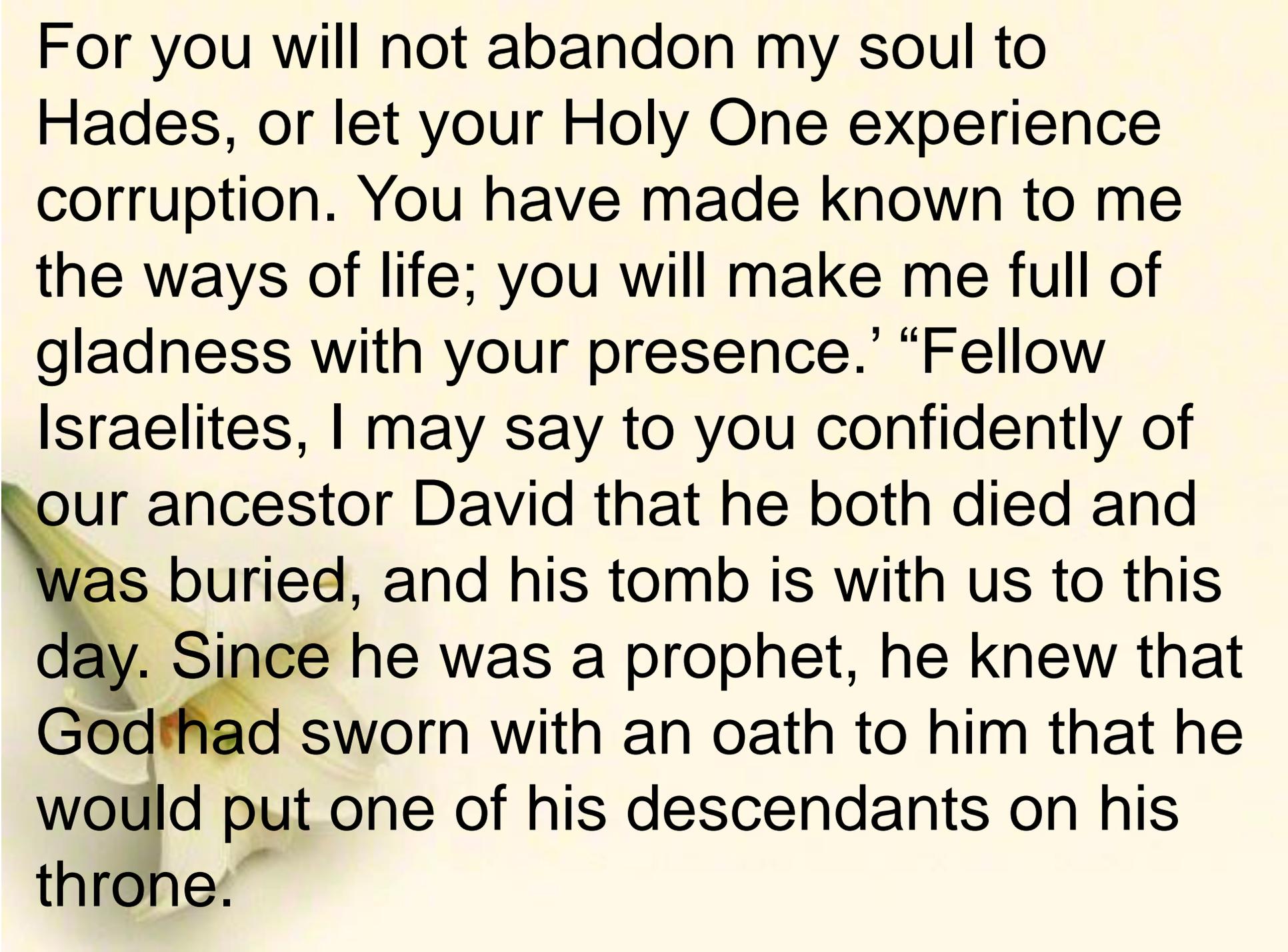
R: A reading from Acts, the 2nd chapter.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,





you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

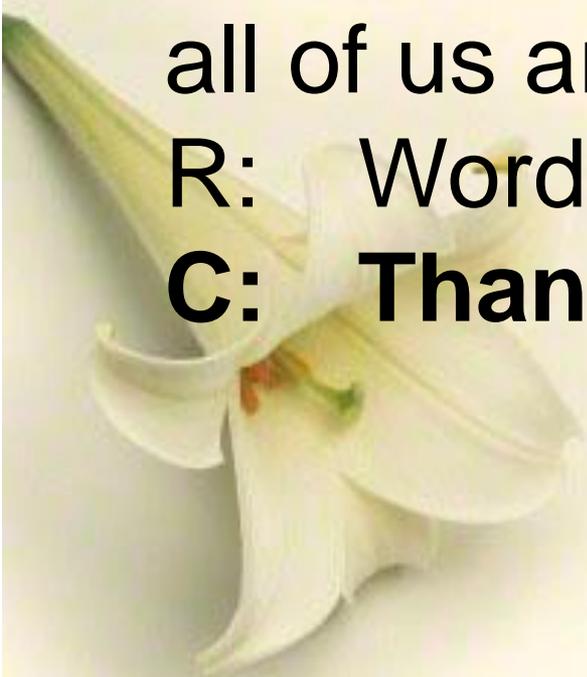


For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

R: Word of God, word of life.

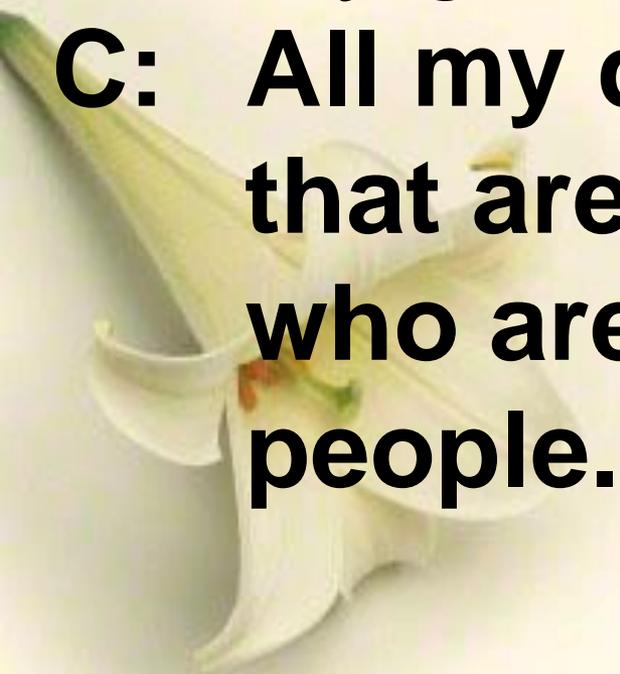
C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 16 - A Responsive Reading

R: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.



R: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.



R: O LORD, you are my portion
and my cup; it is you who
uphold my lot.

**C: My boundaries enclose a
pleasant land; indeed,
I have a rich inheritance.**



R: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.



R: My heart, therefore, is glad,
and my spirit rejoices; my
body also shall rest in hope.

**C: For you will not abandon me
to the grave, nor let your
holy one see the pit.**



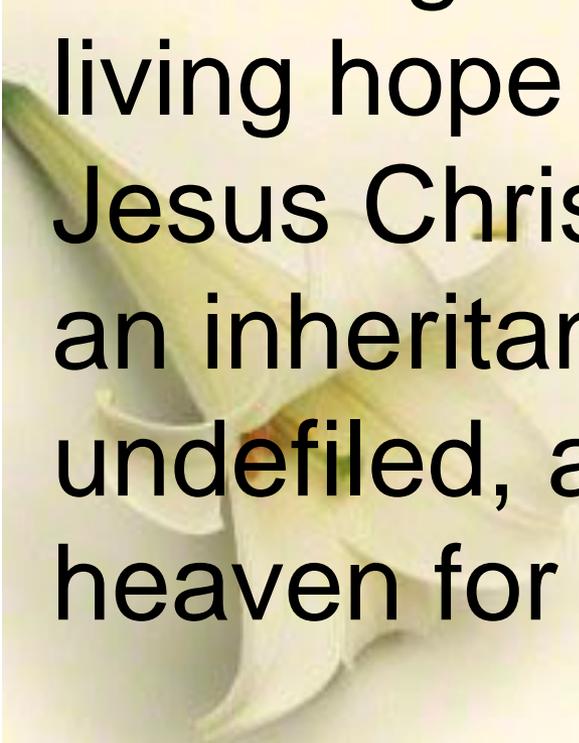
R: You will show me the path
of life; in your presence there
is fullness of joy, and in your
right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

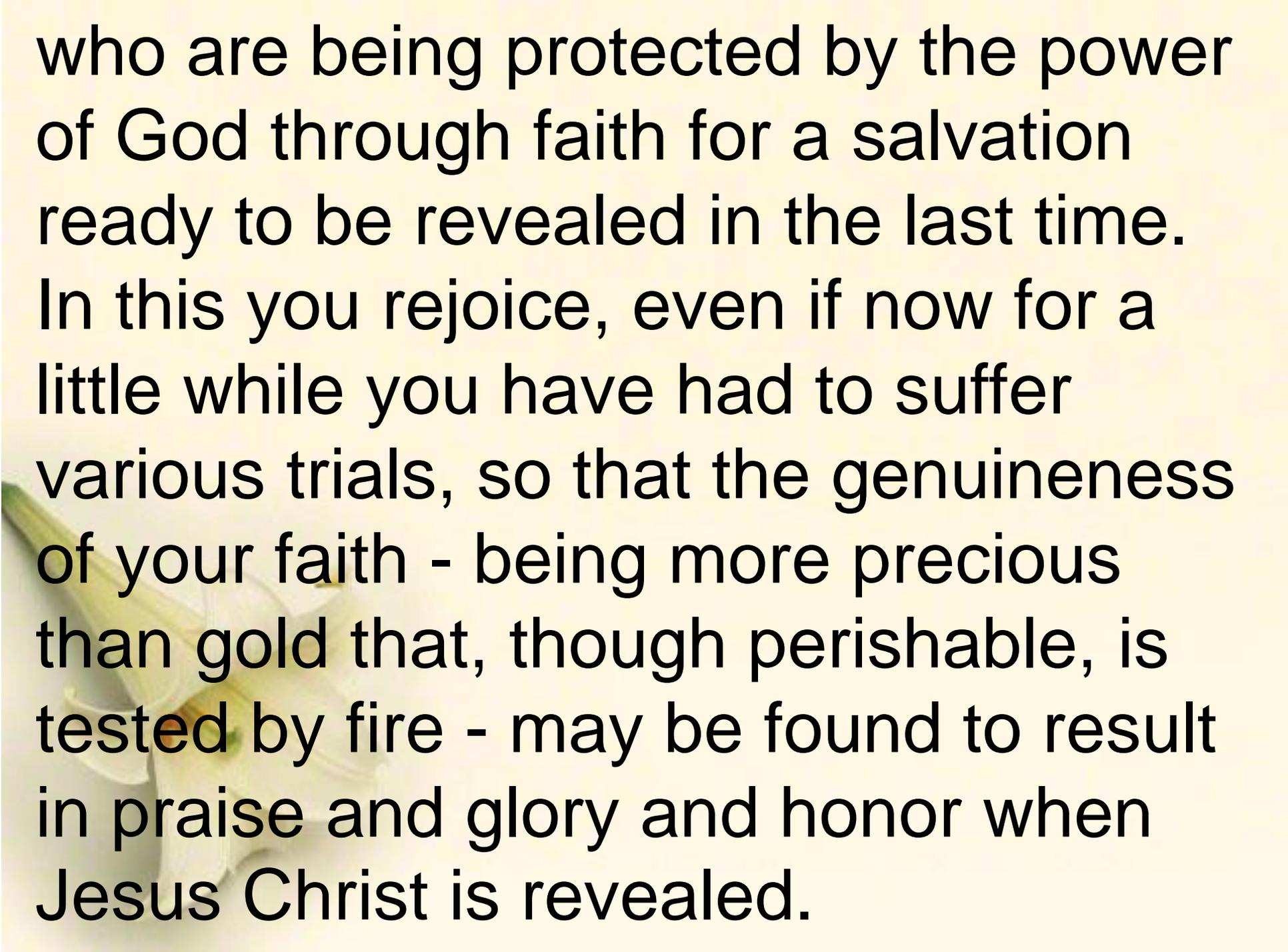


SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

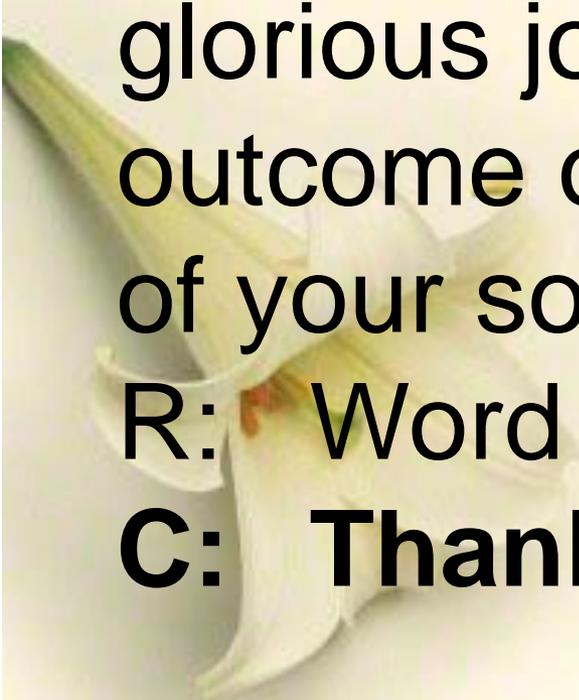
R: A reading from 1st Peter, the 1st chapter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,





who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

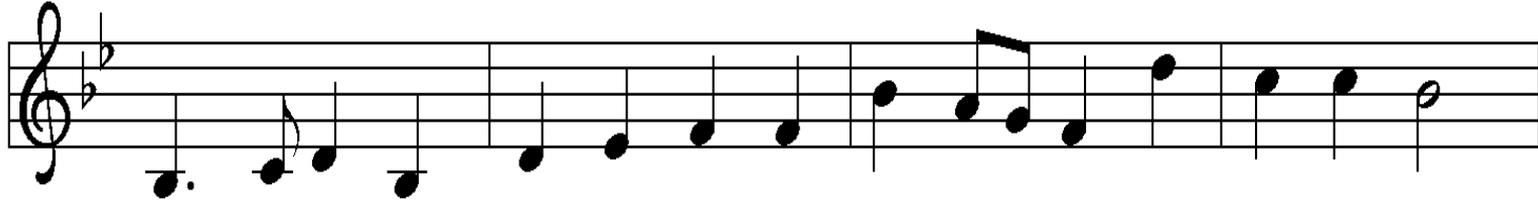


Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

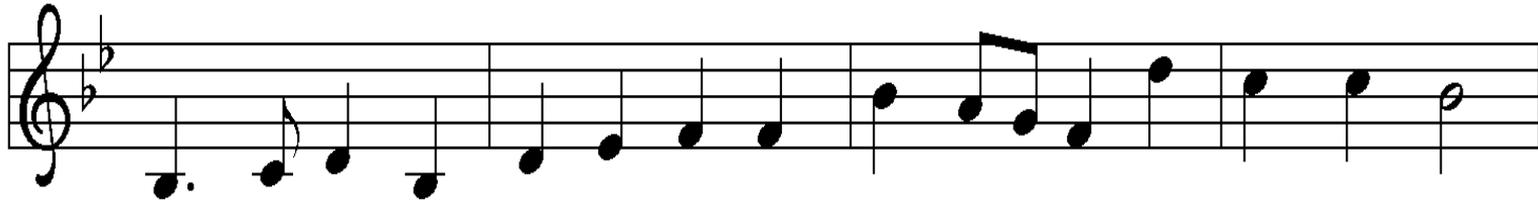
R: Word of God, word of life.

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.



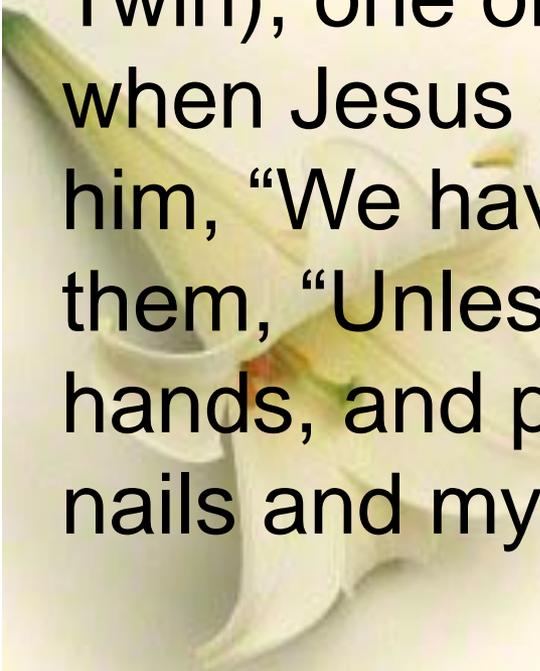
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

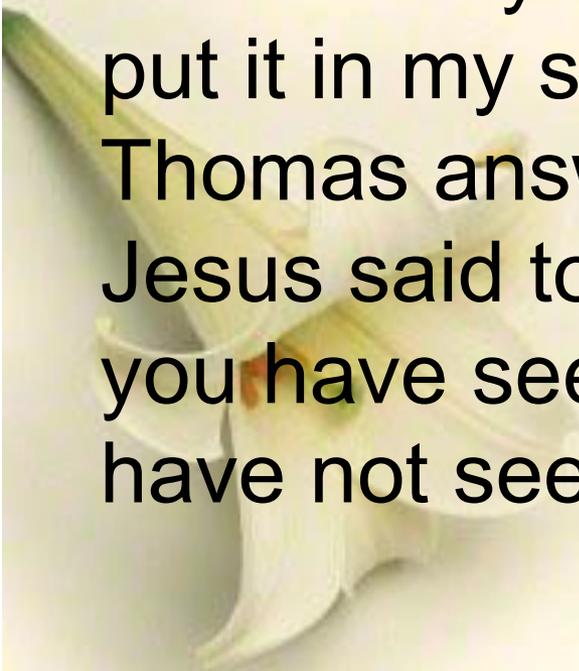
P: The holy gospel according to John,
the 20th chapter.

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

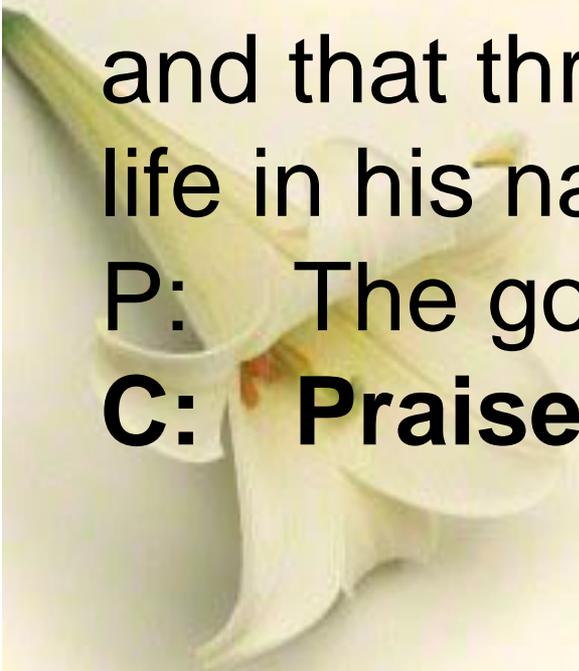
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."



When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”



A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."



Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

“The Post-Easter Blues”



HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia!

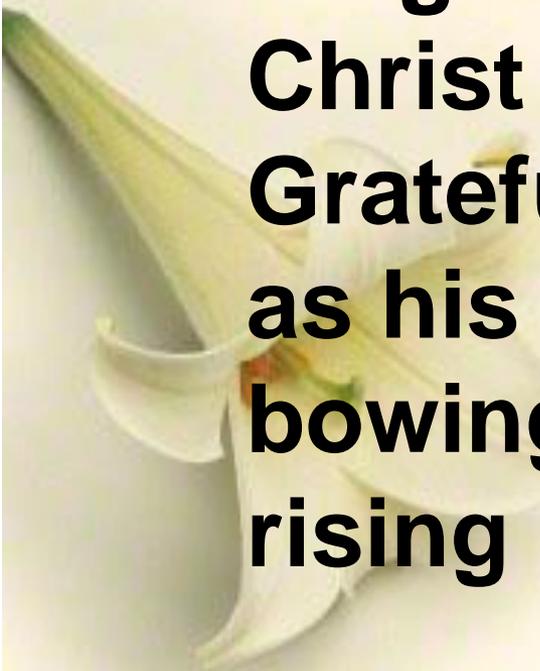
Christ is risen from the dead!

Gratefully our hearts adore him

as his light once more appears;

bowing down in joy before him,

rising up from griefs and tears.



Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

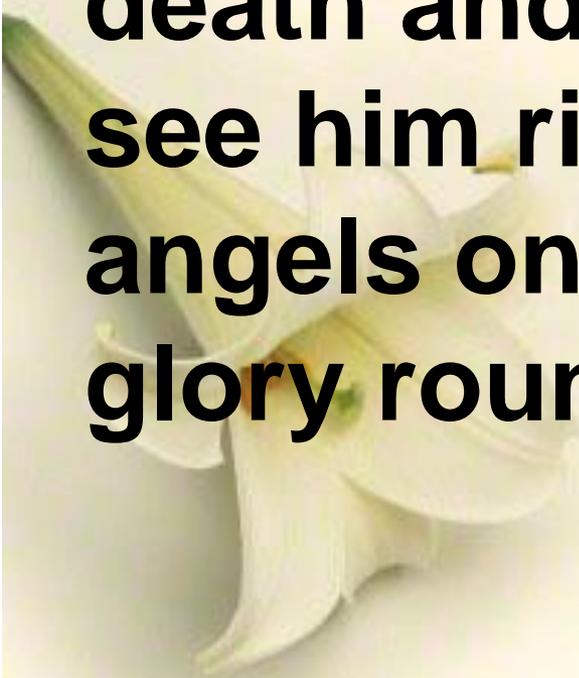
Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead!



**Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow.**



Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Risen our victorious head!

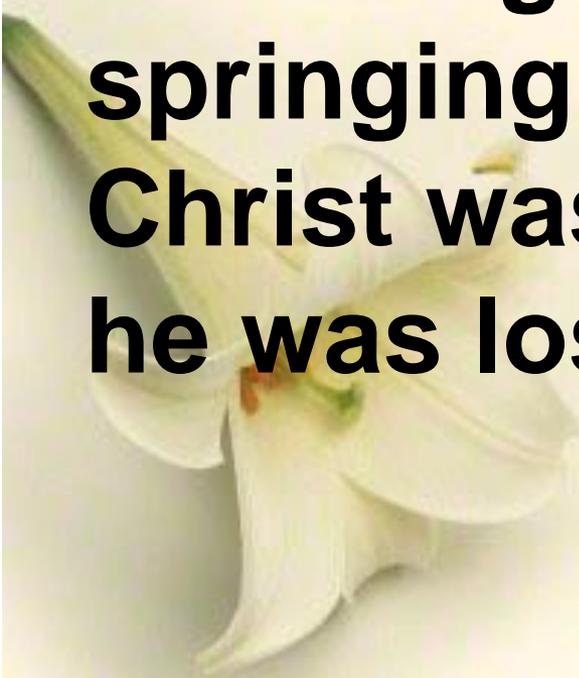
Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead!



**Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.**

**See the grave its firstfruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found.**



Refrain

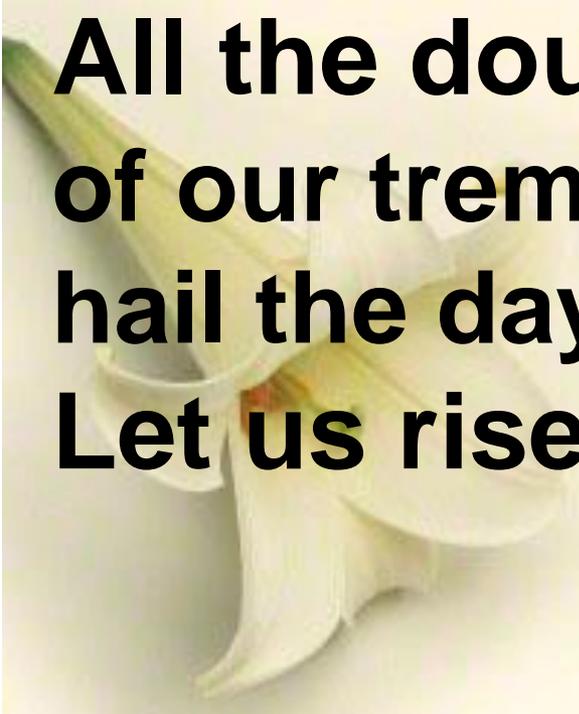
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead!





**Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast.**

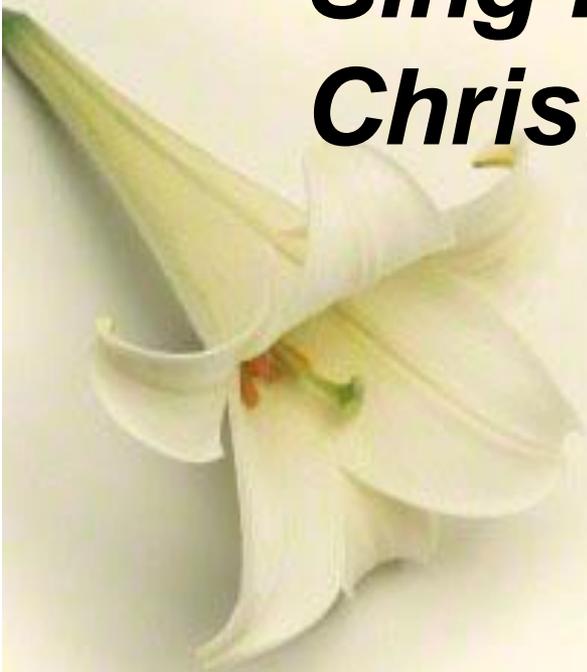
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Sing his praises! Alleluia!

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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

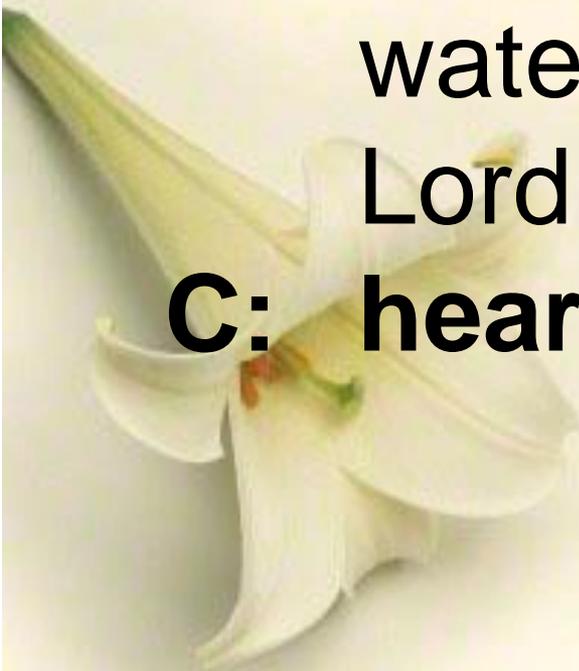
P: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church. Breathe your Spirit into us. Renew us with your power. Unite us in mission and send us into the world with your love. Lord, in your mercy,

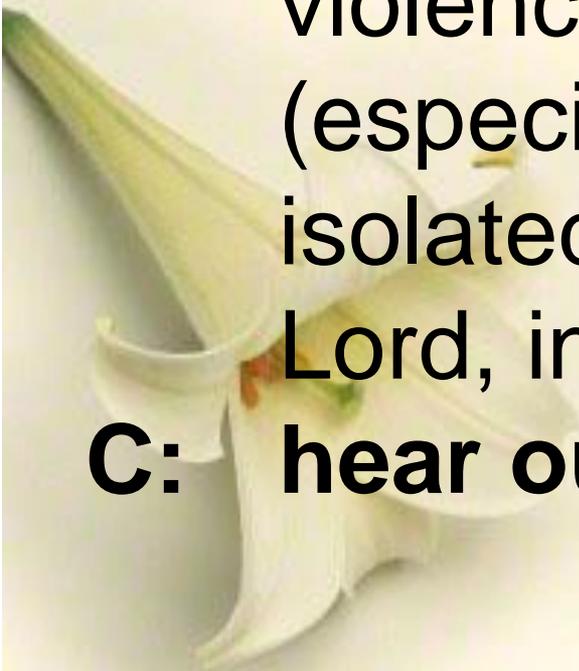
C: hear our prayer.



P: For the earth. For fields and forests, gardens and vineyards, and all newly planted crops. Sustain our world with clean water and favorable weather. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.





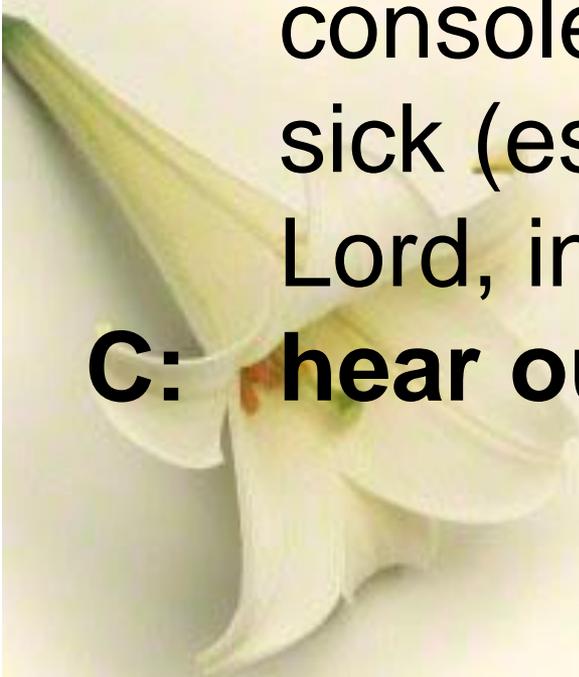
P: For the nations. Empower leaders to work for the well-being of all. Send peace into every place where people live in the shadow of violence and displacement (especially). Free all who are isolated behind walls of fear. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those in need. Look with compassion toward those who bear hidden wounds. Draw near to those who seek you. Comfort the dying, console the grieving, and heal the sick (especially).

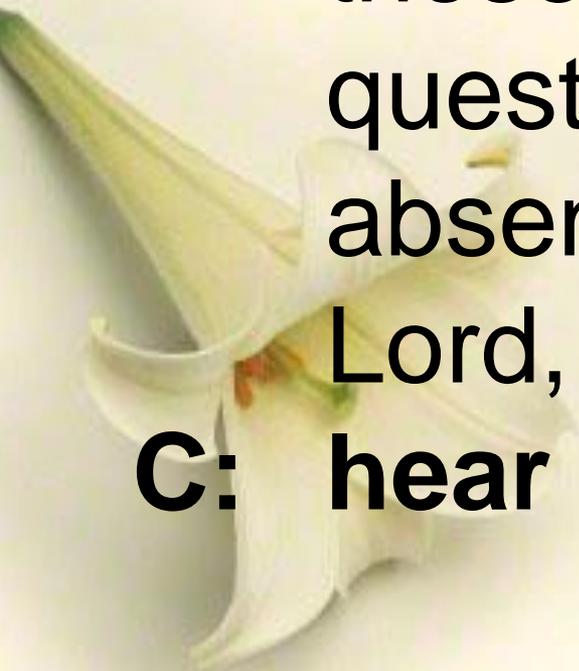
Lord, in your mercy,

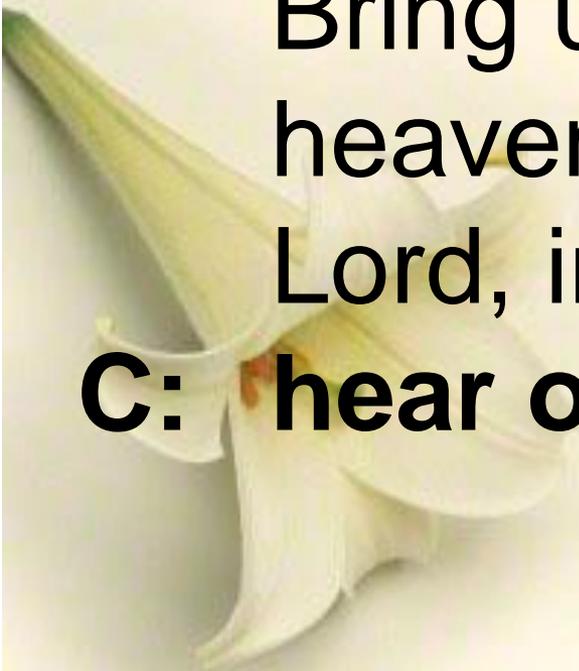
C: hear our prayer.



P: For this assembly. Give us courage to welcome newcomers graciously. Walk with those who are inquiring, those who harbor doubts and questions, and those who are absent from us.

Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

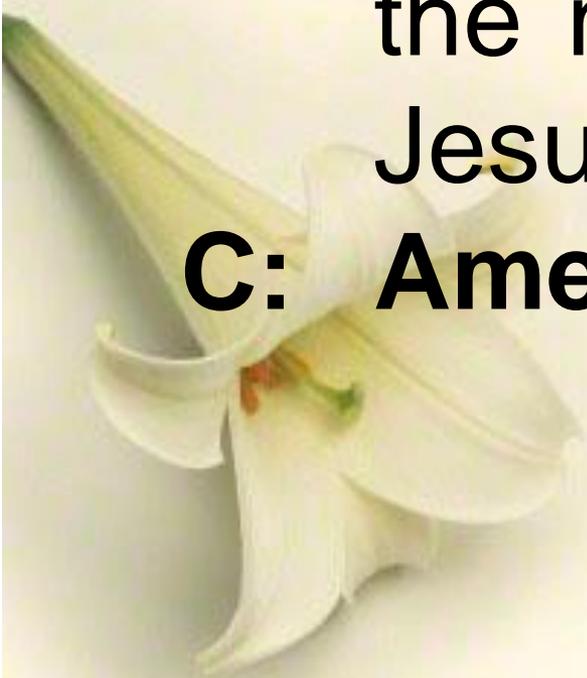




P: With thanksgiving, we remember
those who have died in faith.
Inspire us by their witness.
Bring us with them to the
heavenly feast.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C. And also with you.



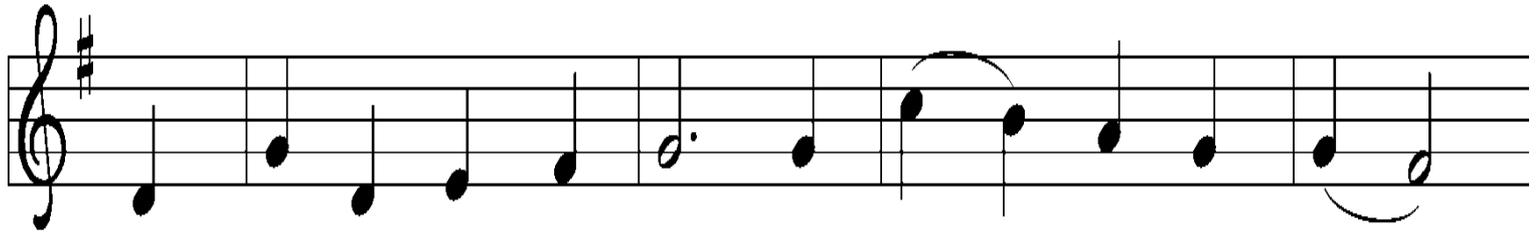
VIDEO DURING OFFERING

“Beautiful Savior”

By 4-year old Claire Ryann



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,

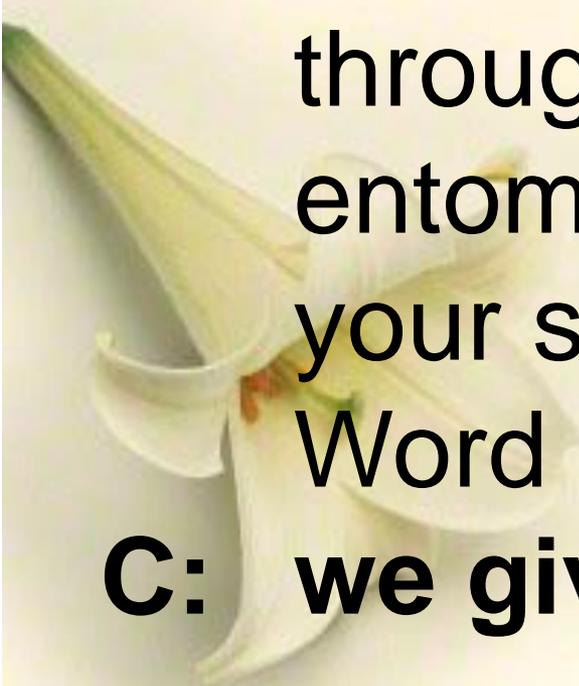


all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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

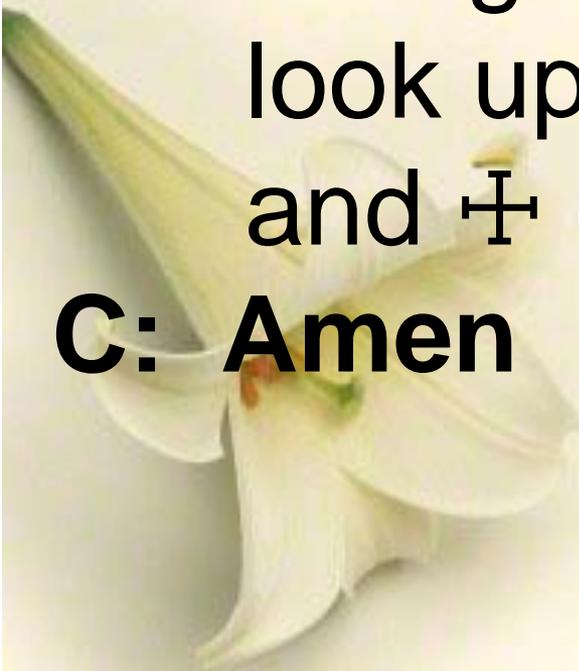
P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ,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

C: Amen

BLESSING

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

C: Amen



CLOSING HYMN

“Choral Benediction”

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



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



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



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace.

Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**



*Thanks for worshipping
with us today!*

*Please join us in the
Fellowship Hall for
refreshments*







