

# Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 30, 2017



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

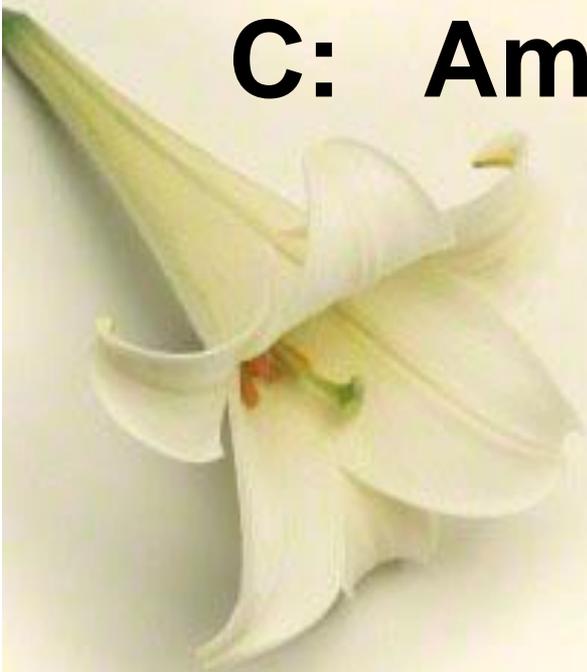


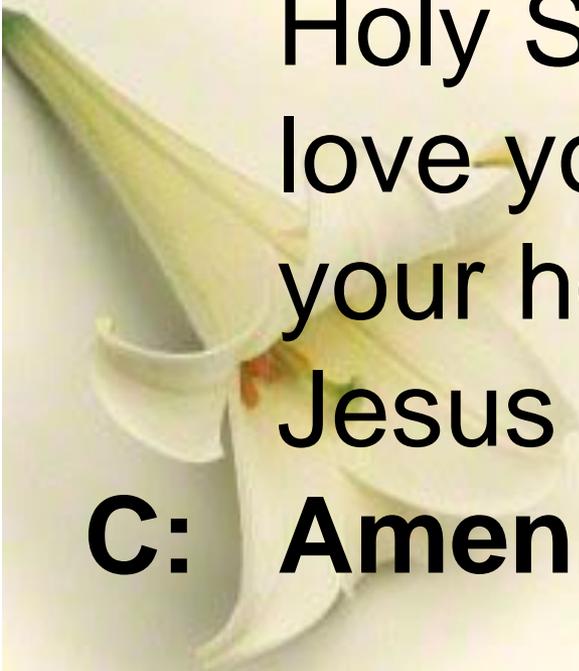
# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**



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

**C: Amen.**





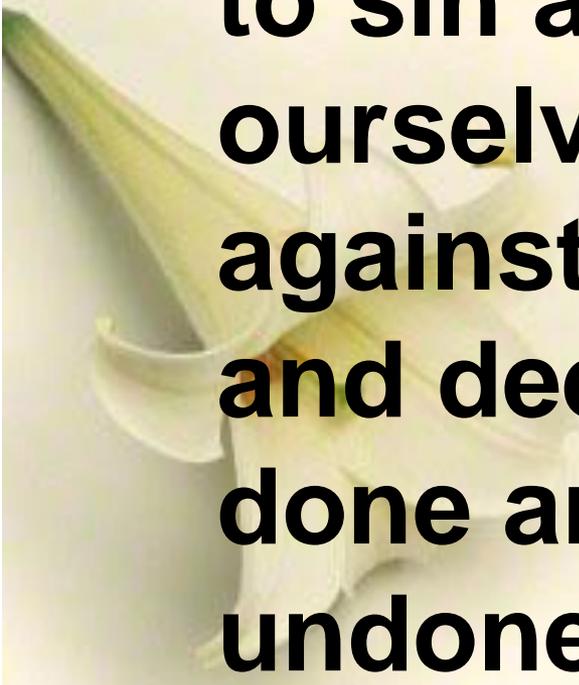
**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

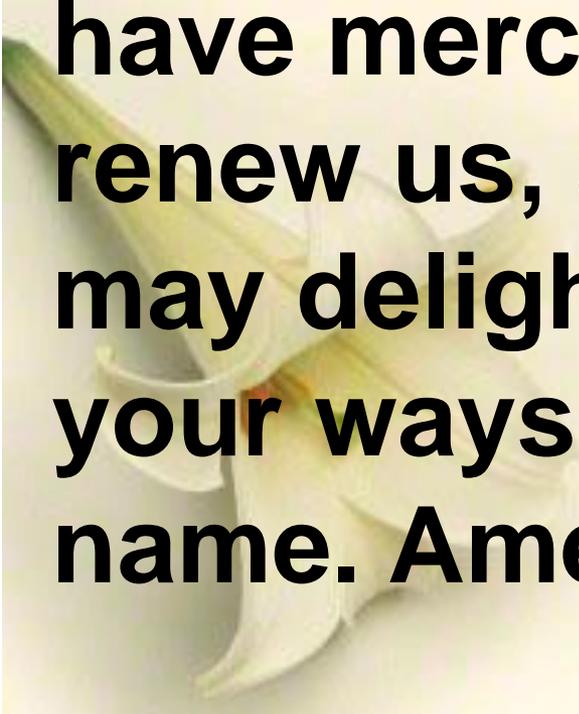
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)*

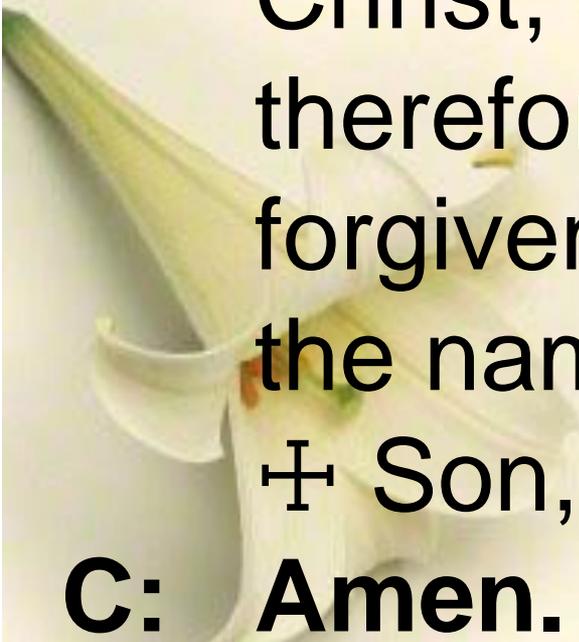
Most merciful God,

**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.**

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**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**

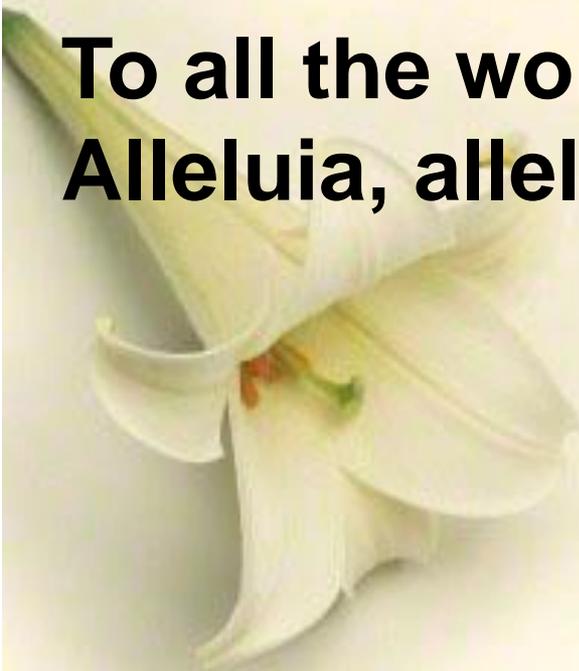
**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**

**Now is the triumph of our king!**

**To all the world glad news we bring:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

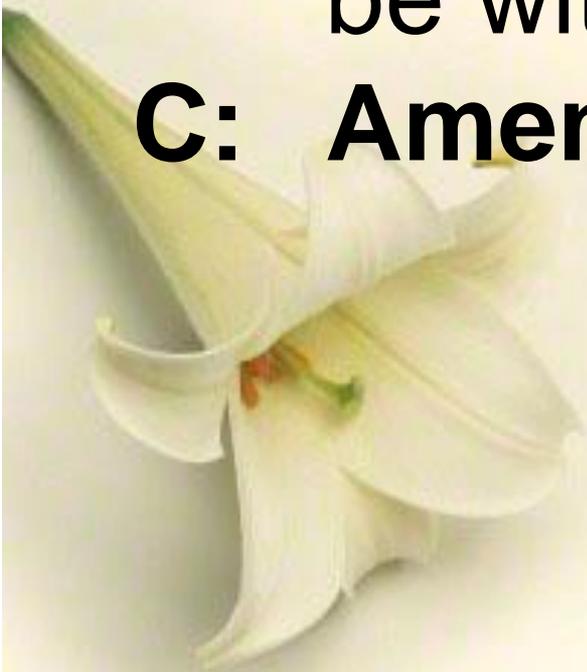


**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



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

**C: Amen**



# INTRODUCTION

P: Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread.



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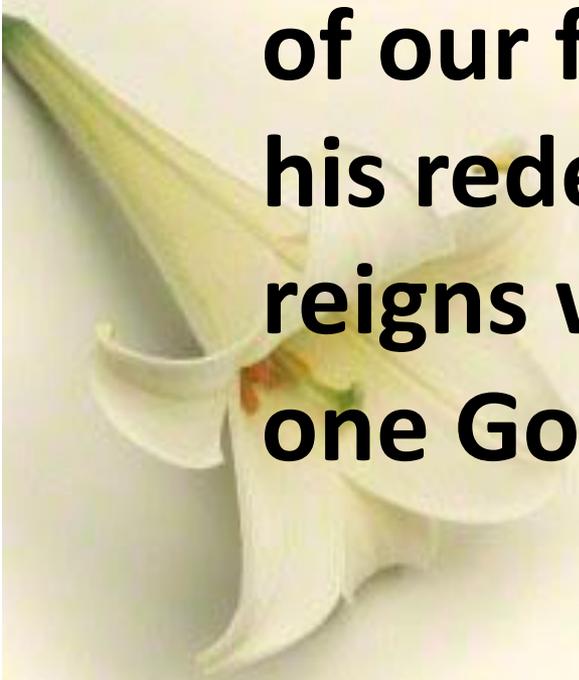
Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

**C: Amen.**

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**C:** O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

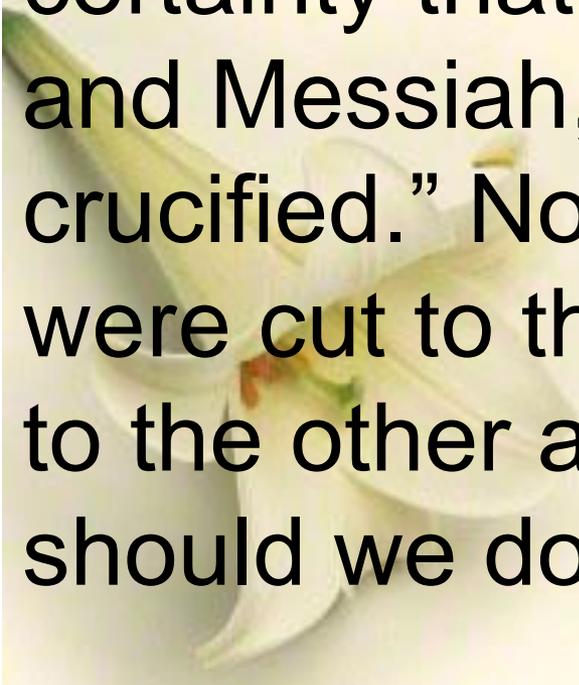


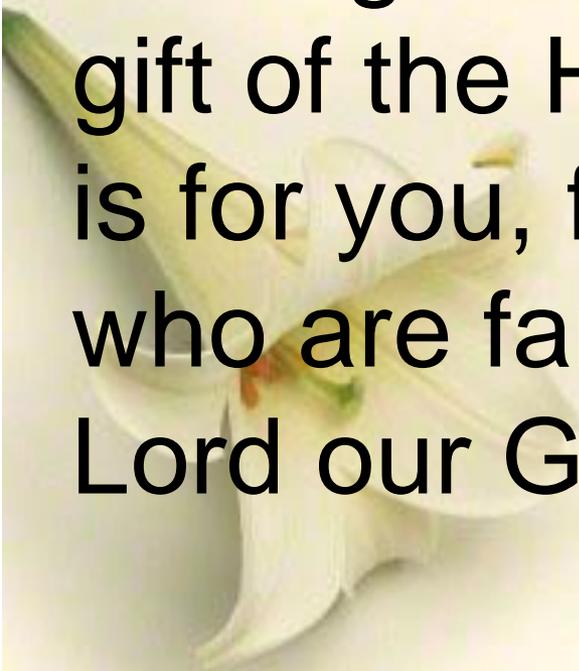


## **FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

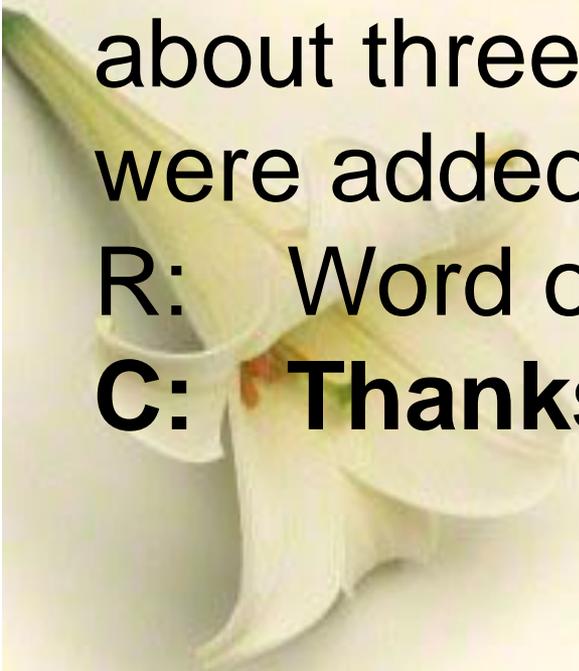
**The first reading is from Acts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”





Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”



And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

## A Responsive Reading

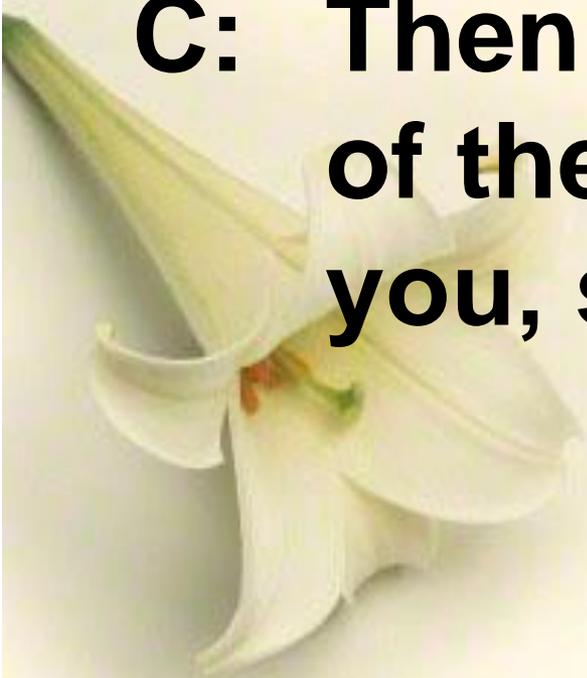
R: I love the LORD, who has heard  
my voice, and listened to  
my supplication,

**C: for the LORD has given ear to  
me whenever I called.**



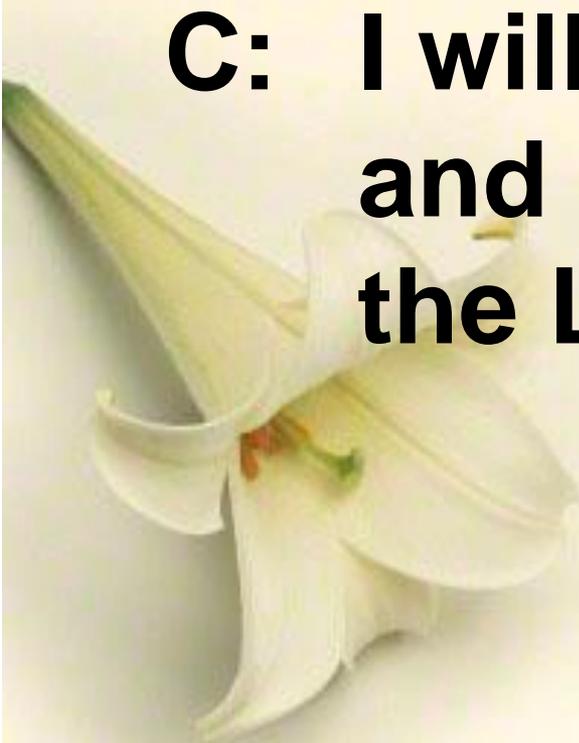
**R:** The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

**C:** Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”



R: How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

**C: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**



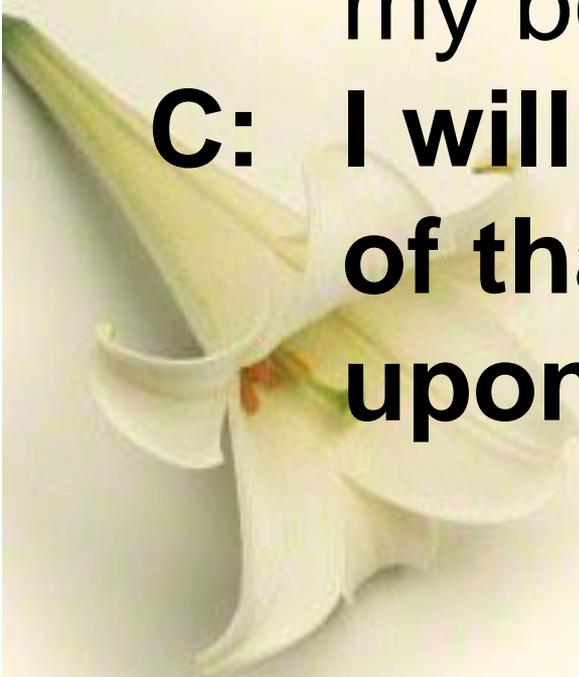
R: I will fulfill my vows to the  
LORD in the presence of all  
God's people.

**C: Precious in your sight,  
O LORD, is the death of  
your servants.**



**P:** O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**C:** I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.



R: I will fulfill my vows to the  
LORD in the presence of all  
God's people,

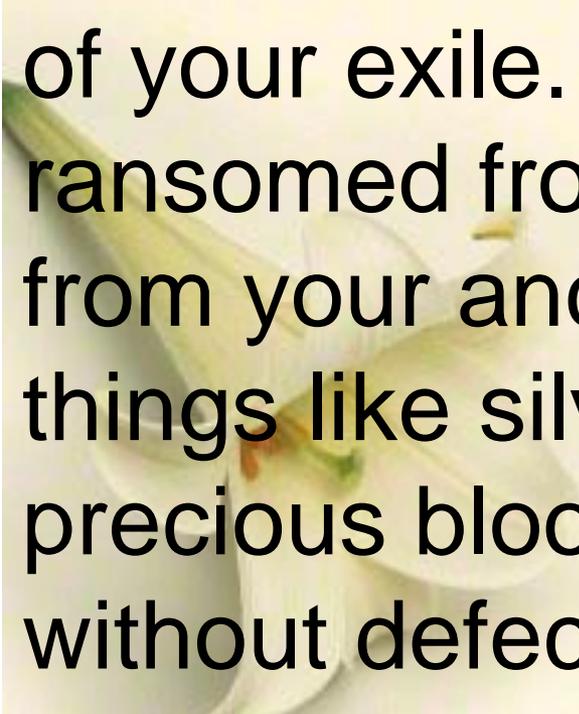
**C: in the courts of the LORD's  
house, in the midst of you,  
O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**



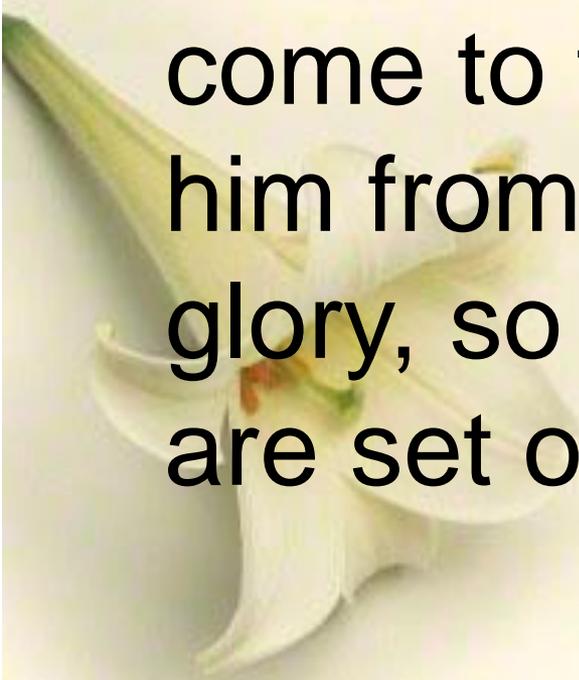
## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

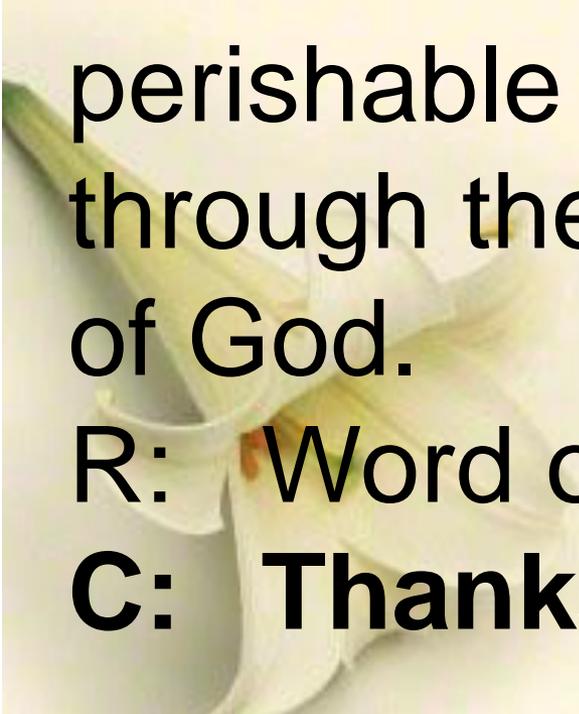
**The second reading is from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.



He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.



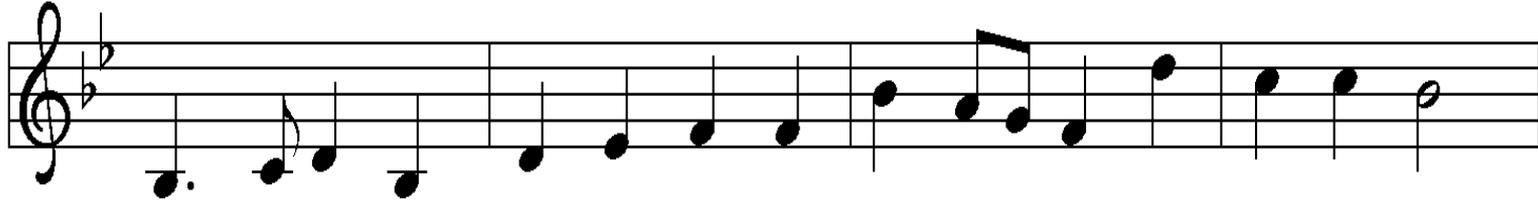


Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

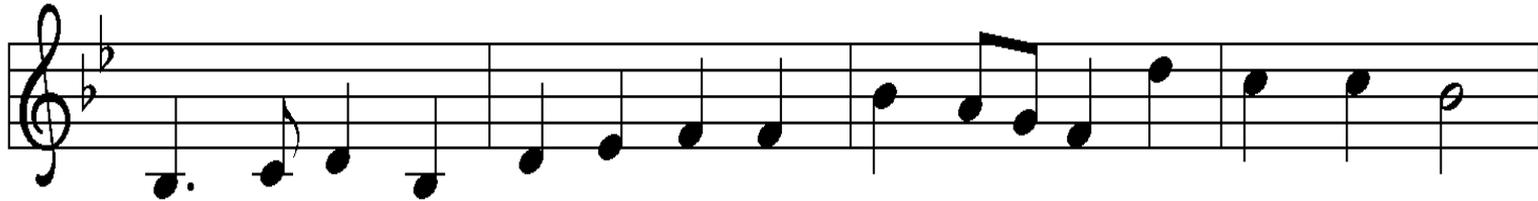
R: Word of God, word of life.

**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 24:13-35**

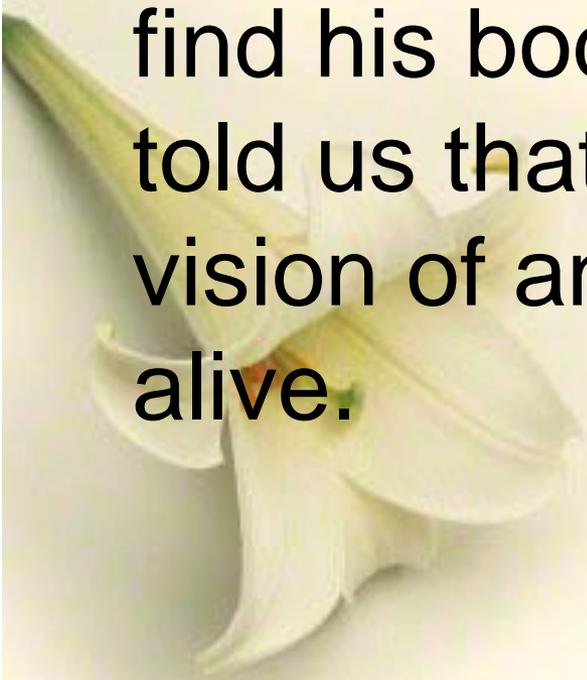
**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke,  
the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

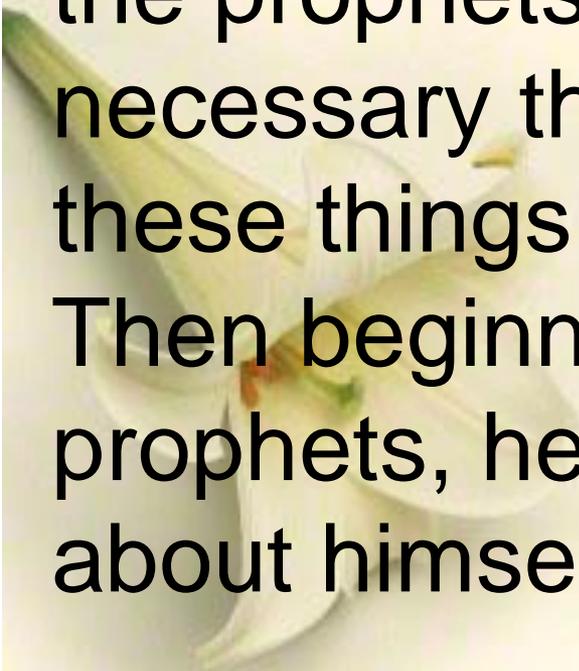
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

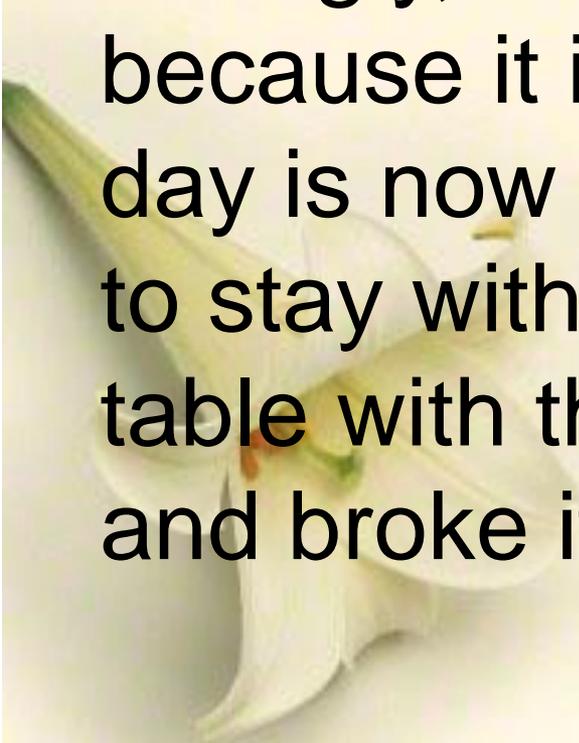
Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.



Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.



As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

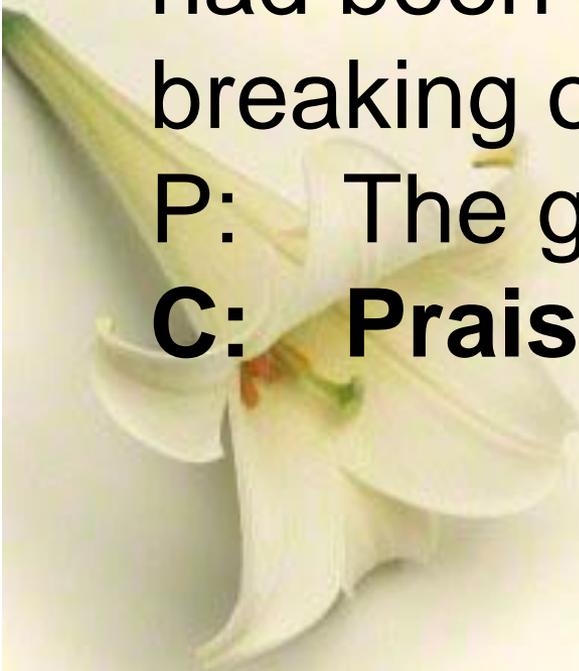
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.



They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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



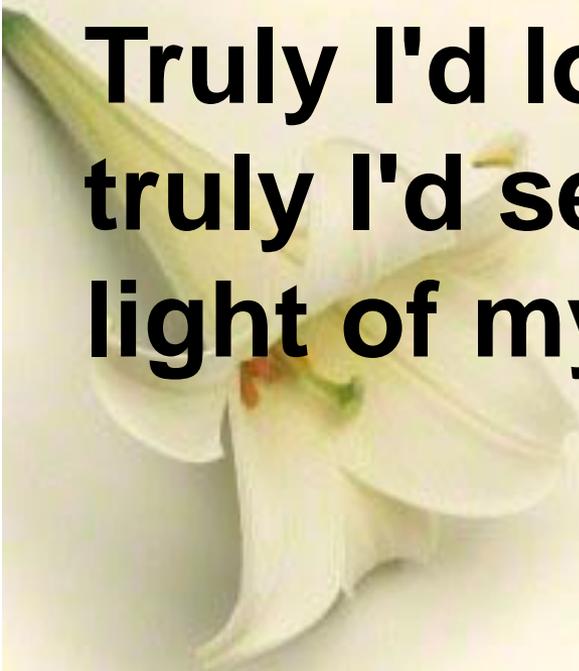
# Sermon



# **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## **“Beautiful Savior”**

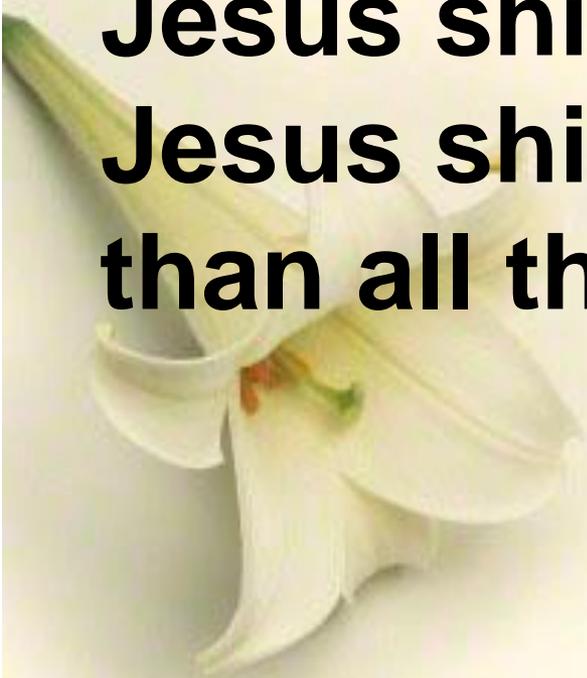
**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**



**Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**



**Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.**



**Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!**



# **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.**



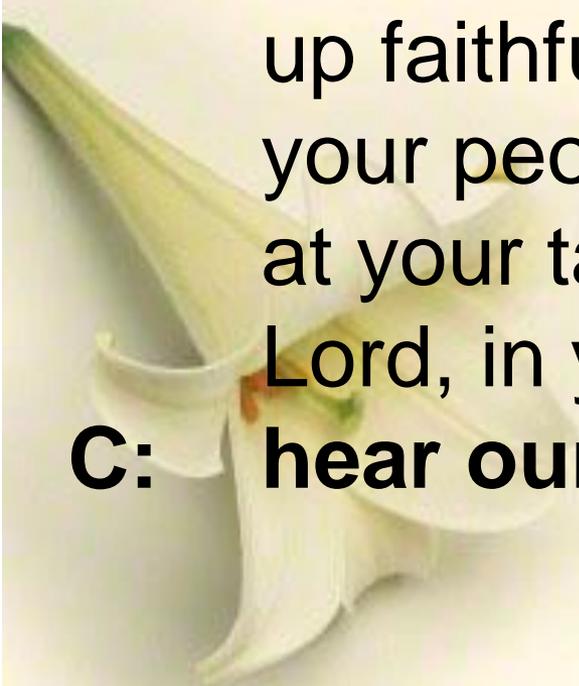
# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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. Remove all that hinders us from sharing your love. Raise up faithful preachers and teachers to lead your people. Heal our divisions. Unite us at your table.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

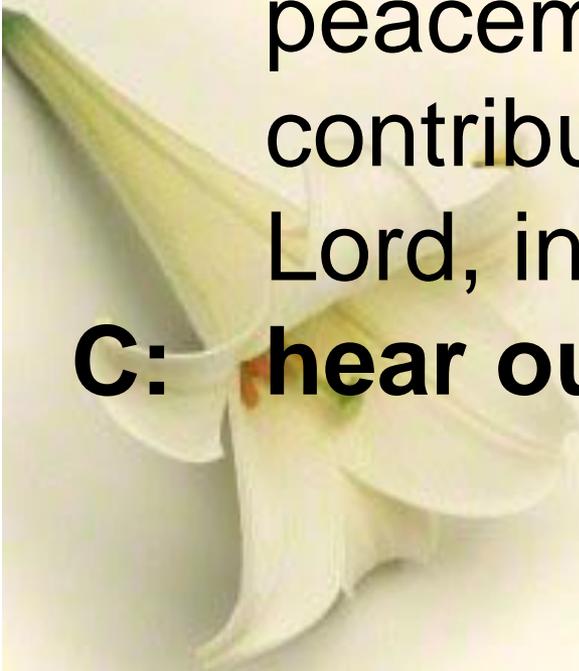


**P:** For the earth. Protect animals whose environments are endangered. Bring bountiful sunshine and sufficient rainfall for fields, pastures, and orchards. Bless those whose labors bring food to our tables.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**





**P:** For the nations. Give all leaders wisdom and courage to work for the common good. Strengthen disaster relief workers, peacemakers, and all whose contributions to society go unnoticed. Lord, in your mercy,

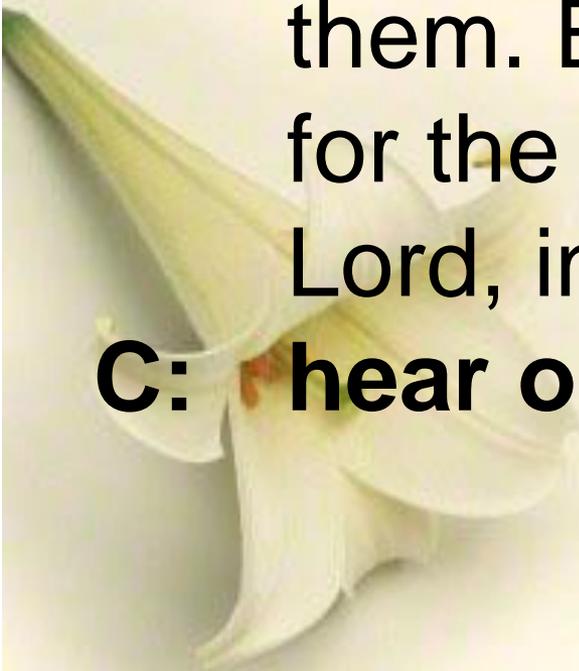
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For those in need. Draw near to those who have lost hope. Provide food for the hungry and shelter for those who need safe housing. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick (especially).

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**





**P:** For this assembly. Empower our ministries of outreach and hospitality. Strengthen the newly baptized and those who mentor them. Bless those who set the table for the holy meal.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith (especially). Bring us with them to the fullness of your glory with all your saints.

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.**



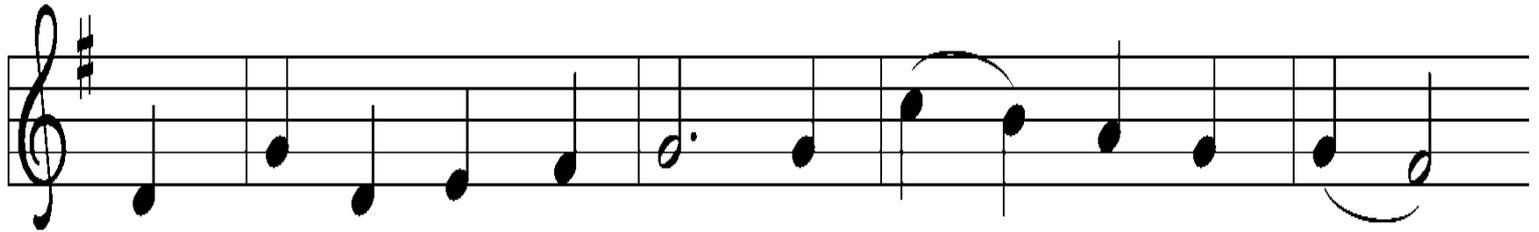
# **VIDEO DURING OFFERING**

***“I Have Decided”***

**By Amy Grant**



# 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,

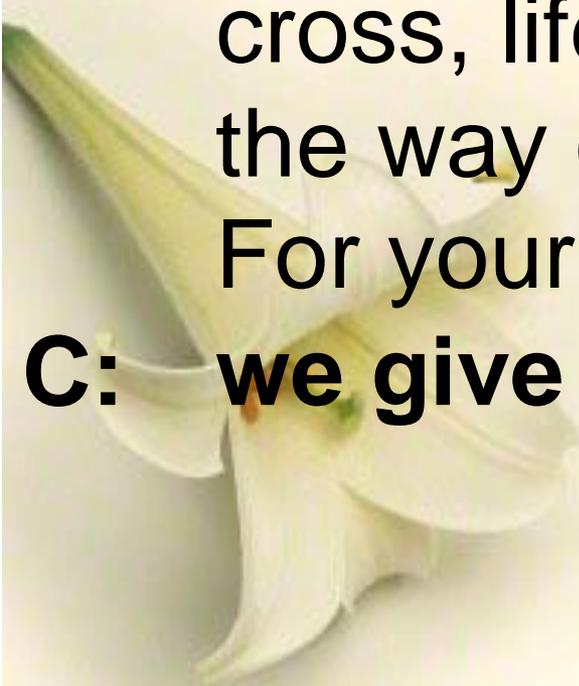


all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

# 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 yourself-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**



# DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

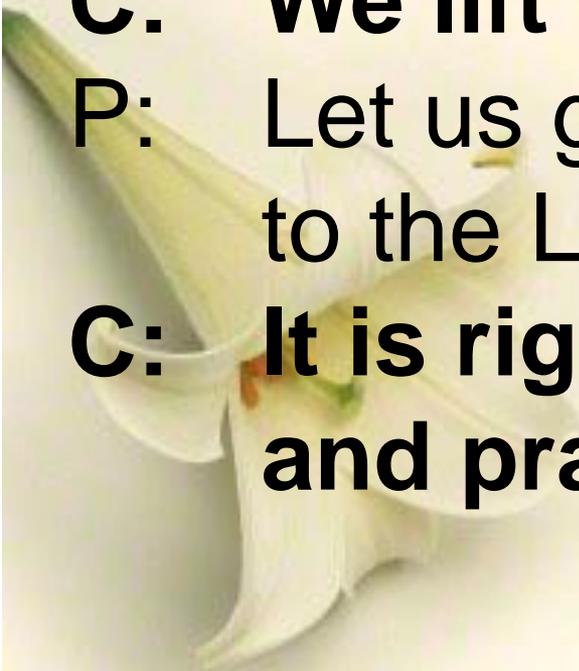
**C: And also with you.**

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.**

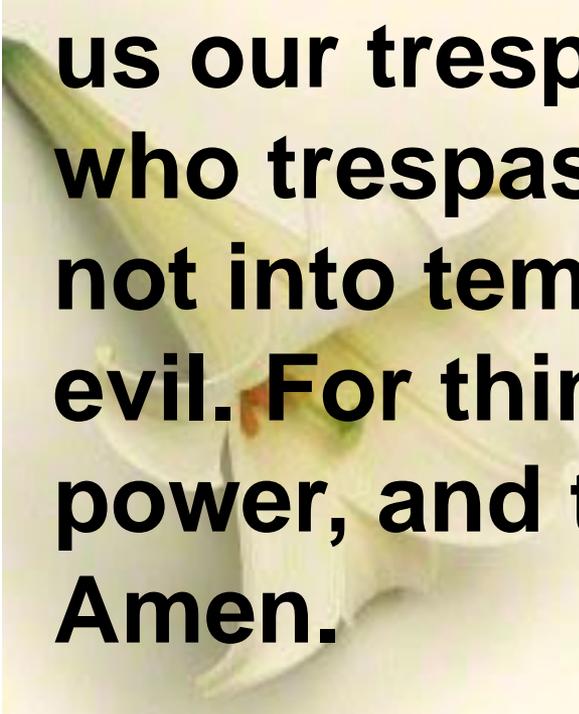


# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



# **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.**



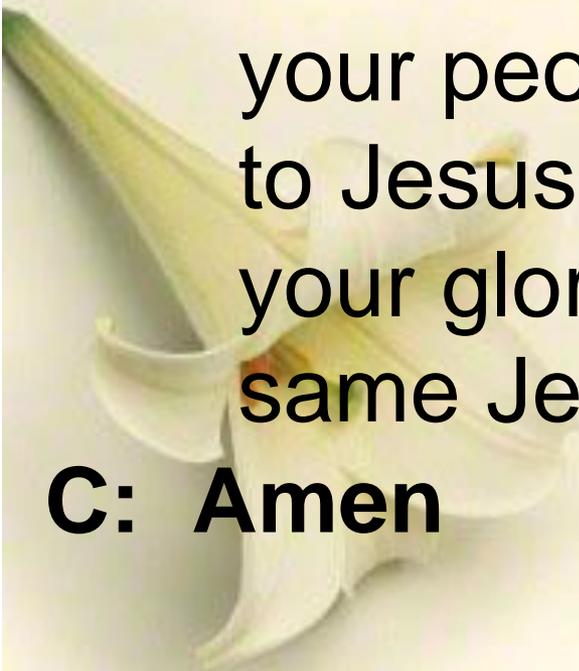
# COMMUNION



# 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.

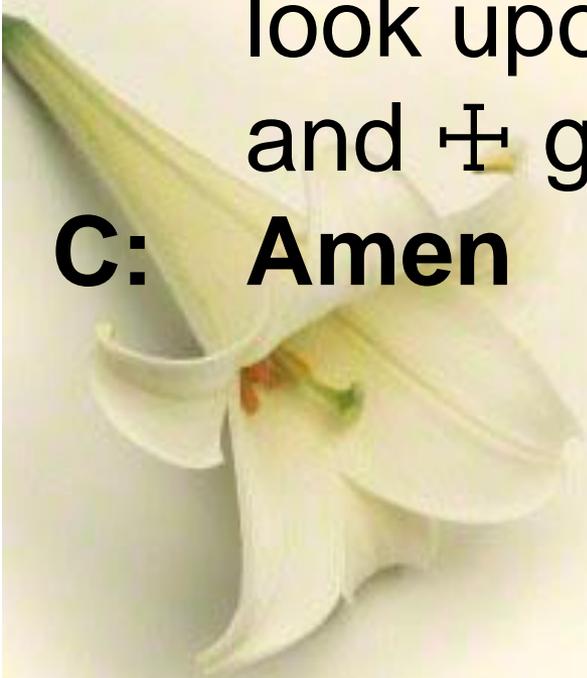
**C: Amen**



# **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**

**“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!***



# **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



*Thanks for worshipping  
with us today!*

*Please join us in the  
Fellowship Hall for  
refreshments*











