

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday, June 2, 2019



PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make a special point of attending worship on June 16, Father's Day, when we'll have a guest musician with us. Several of us met a guitarist, Mr. Dan Holmes, at an ecumenical Good Friday service. We were very impressed with his worship music, so we invited him to lead our service when he became available. We look forward to a full church and a special service two weeks from today!



CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

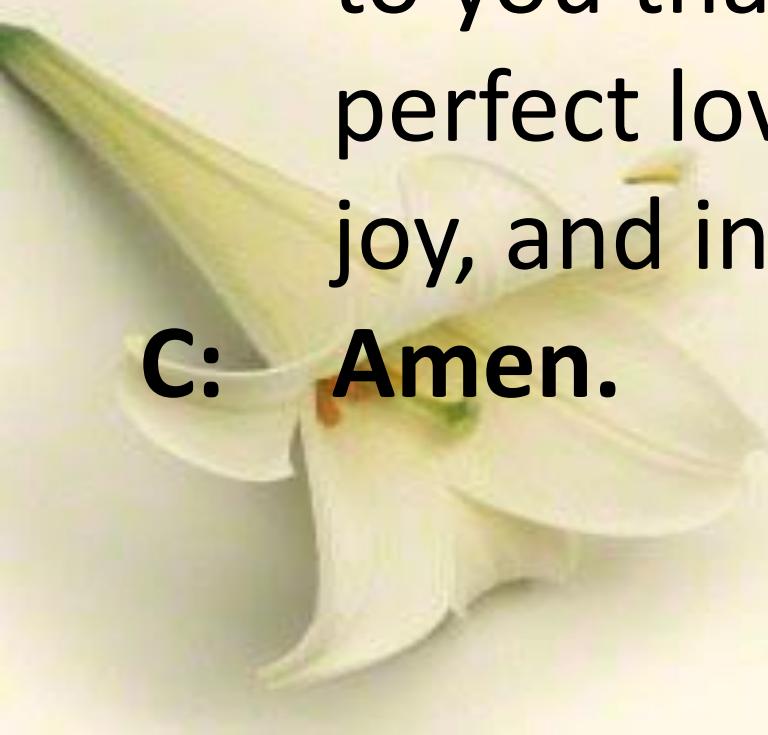
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God,
who calls us beloved children, who gathers us
into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: Amen.

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- P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from unrighteousness.
(A brief silence.) 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.**





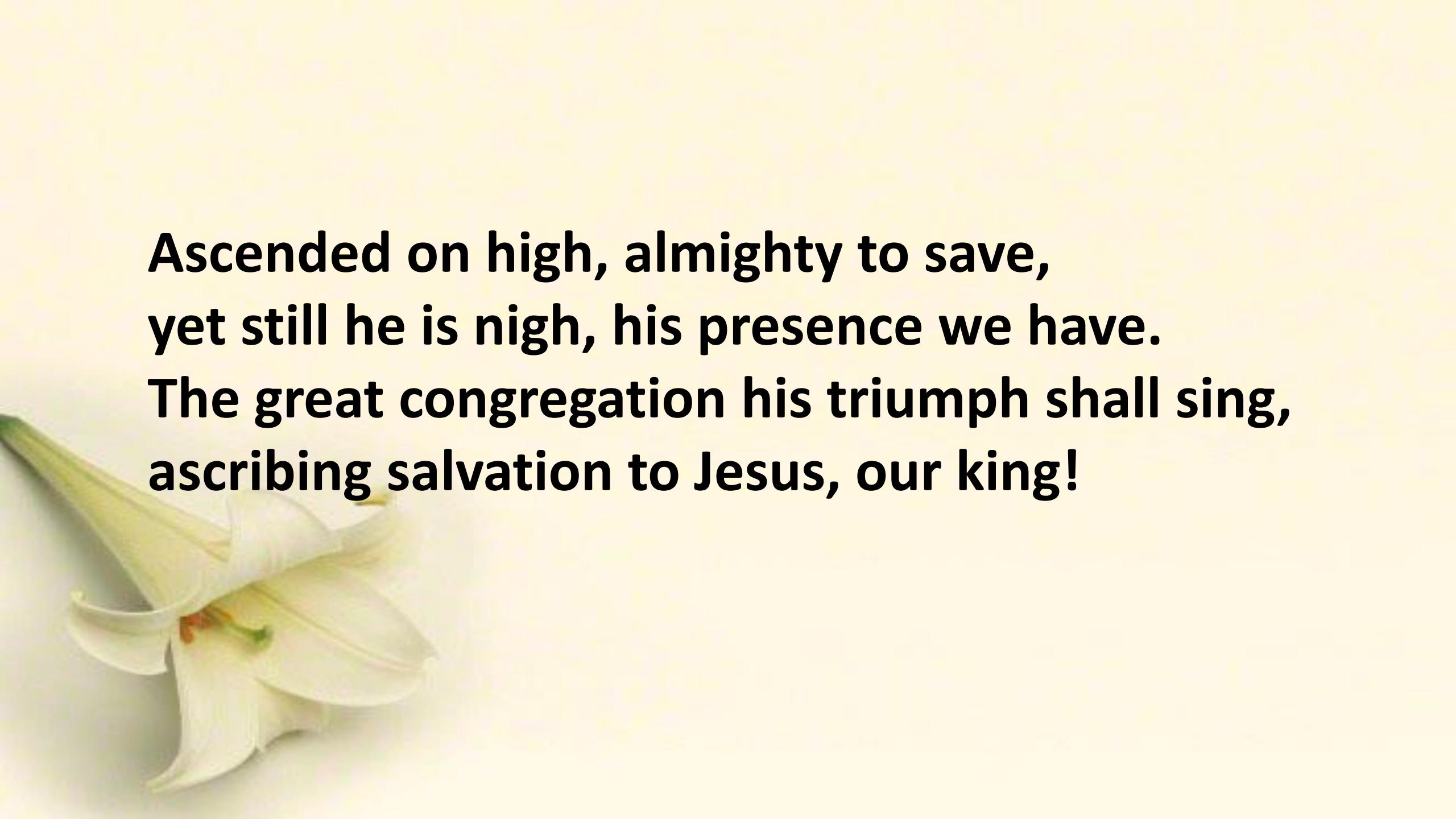
P: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN “*You Servants of God*”

**You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**



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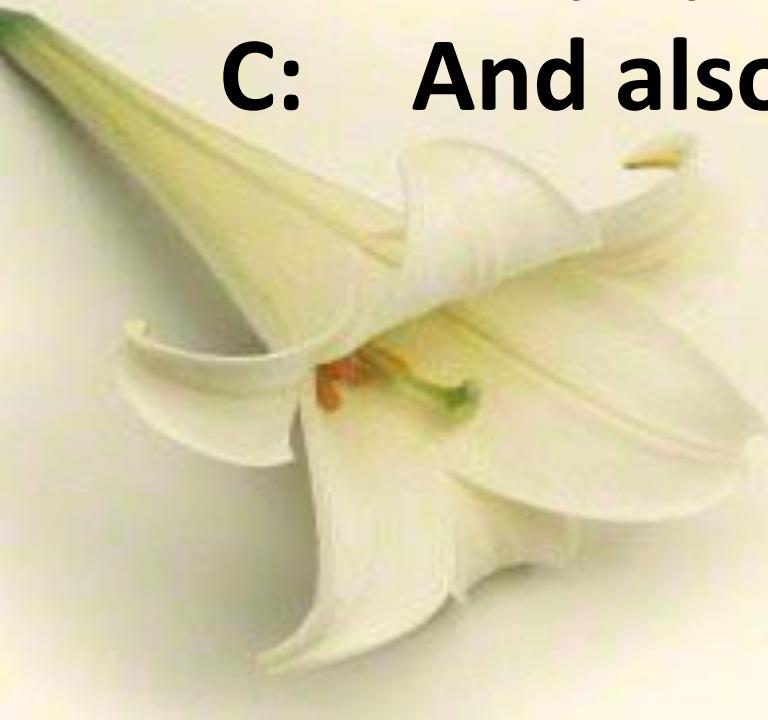
**Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**



**Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**





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: It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history - to our day - and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O Lord God,

C: **you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



children's church

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts, 16th chapter.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.”

And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

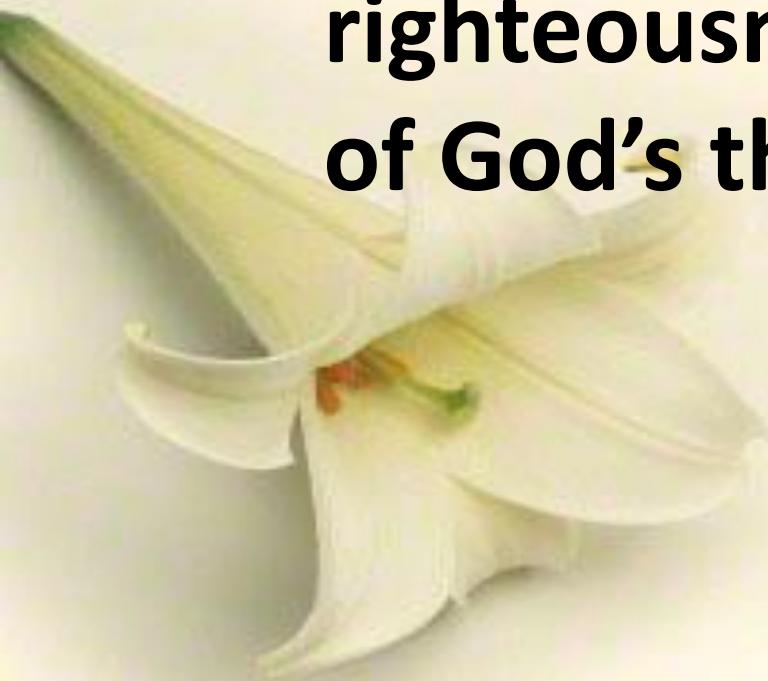
R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 97

R: The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

C: **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations
of God's throne.**

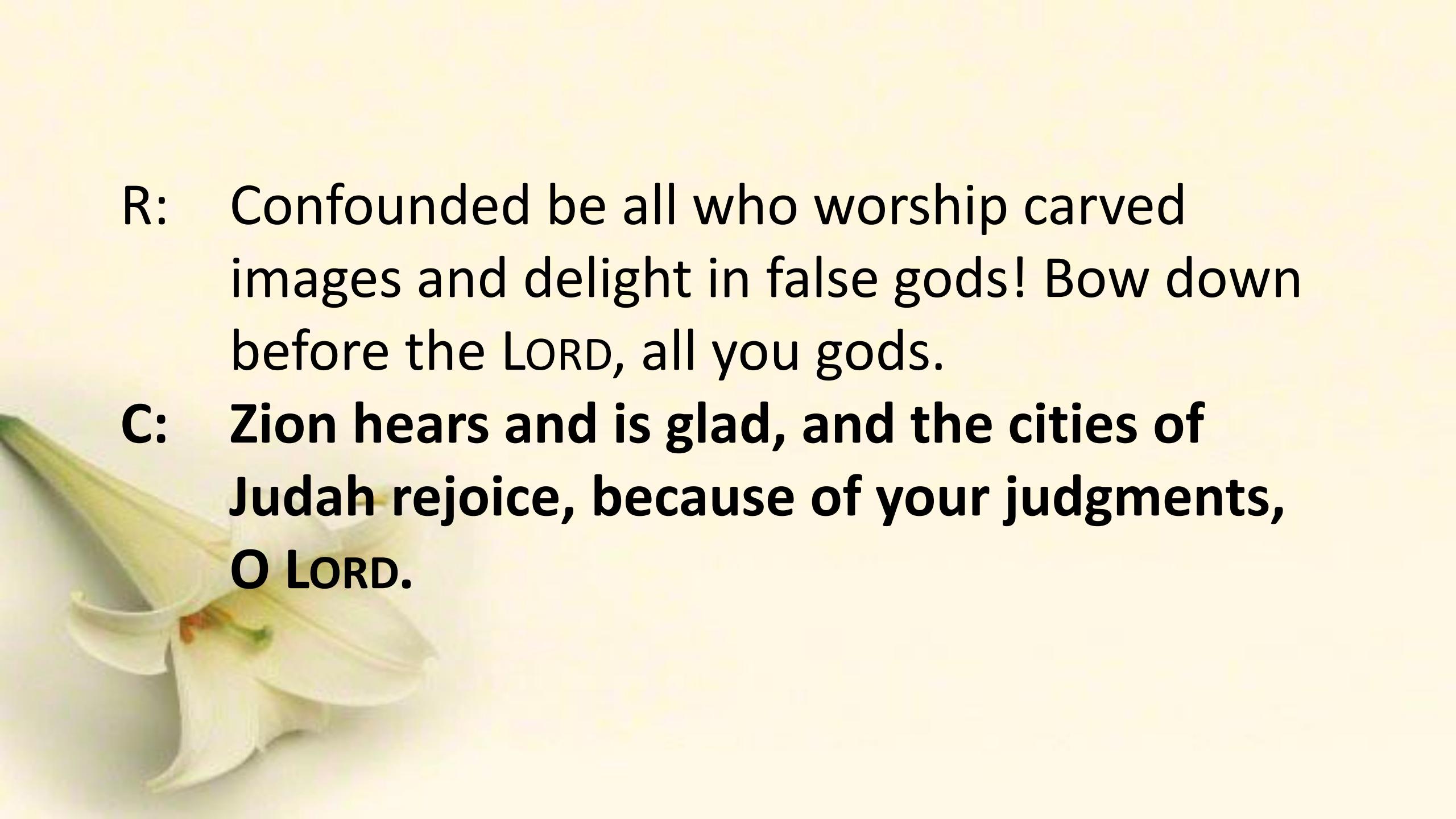


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- R: Fire goes before the LORD, burning up
enemies on every side.
- C: **Lightnings light up the world;**
the earth sees and trembles.



R: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord
of all the earth.

C: **The heavens declare your righteousness,
O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.**



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

C: Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of
Judah rejoice, because of your judgments,
O LORD.



R: For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

C: **You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**



R: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

C: **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A reading from Revelation, the 22nd chapter.

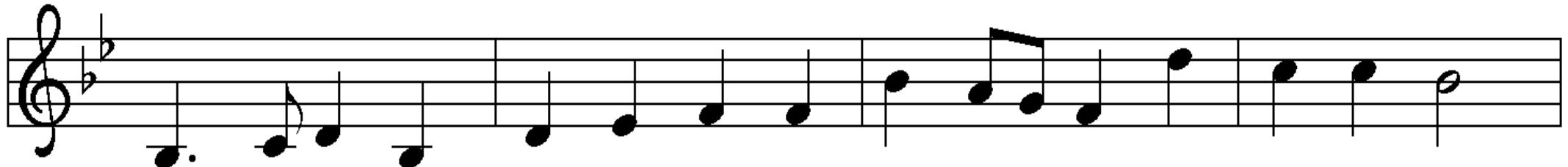
“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

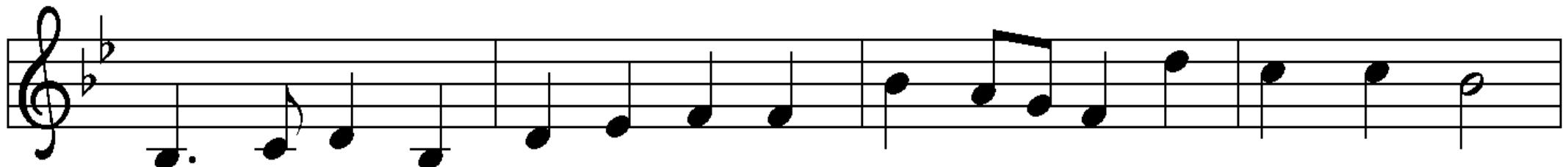
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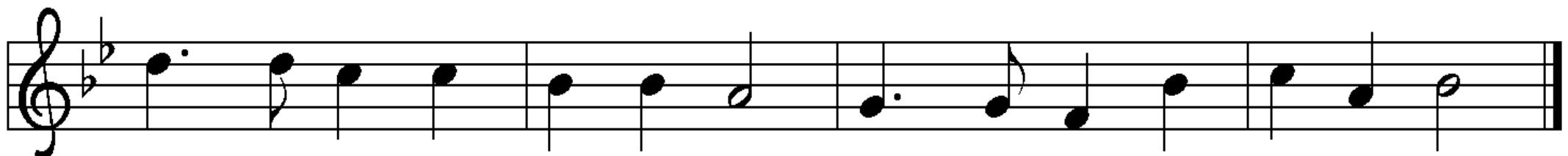
ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



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

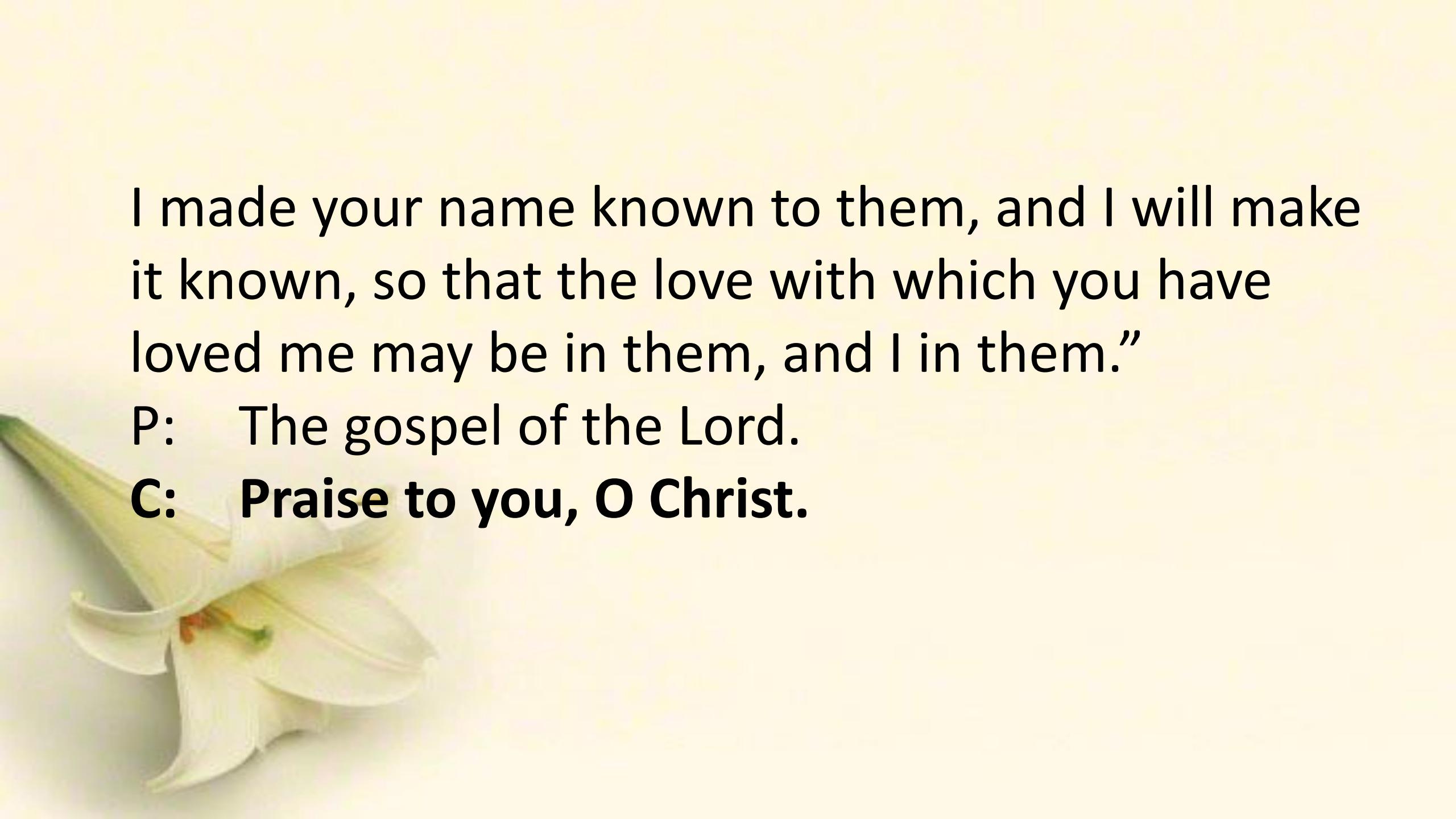
GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

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

Jesus prayed: “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,

I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

A close-up photograph of a white lily flower with green leaves and a stem.

I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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



Sermon

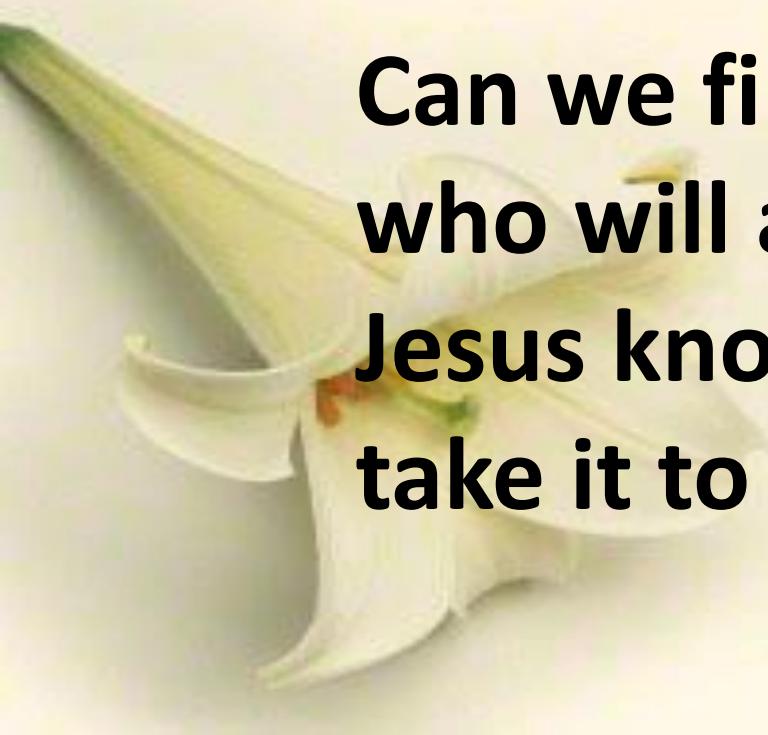
“Unity of Spirit”

HYMN OF THE DAY “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**



**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**



**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?**

**Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

Do your friends despise, forsake you?

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

**In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

Reception of New Members

Connie Hoffman & Nancy Werschin

We welcome you both as new members today!



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.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

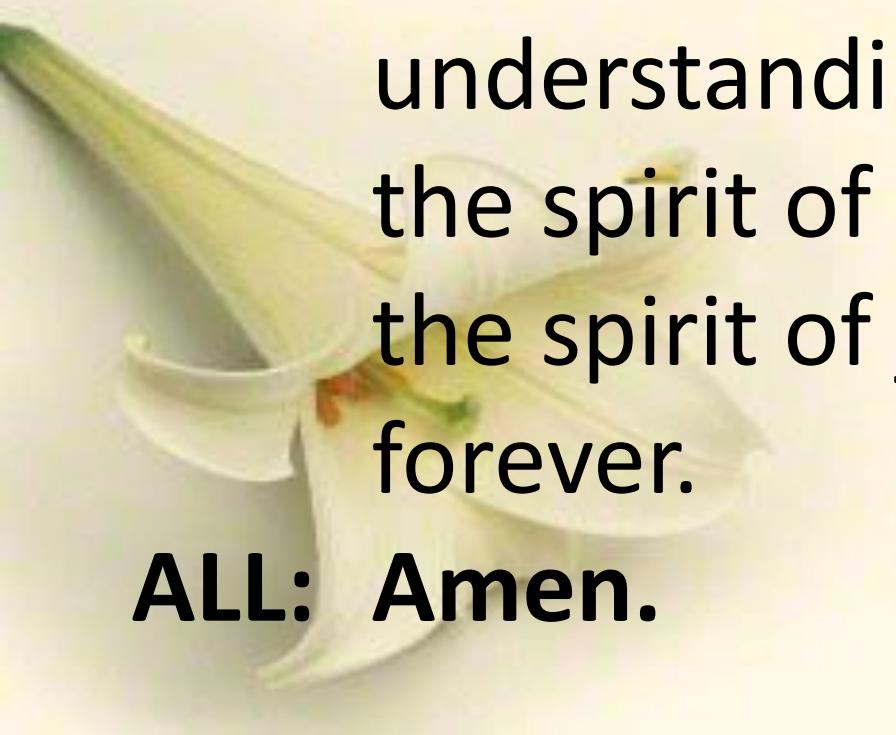
New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.



P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

Congregation:

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.



P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

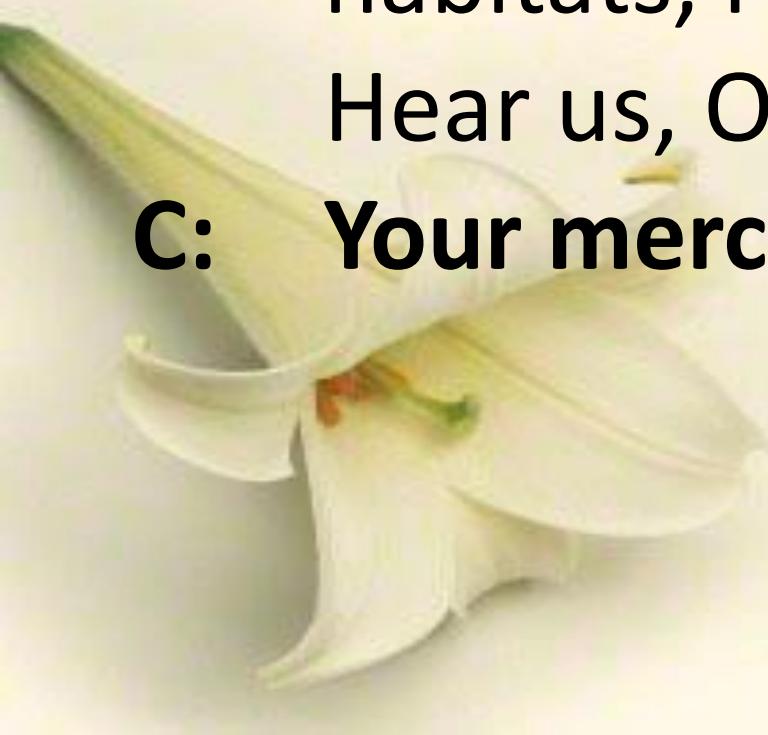


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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. (*A brief silence.*) Bless diversity in worship and ministry across all nations and cultures. Unite us in Christ and keep us faithful in our calling to show your love to the world.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

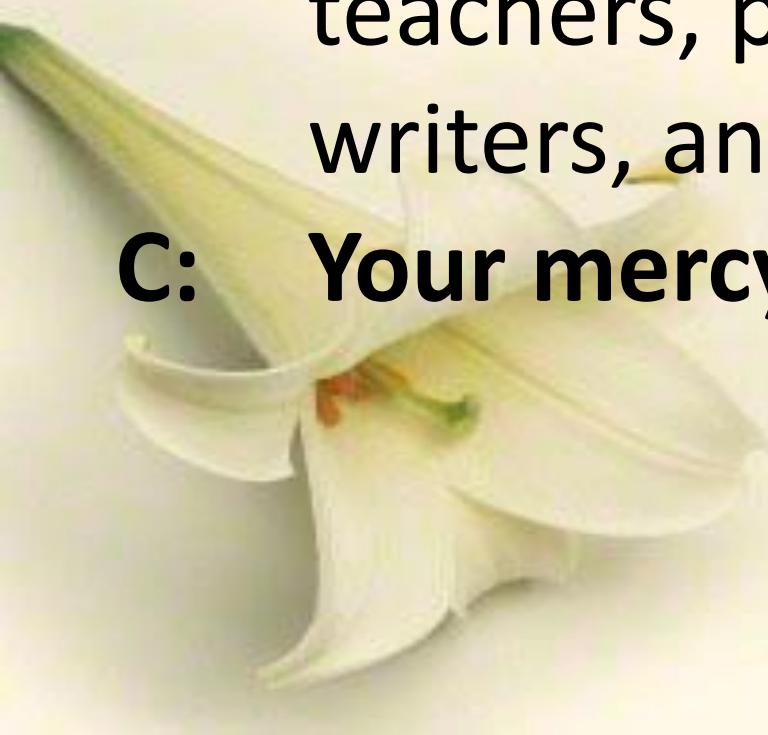


P: Pour out over all the earth the water of life as a gift. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems, and wetlands. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

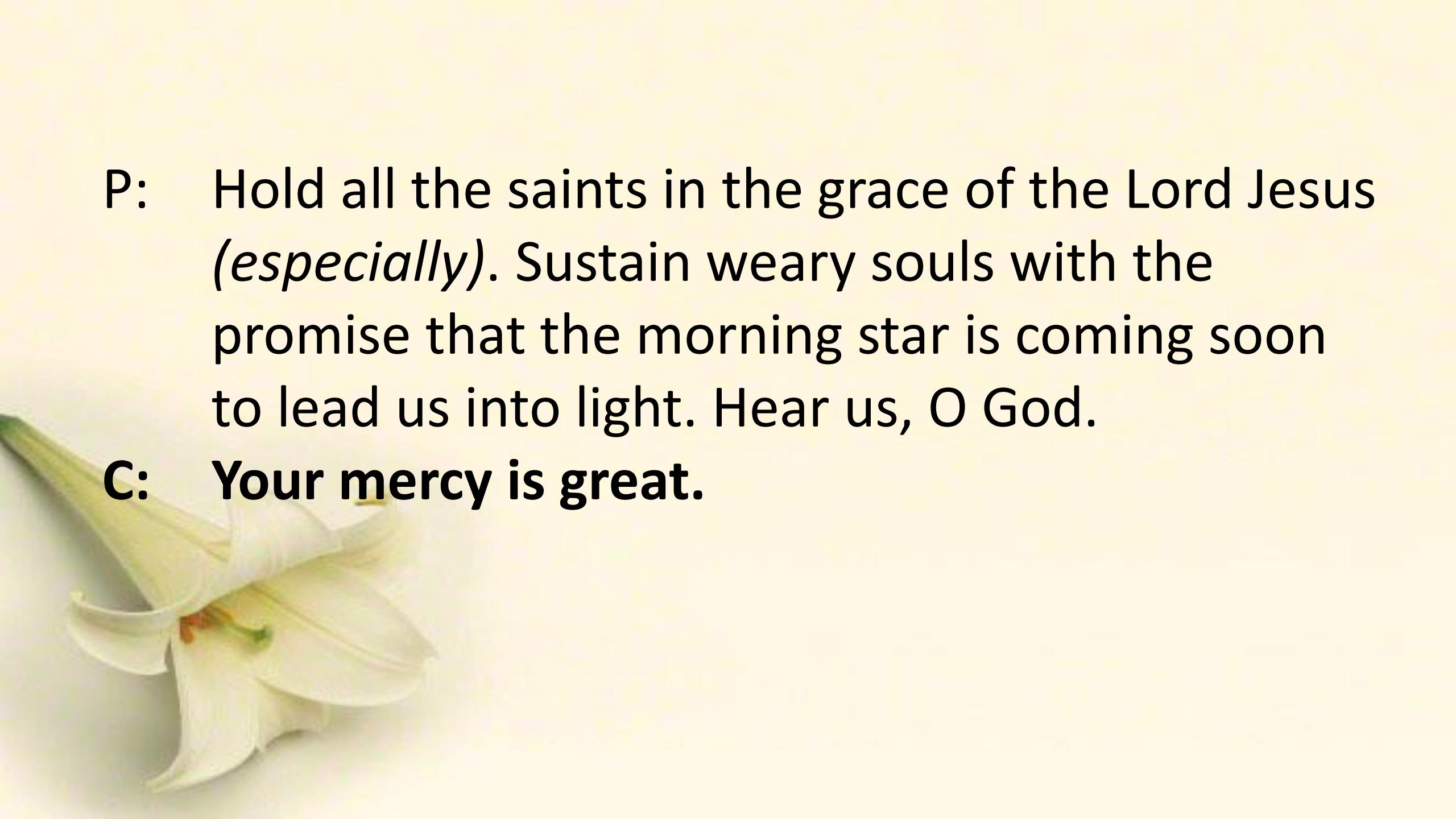
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- P: Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity (*especially*). Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

- P: Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains who stand as signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.



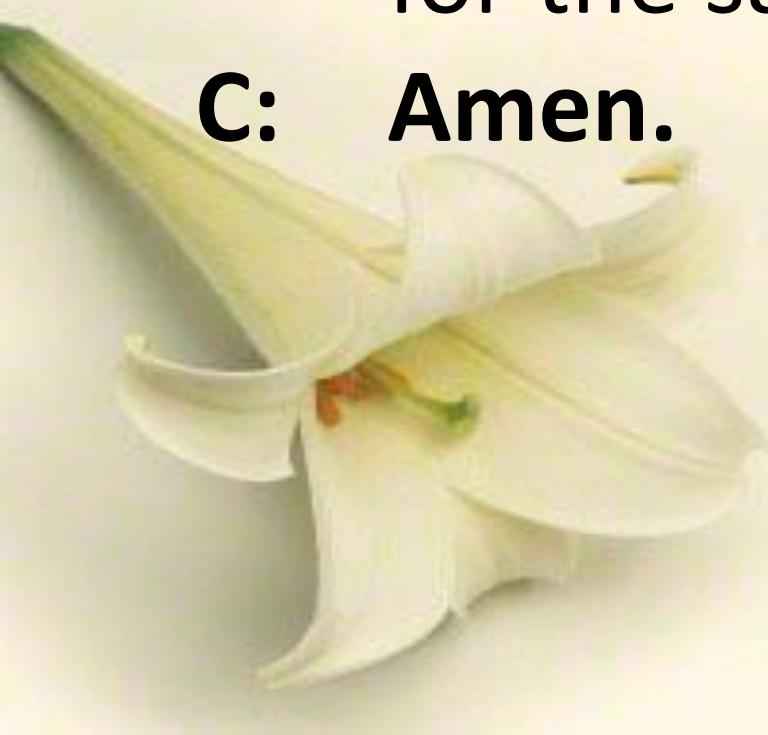
P: Let your word fill our hearts and our homes.
Bless all who teach us the faith: pastors and
deacons, Sunday school and confirmation
teachers, public theologians, mentors, curriculum
writers, and publishers. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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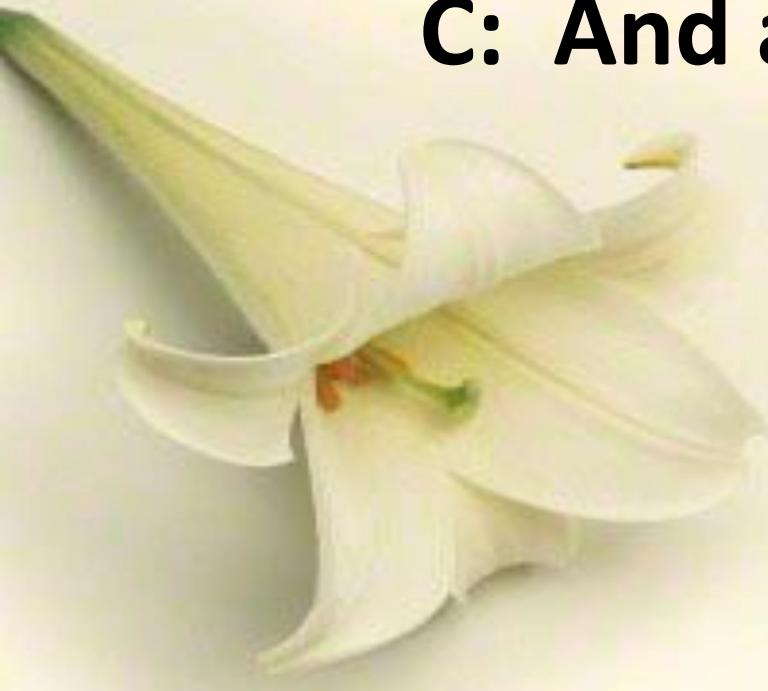
P: Hold all the saints in the grace of the Lord Jesus (*especially*). Sustain weary souls with the promise that the morning star is coming soon to lead us into light. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**



P: We commend these and all our prayers to you,
O God. Come near to us with your saving help,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.



SHARING THE PEACE

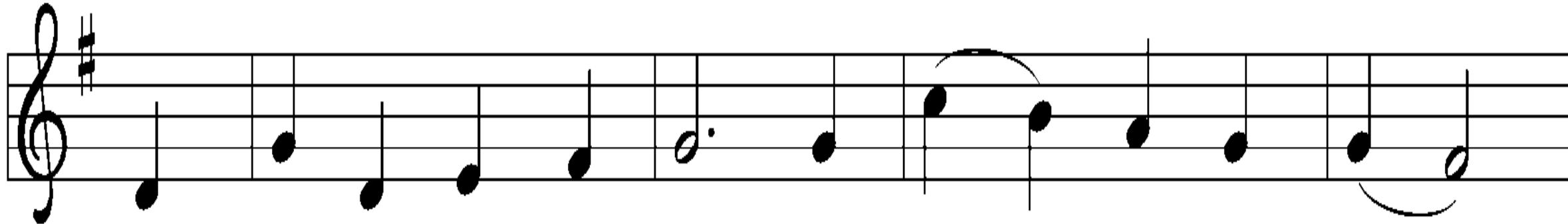
P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.



VIDEO DURING OFFERING
“Dead Man Walking”
by Jeremy Camp

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: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*”

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face--
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



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