

# Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 6, 2018



**5** Happy Anniversary!

**God Bless  
Pastor Rick  
& Helen!**

**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.**



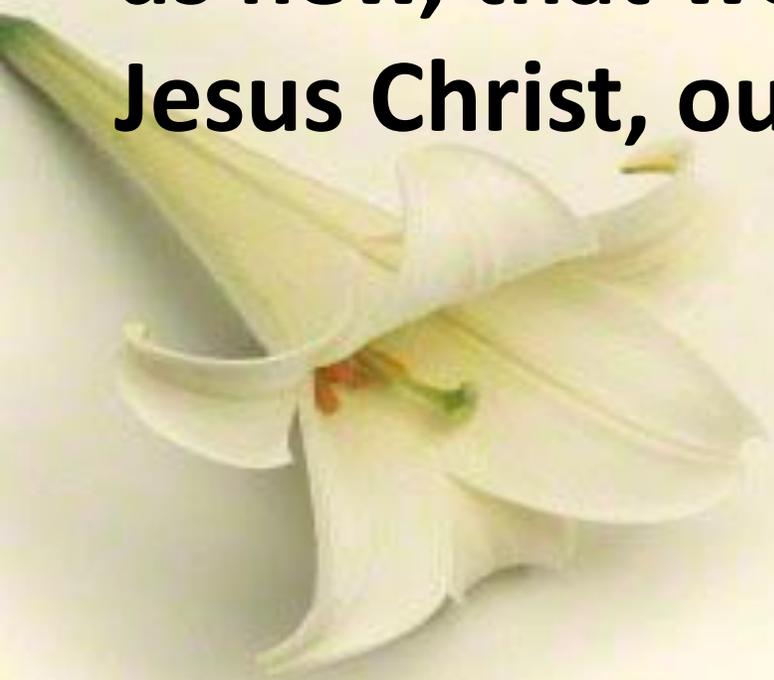
P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

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 SONG "O Day of Rest and Gladness"***

**O day of rest and gladness,**

**O day of joy and light,**

**O balm for care and sadness,**

**most beautiful, most bright:**

**on you the high and lowly,**

**through ages joined in tune,**

**sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.**

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



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



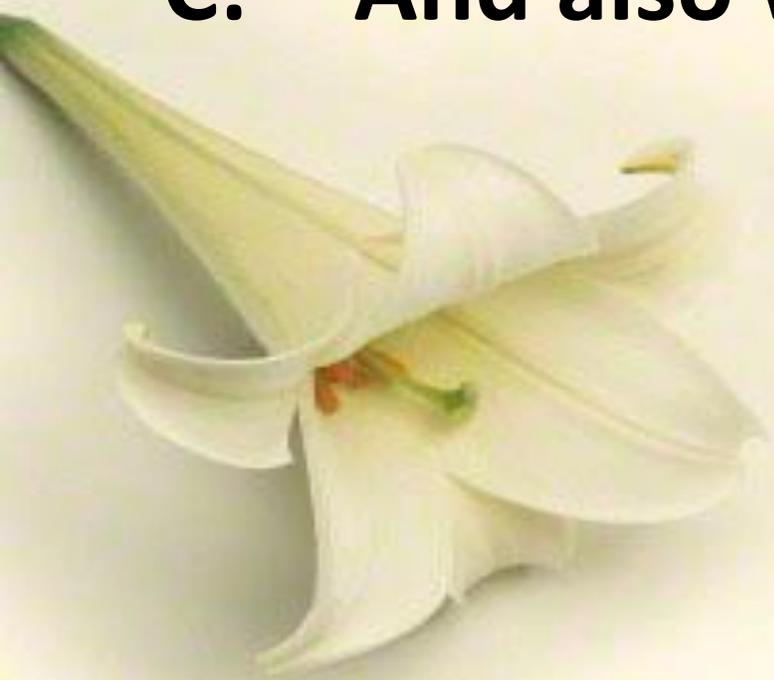
**New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.**

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



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.**



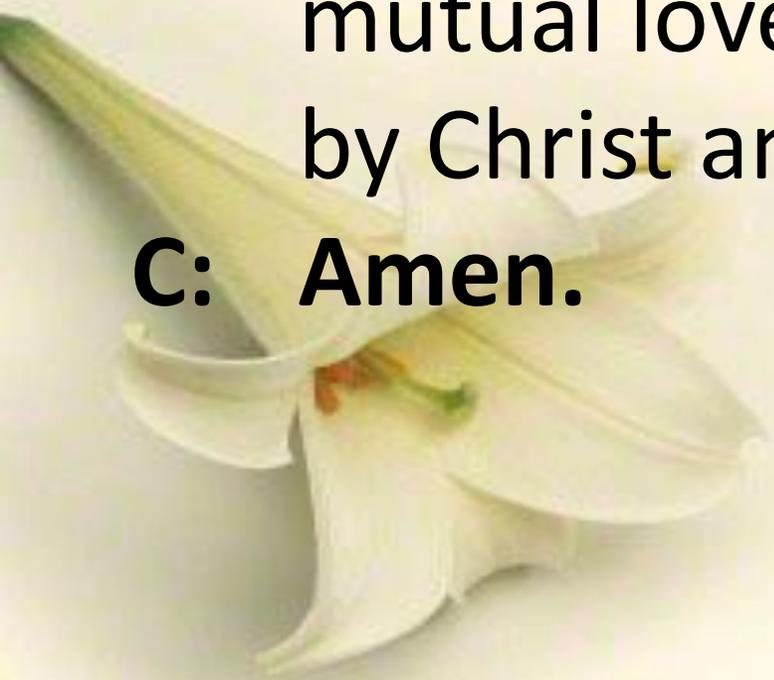
## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ.



Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

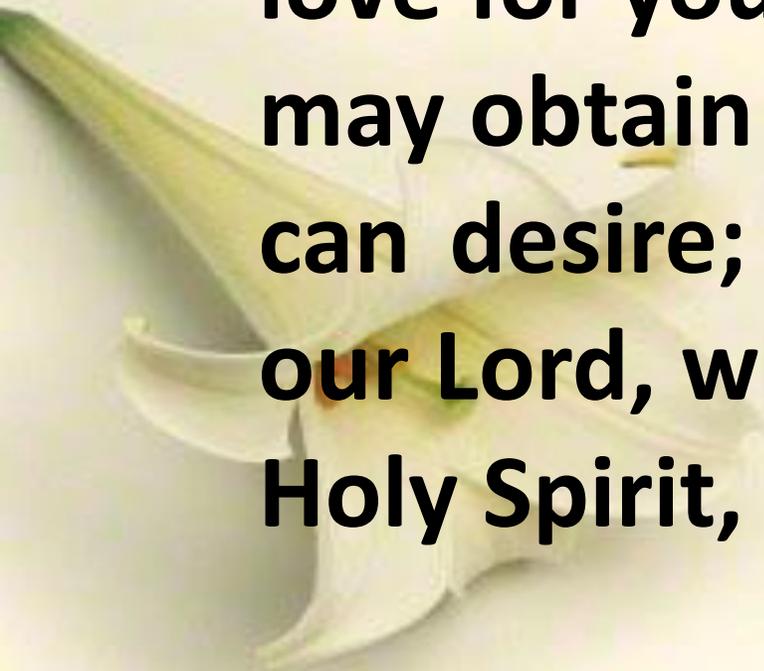
**C: Amen.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

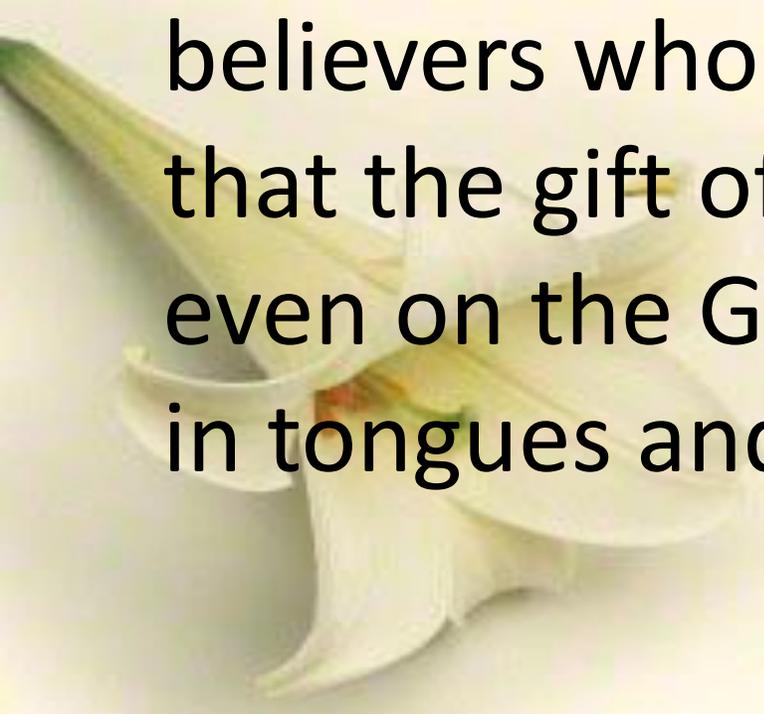




## **FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

A reading from Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

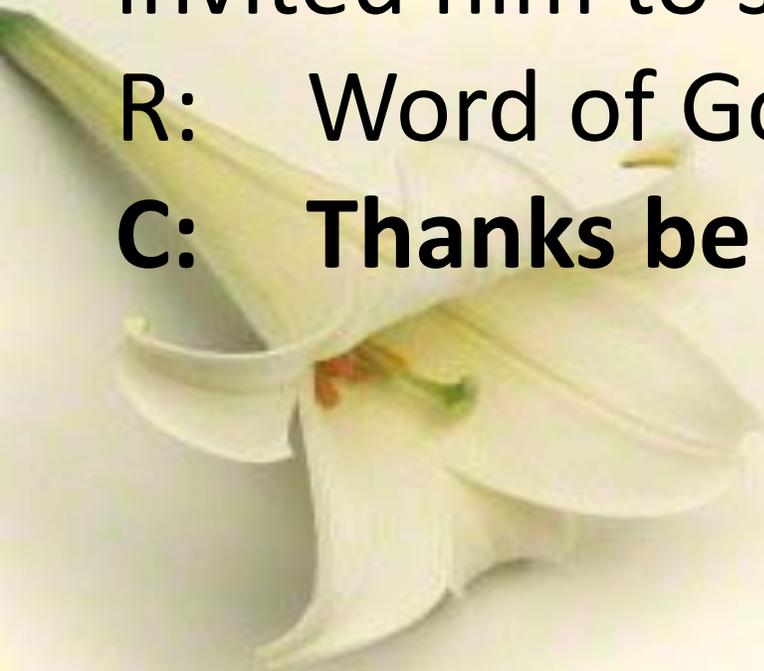
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.



Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## A Responsive Reading from Psalm 98

R: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C: O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**



R: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**



R: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp  
and the voice of song.

**C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**



P: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the  
LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**



P: The LORD will judge the world with  
righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**C: Amen.**



## **SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

A reading from 1st John, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

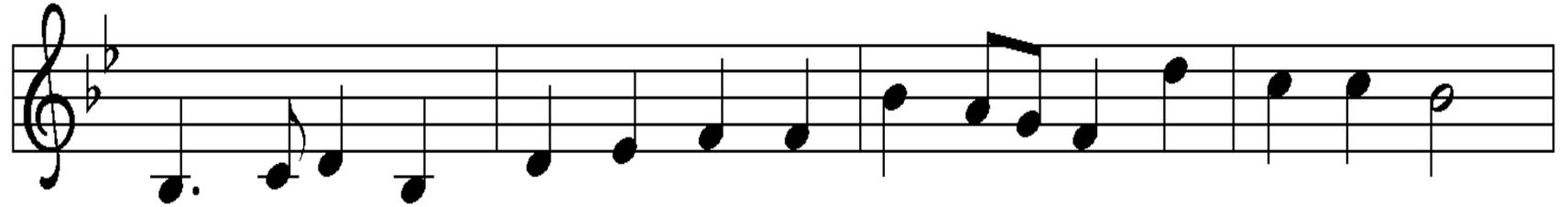


And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

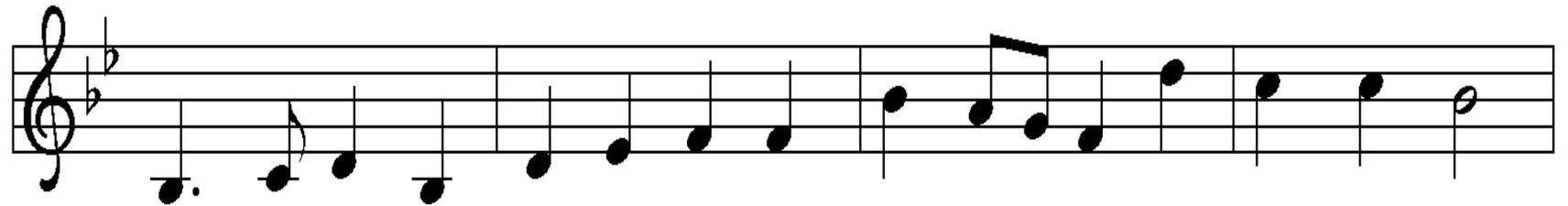
P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

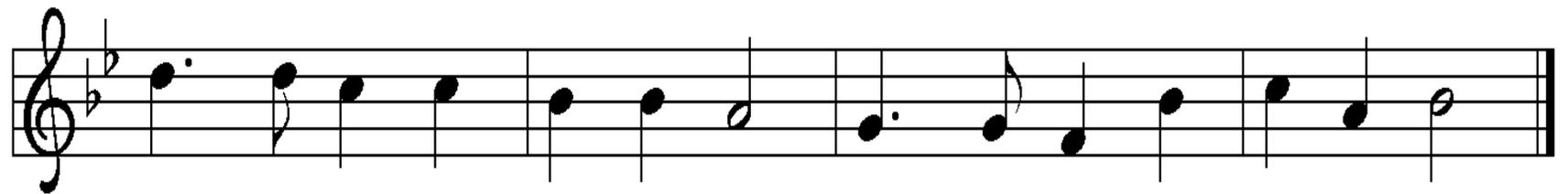
# ALLELUIA



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 15:9-17**

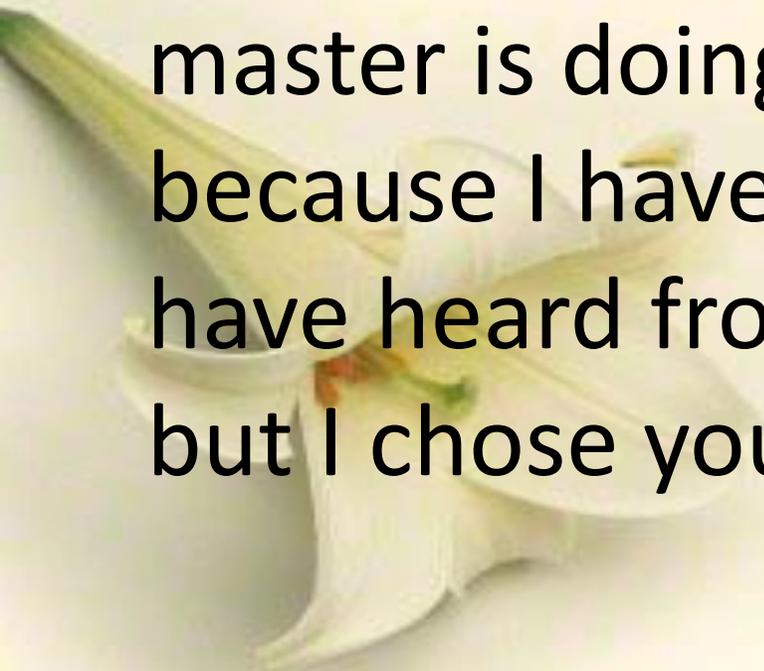
The holy gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.



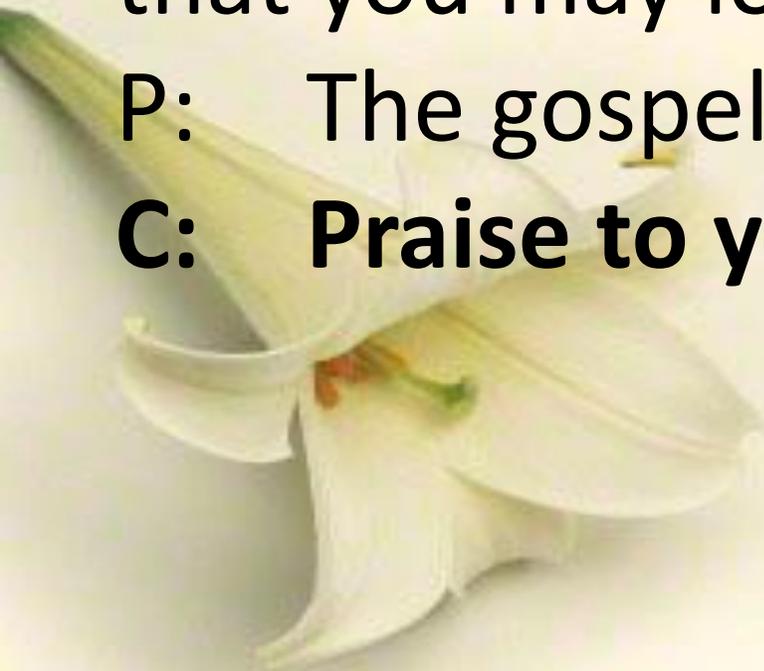
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you.



And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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



**Sermon**  
**“Christ for all, with Love”**



# **HYMN OF THE DAY DAY**

***“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”***

## **Refrain**

**Jesu, Jesu,**

**fill us with your love,**

**show us how to serve**

**the neighbors we have from you.**



**Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.**

**Refrain**



***Refrain***  
***Jesu, Jesu,***  
***fill us with your love,***  
***show us how to serve***  
***the neighbors we have***  
***from you.***



**Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away.**

**Refrain**



***Refrain***  
***Jesu, Jesu,***  
***fill us with your love,***  
***show us how to serve***  
***the neighbors we have***  
***from you.***



**These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.**

**Refrain**



***Refrain***  
***Jesu, Jesu,***  
***fill us with your love,***  
***show us how to serve***  
***the neighbors we have***  
***from you.***



**Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.**

**Refrain**



***Refrain***

***Jesu, Jesu,***

***fill us with your love,***

***show us how to serve***

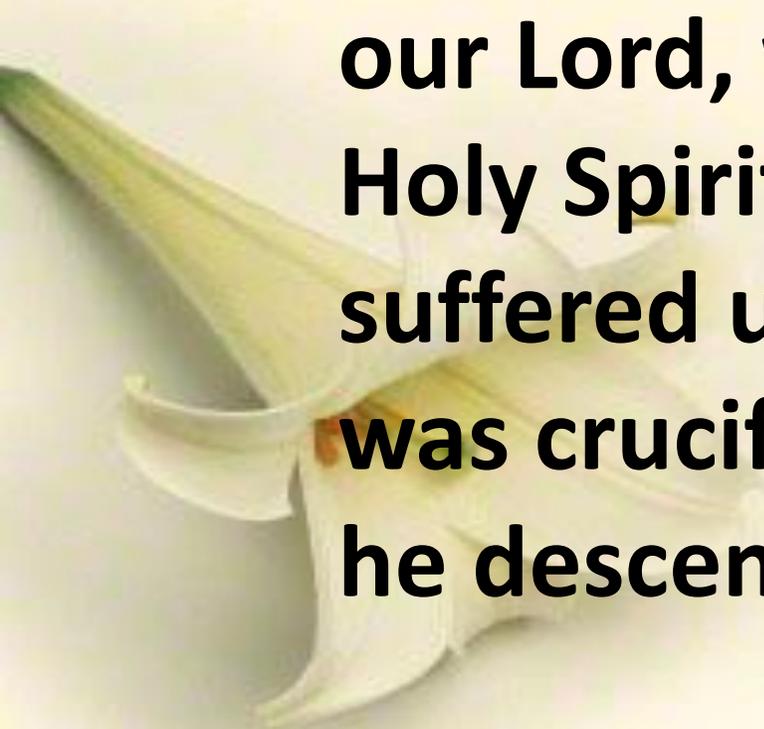
***the neighbors we have from you.***



## **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

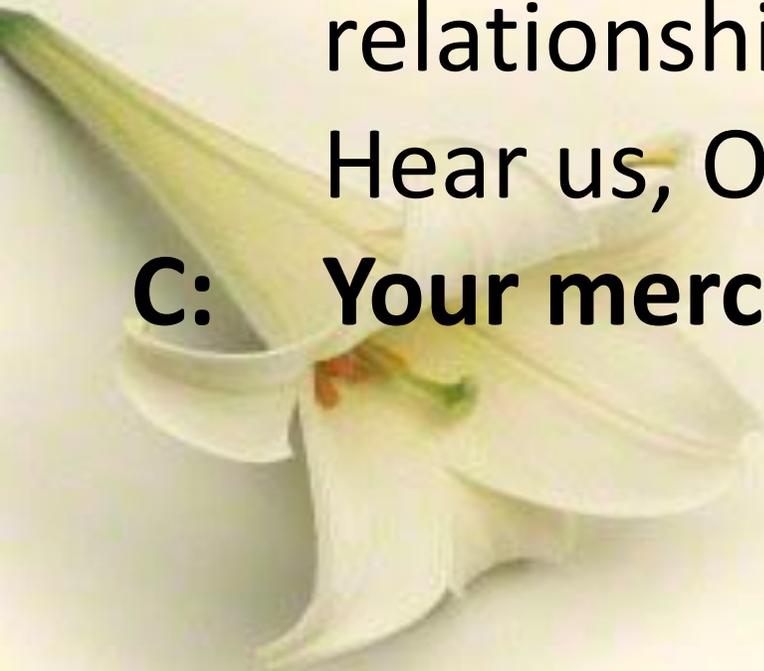
**P:** Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence.)* Holy God, your voice calls us to worship. Where discord bellows within the church, unite us in harmony. Where we lack direction, guide us in singing your song with our unique voices. Hear us, O God.

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

P: Creative Lord, your melodies formed the earth and all that is in it. Receive the roar of the sea and the rhythmic clap of the rivers. Rejoice as the hills ring out in praise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**





P: Holy One, you hear all our moans and groans.  
Where lament and the blues resound, send us to  
listen. Send us to comfort. Send us to build  
relationships rooted in your justice and peace.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**



P: Serenade the estranged and all who suffer alone. Accompany high-functioning addicts and the frightened who have no one to turn to. Give rest to overworked caregivers and people living with schizophrenia. Today we pray especially for . . . . Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

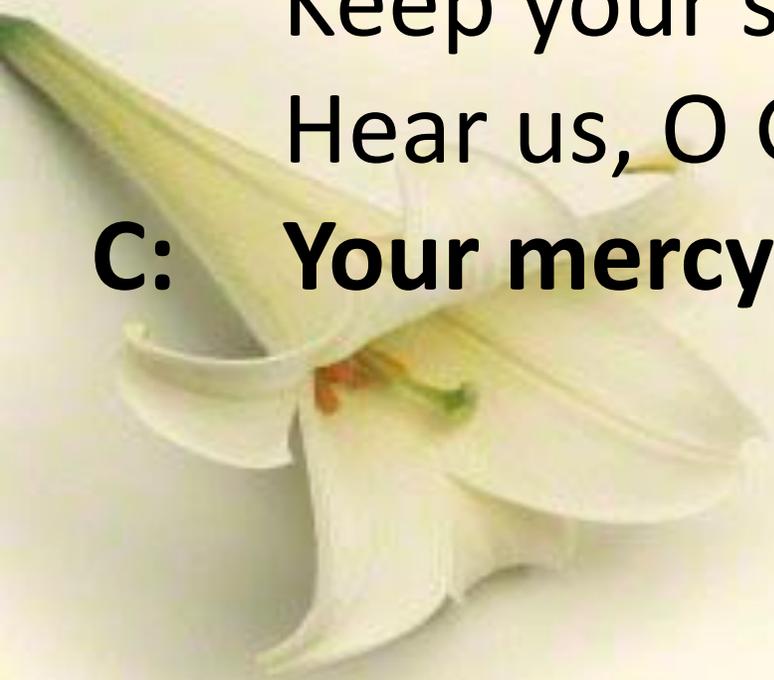
P: Eternal Song, you call us to share our gifts for your glory. We thank you and praise you for our musicians and vocalists, choir directors and hymnwriters. Bless all who lead and all who sing in worship. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**



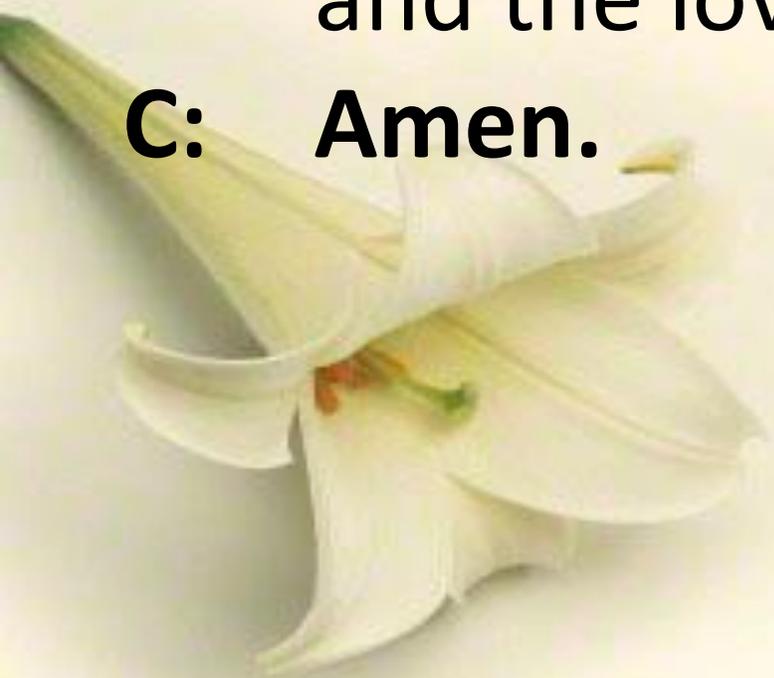
**P:** Your goodness echoes through all time with the songs of the saints. Thank you for all the disciples who have mentored us through their gift of music. Keep your song within us this day and always. Hear us, O God.

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



**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.

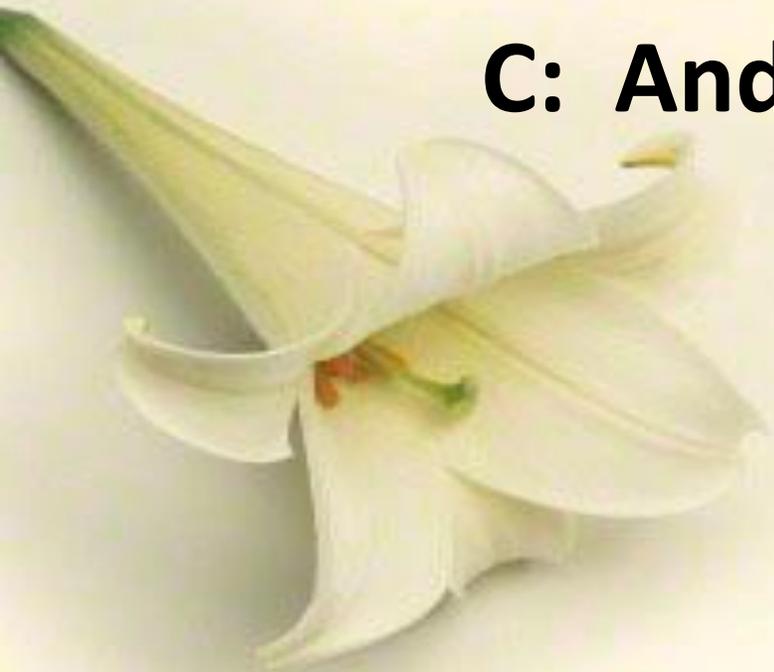
**C:** Amen.



# SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**



**VIDEO DURING OFFERING**

***“Glorious Day”***

**by Casting Crowns**



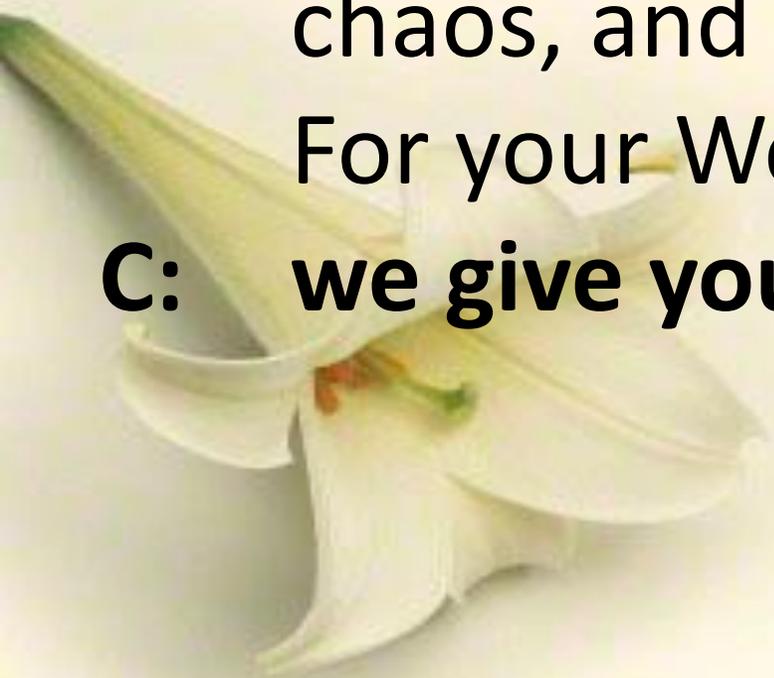


## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

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



## DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

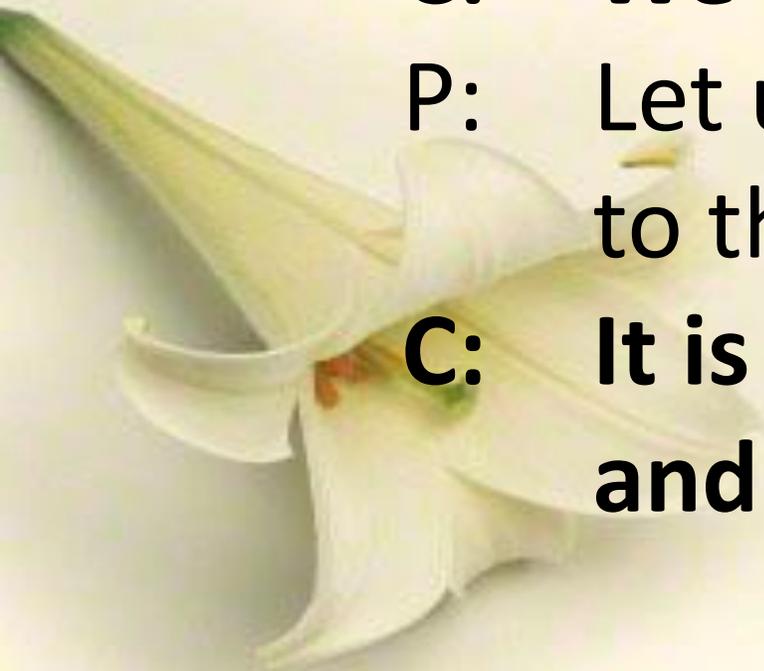
**C: And also with you.**

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.**



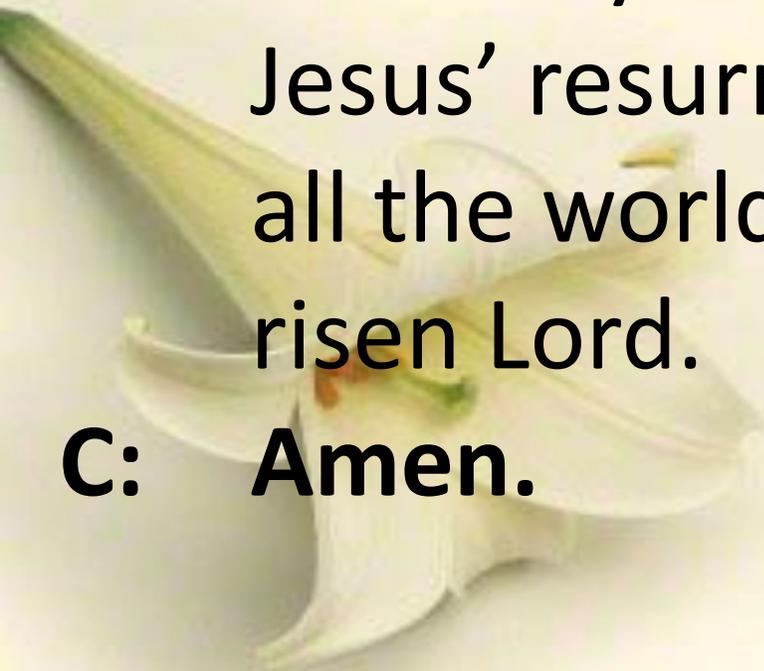
# COMMUNION



## **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.

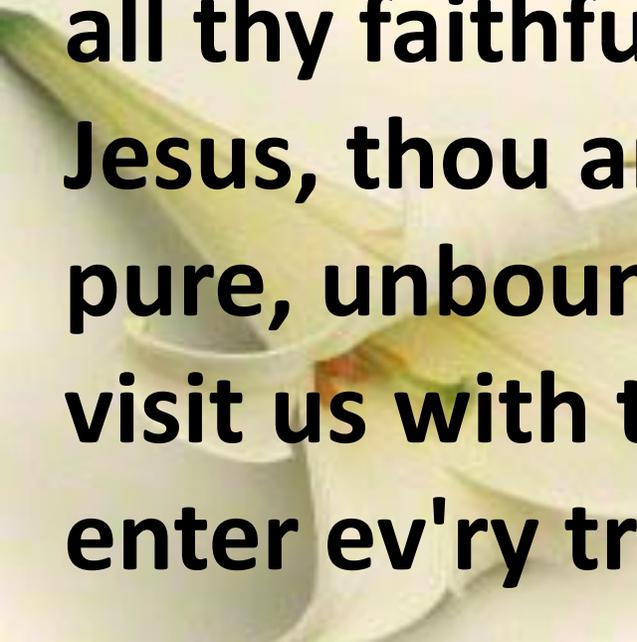
The Lord look upon you with favor and  
✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



**CLOSING HYMN** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

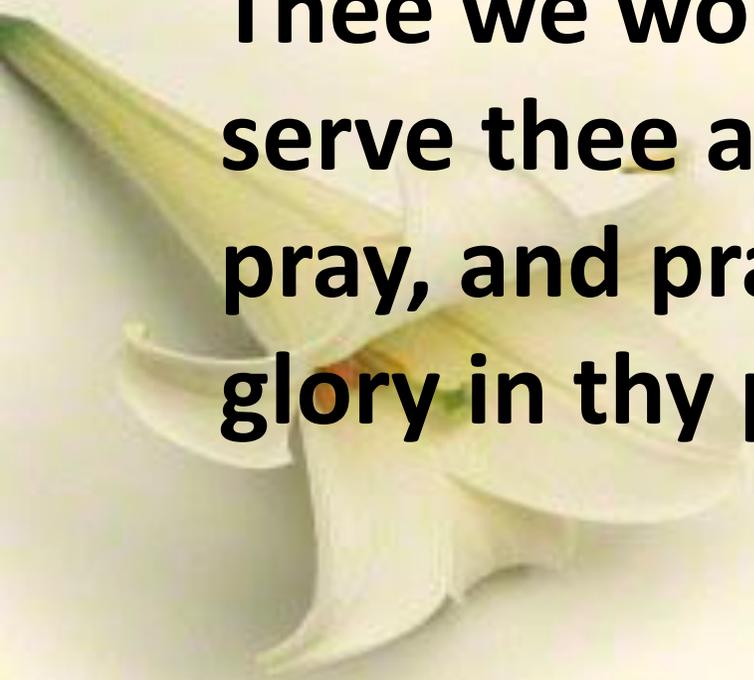
**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**



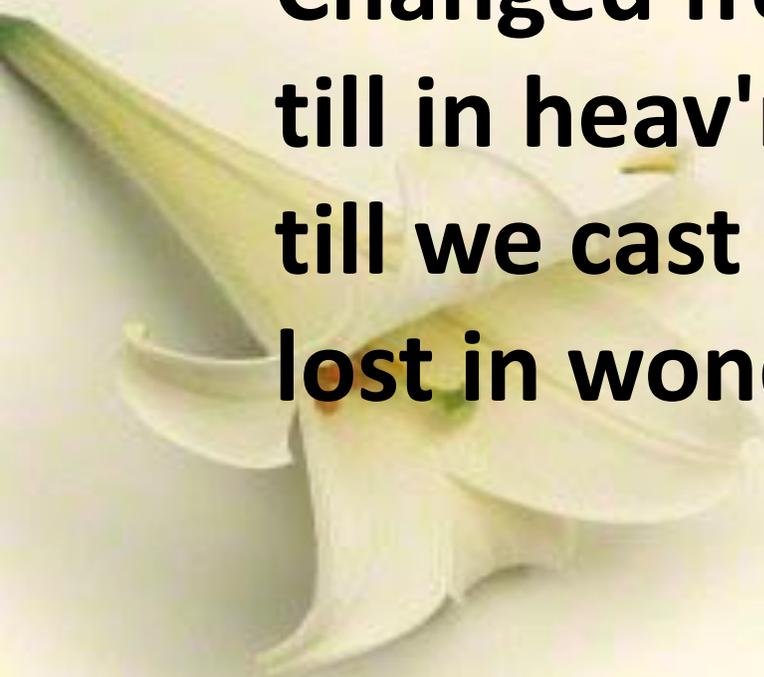


**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**



**Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**



## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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

