

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 12, 2019



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

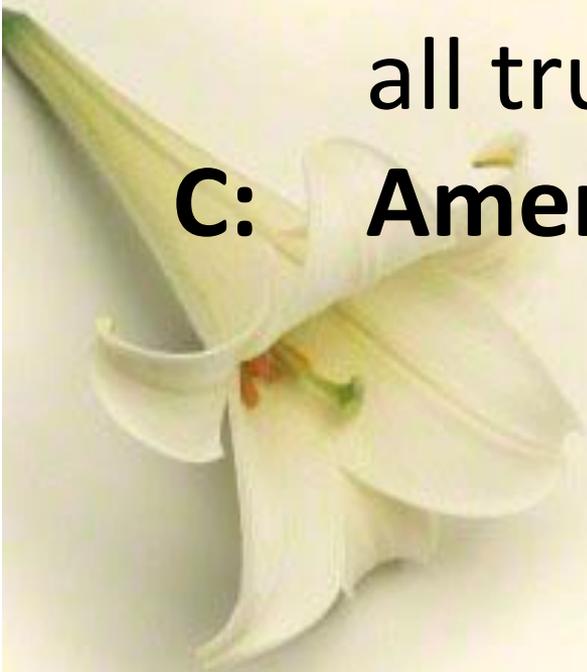


CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



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.

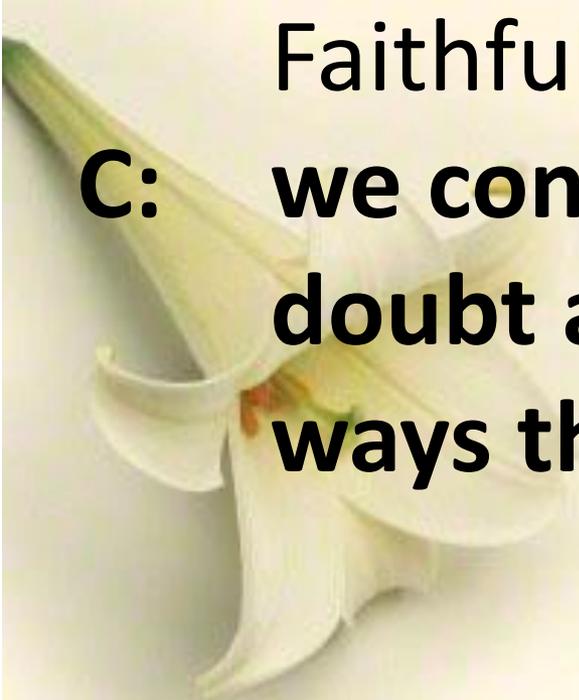


P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

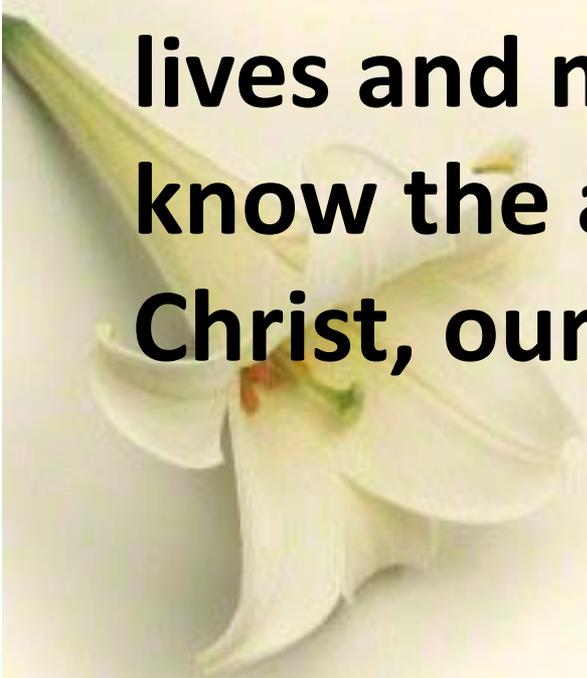
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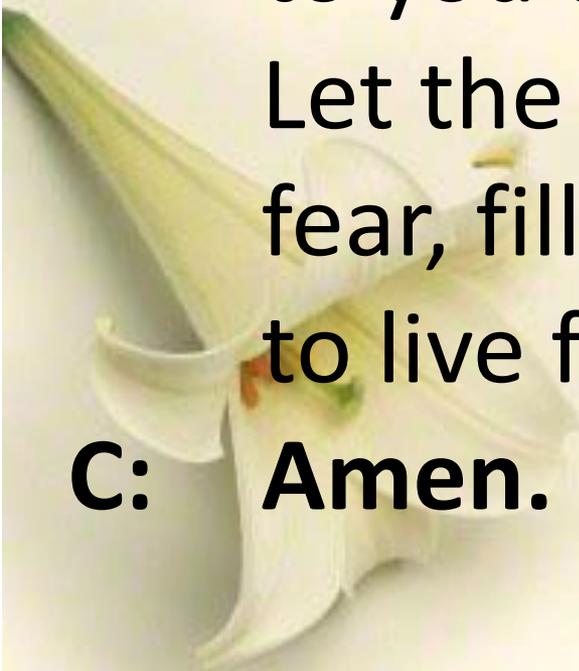
Faithful and just God,

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

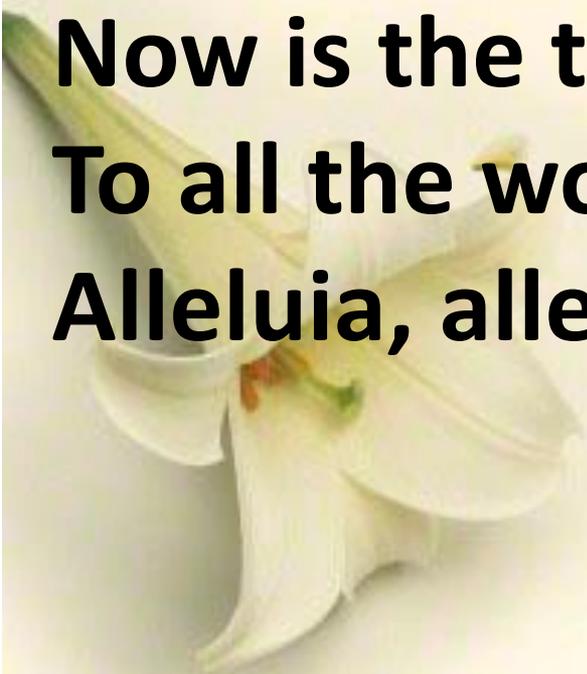
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

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!**

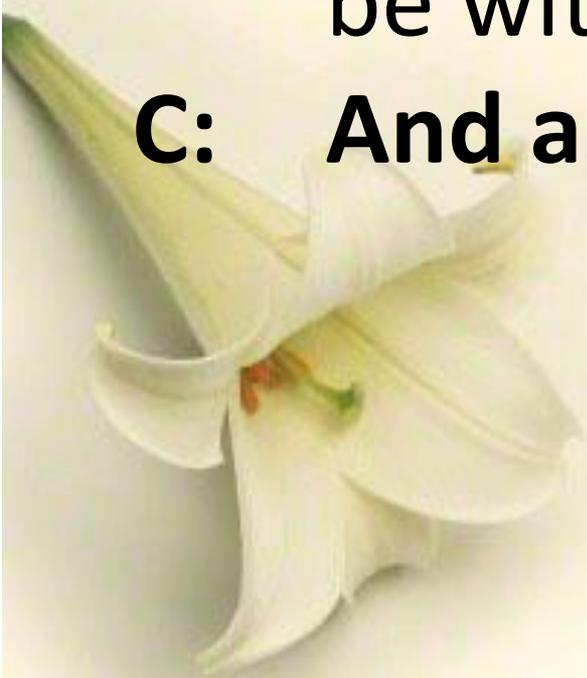


**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



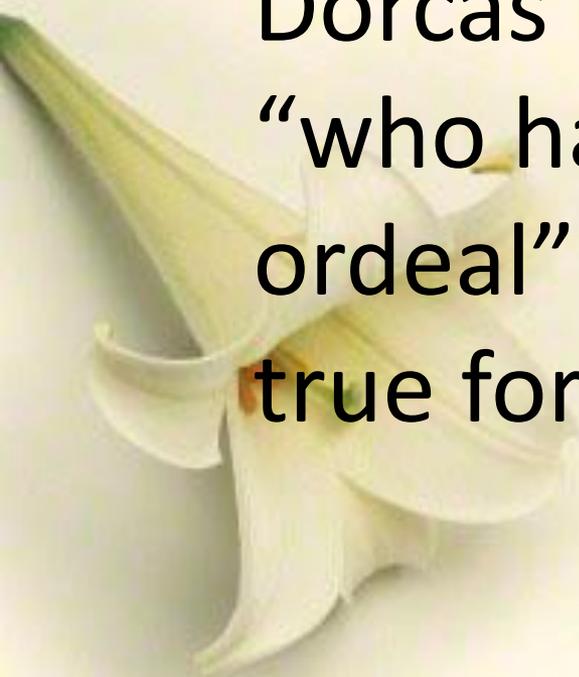
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized:



Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.

C: Amen.

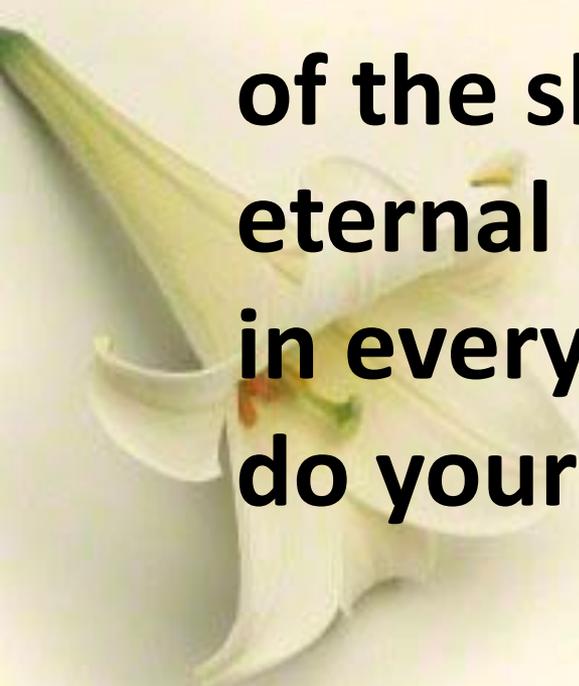


PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God of peace,

C: you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will,



and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Kid's Church



I AM A
Child
OF
God



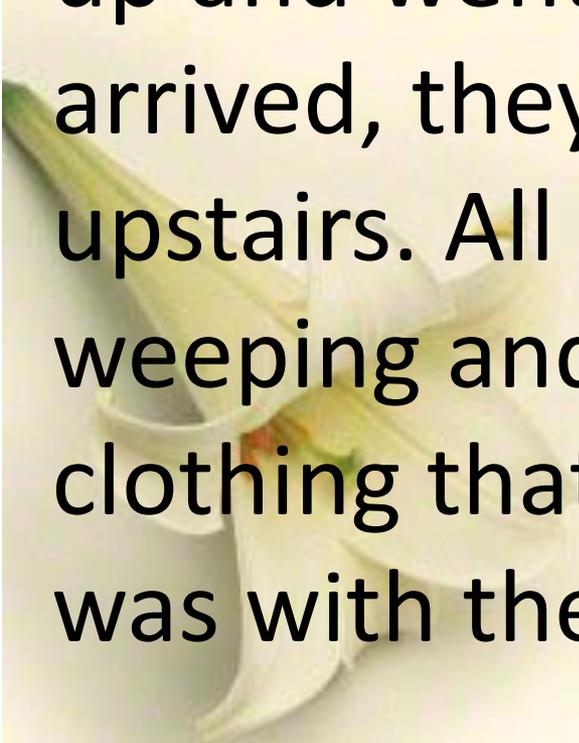
Happy Mother's Day !

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

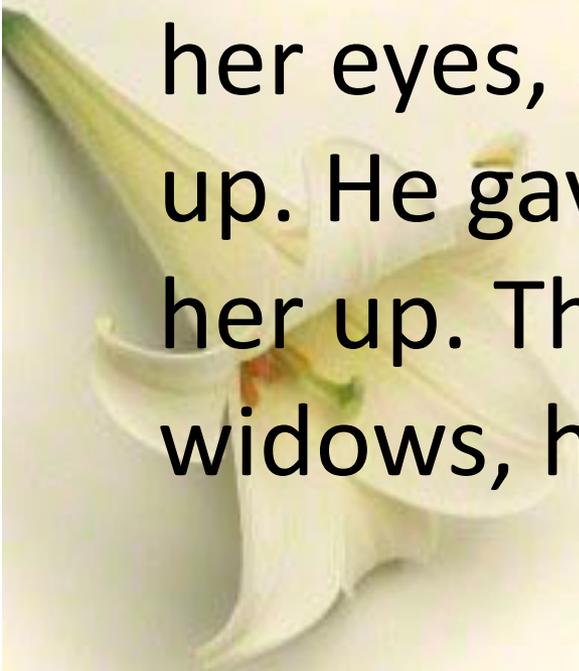
A reading from Acts, the 9th chapter.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.



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Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

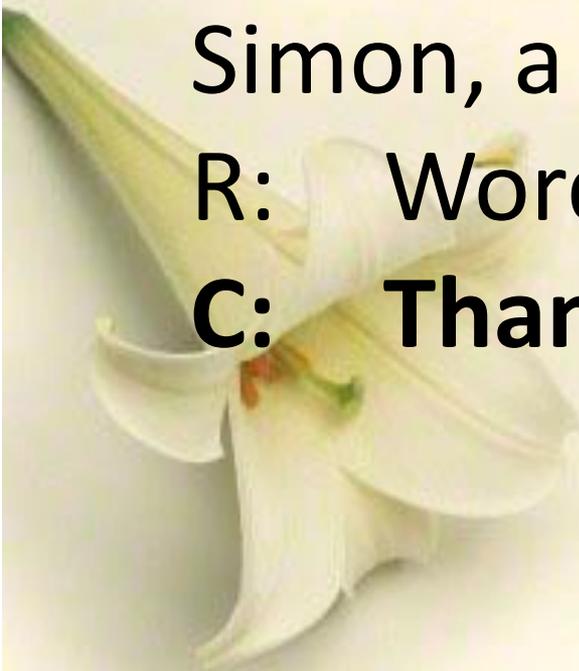


Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



A Responsive Reading From Psalm 23

R: The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

C: **The LORD makes me lie down in
green pastures and leads me
beside still waters.**



R: You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right
pathways for your name's sake.

**C: Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are
with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.**



R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

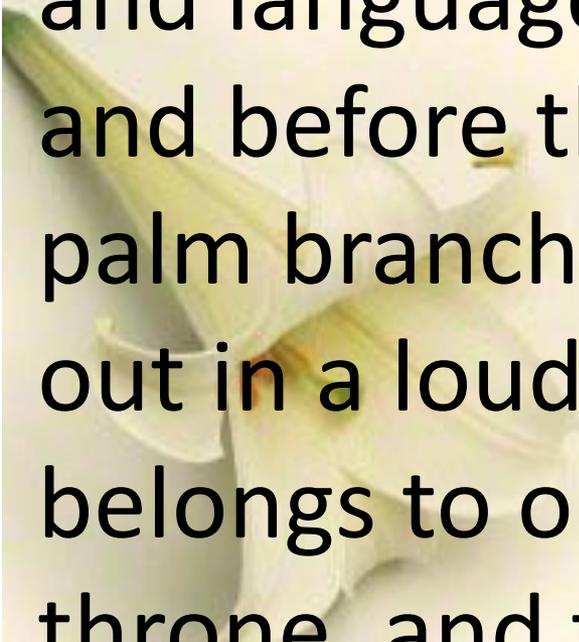
C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



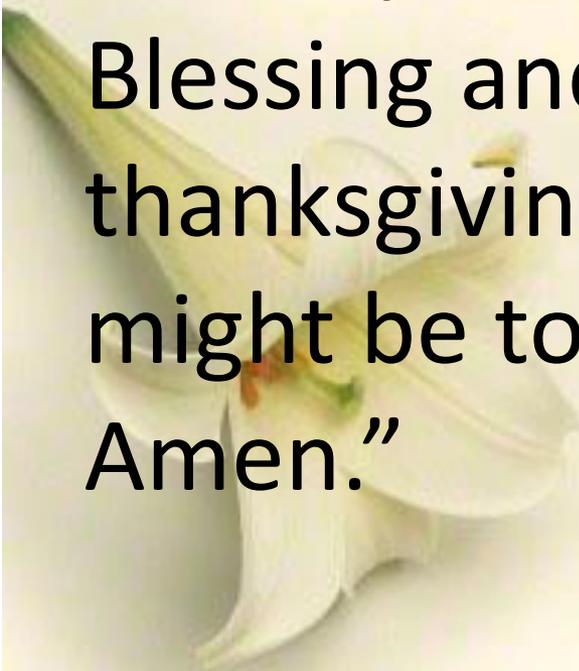
SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

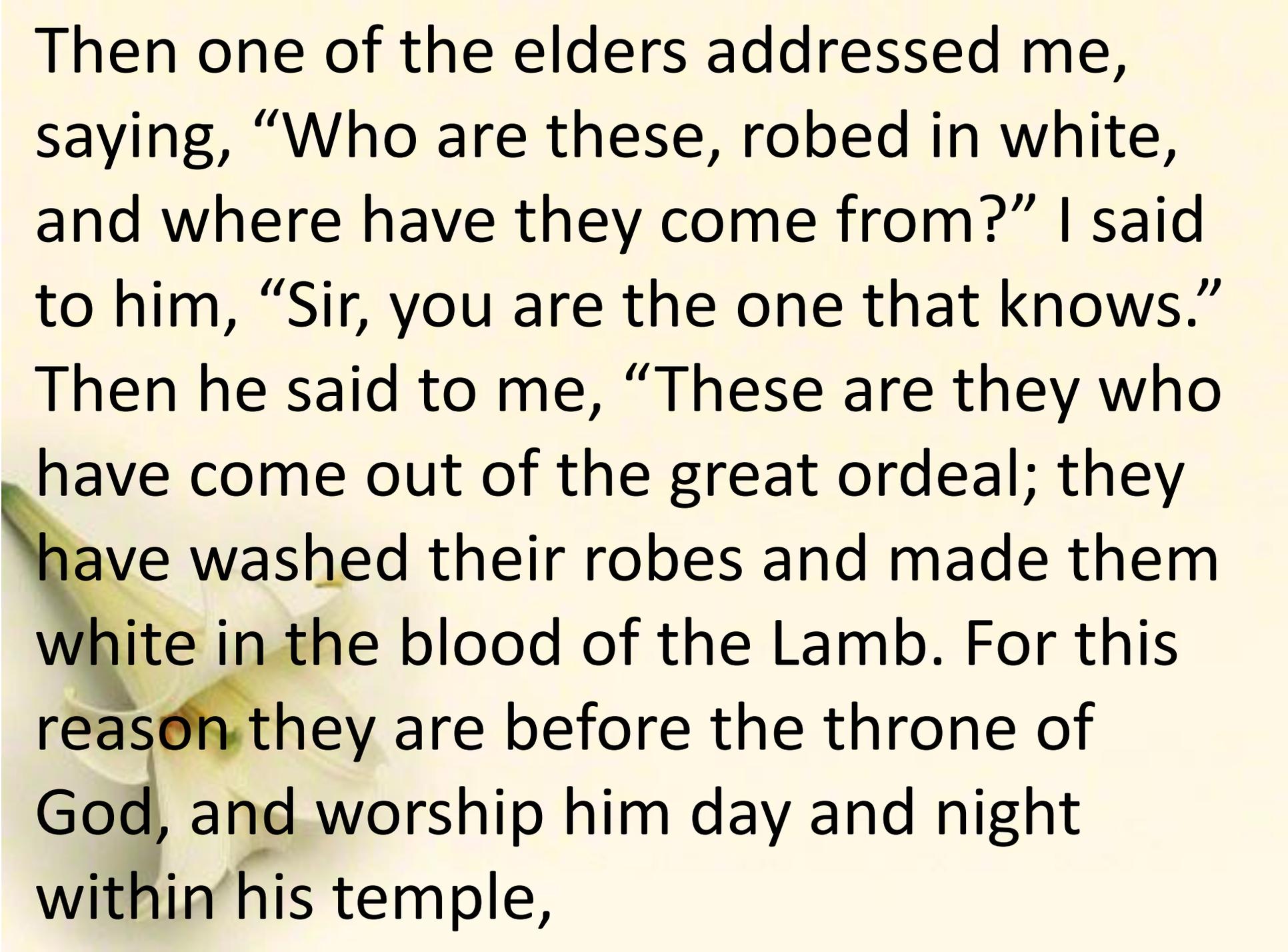
A reading from Revelation, the 7th chapter.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

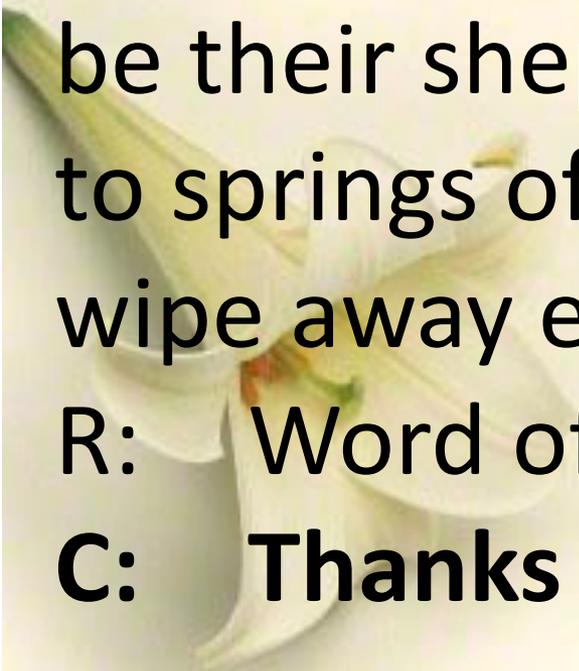


And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."





Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple,

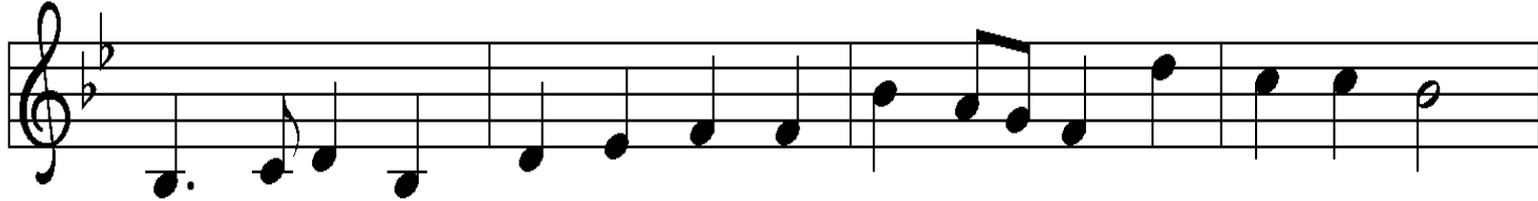


and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

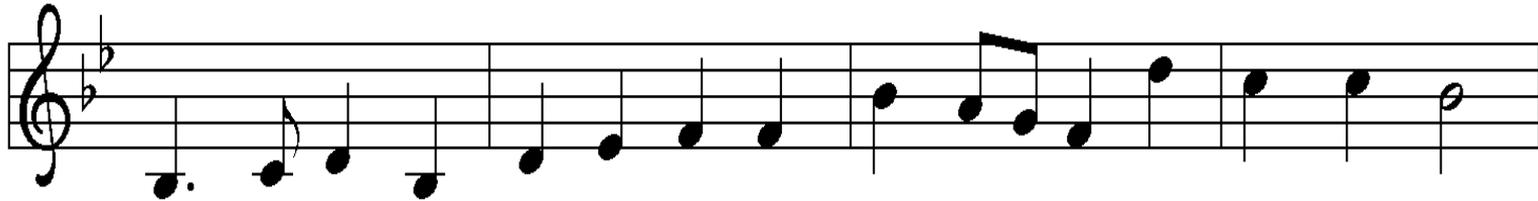
R: Word of God, word of life.

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.



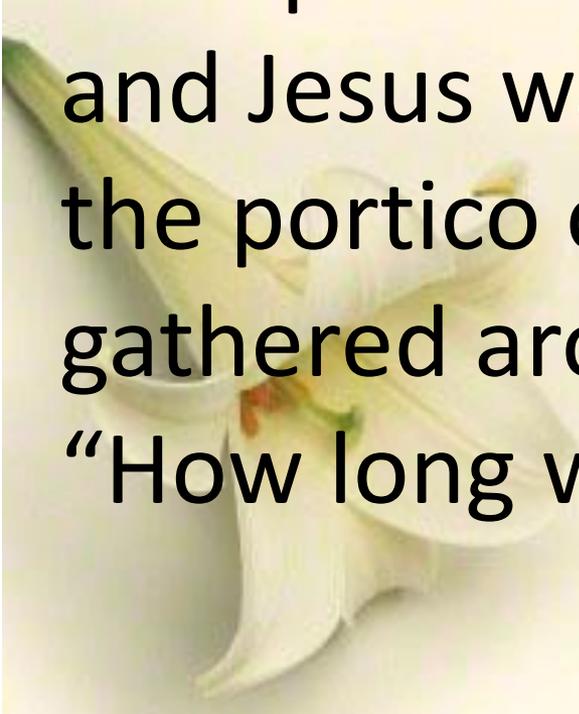
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

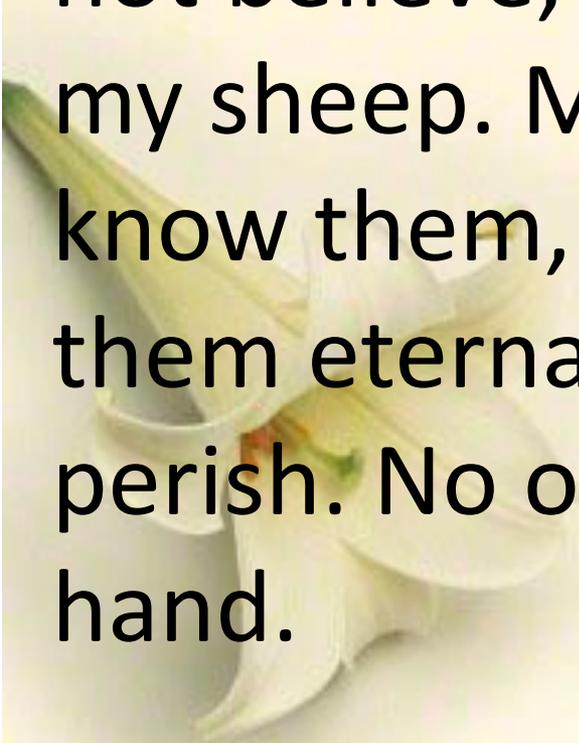
P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense?”



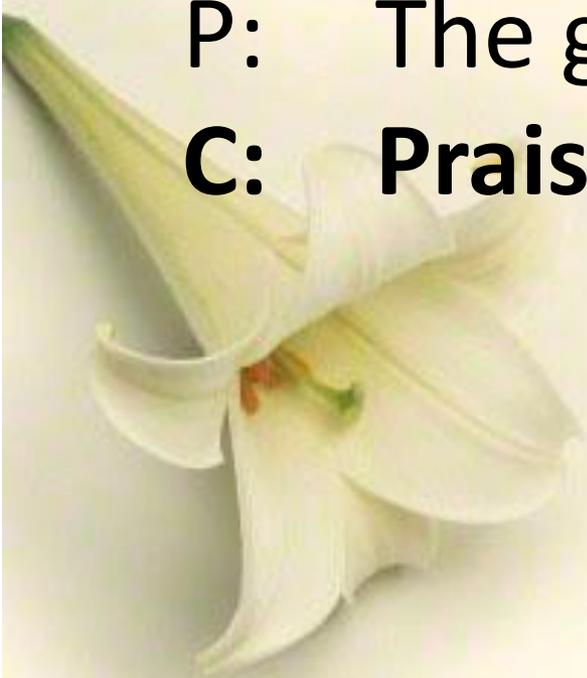
If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”
Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

A white lily flower is positioned in the bottom-left corner of the image. The flower is in full bloom, with several long, pointed petals extending outwards. The background is a light, neutral color, and the overall composition is clean and minimalist.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

“Do We Hear the Good Shepherd’s Voice?”



HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Lord's My Shepherd”

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.

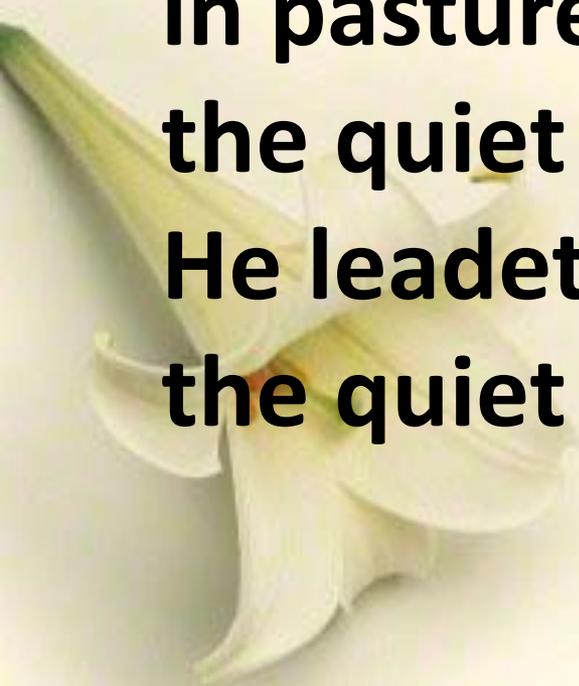
He makes me down to lie

in pastures green; he leadeth me

the quiet waters by.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me

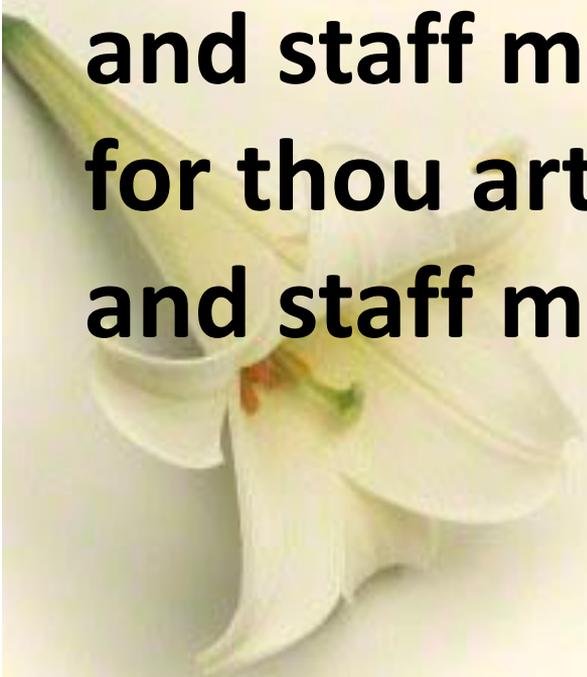
the quiet waters by.



**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.**



**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**



**My table thou hast richly spread
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

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and my cup overflows.**

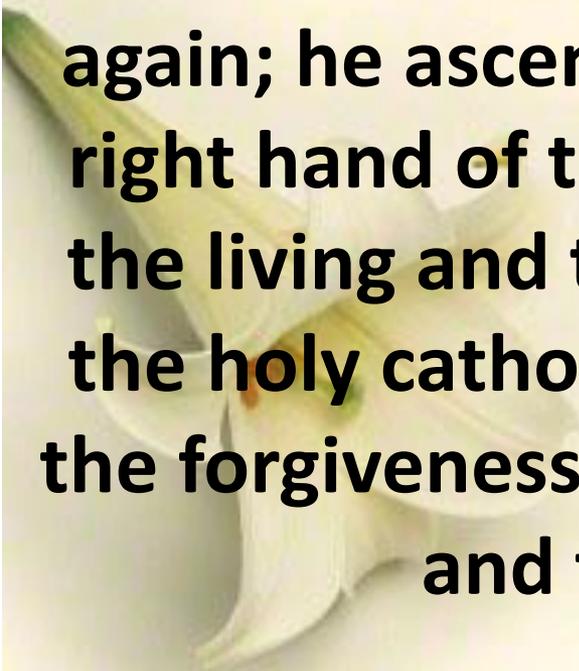


**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**



APOSTLES' CREED

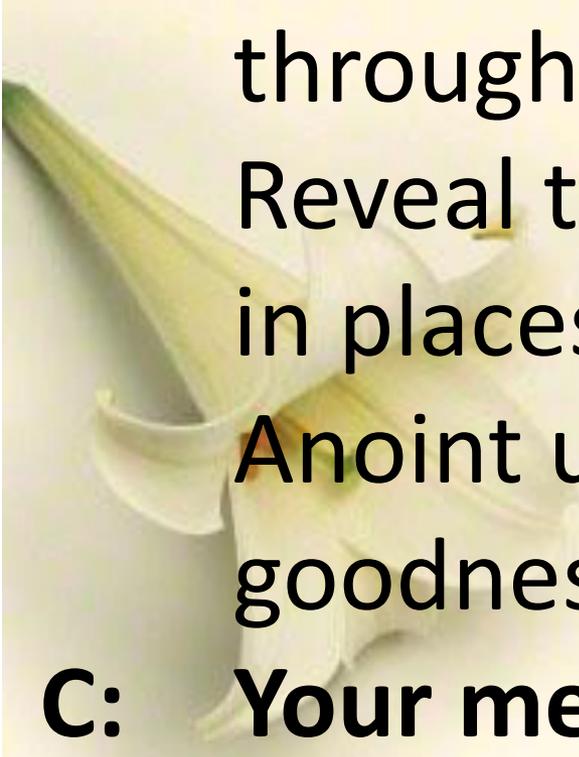
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose 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.

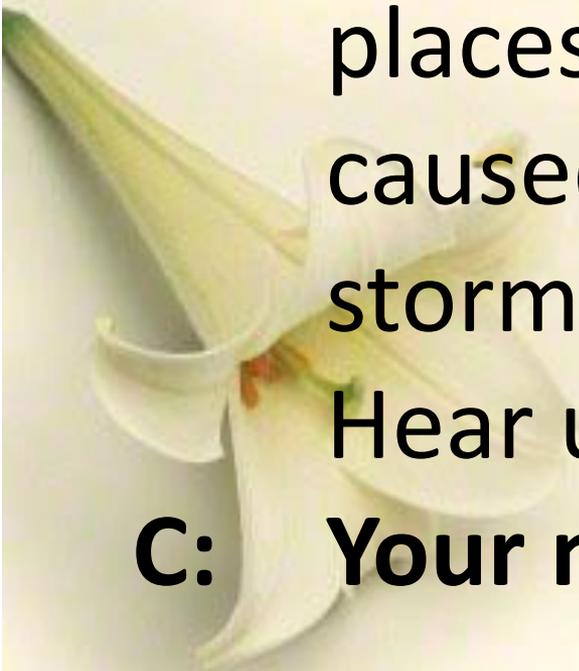


PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. *(A brief silence.)* Shine your light through this and every congregation. Reveal to us the light of your salvation in places of hopelessness and decay. Anoint us and make us overflow with goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

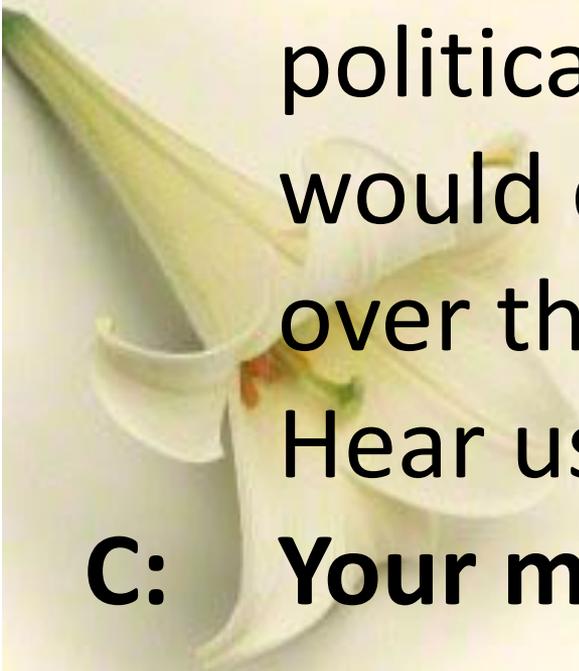
C: **Your mercy is great.**





P: We give thanks for gentle rains that nourish green pastures and rejuvenate rivers and streams. Provide clean water for thirsty people, animals, and crops. Heal places suffering destruction caused by floods, typhoons, storms, and mudslides. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Empower authorities to be faithful shepherds who lead nations in pathways of righteousness and peace (*especially*). Disrupt and deter the work of terrorists, religious and political extremists, and all who would choose the way of violence over the way of mercy.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



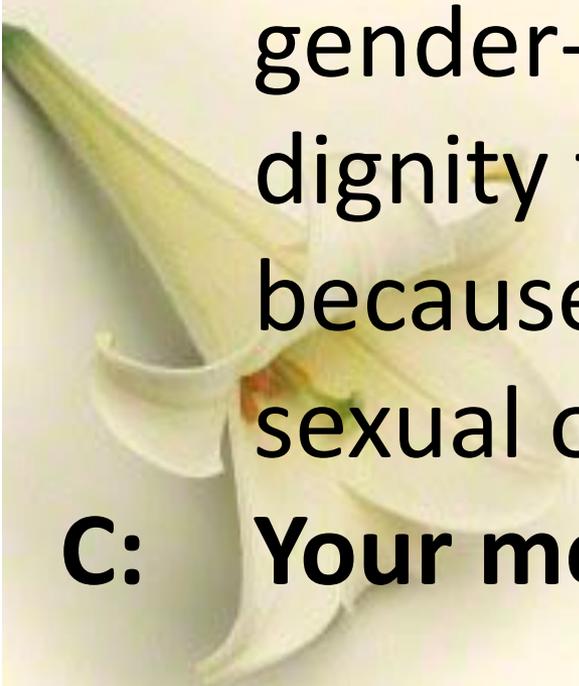
P: Give strength and perseverance to those facing struggles of hunger or thirst, unemployment or homelessness, chronic illness or anxiety (*especially*). Be our never-failing voice of comfort through all the trials of this life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Raise up faithful women as witnesses to your strength and compassion. Bless mothers and all who offer mothering care.

Protect victims of sexism, abuse, and gender-based violence. Restore dignity to those marginalized because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**





P: Salvation belongs to you, O God.
You promise to wipe away every tear.
Give us the assurance that all who
live and die in you (*especially*) will
rest forever beside the river of life.
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.

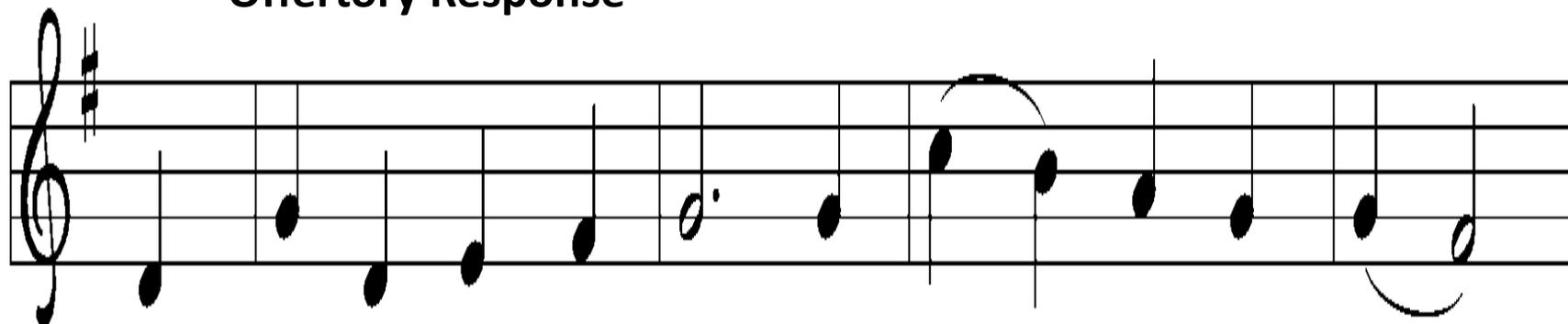
C: And also with you.



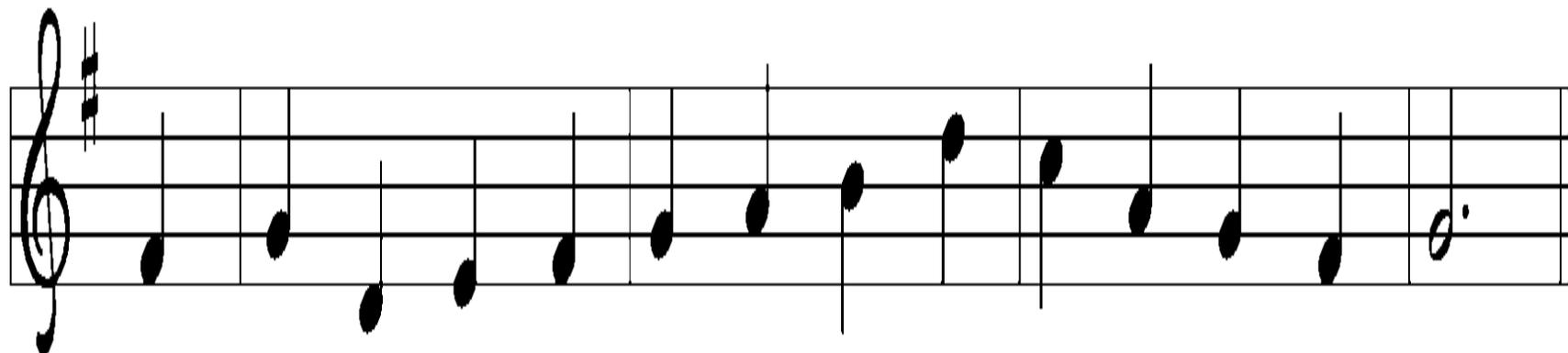
VIDEO DURING OFFERING
“When God Created Woman”
Author Unknown



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,

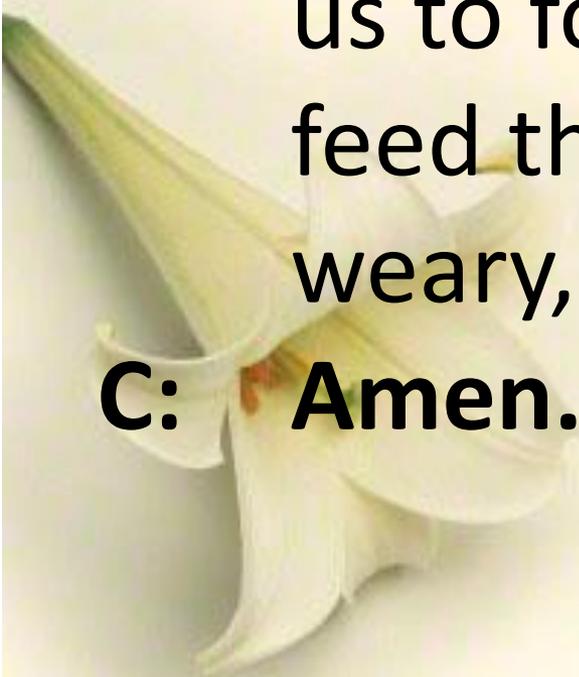


all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

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.

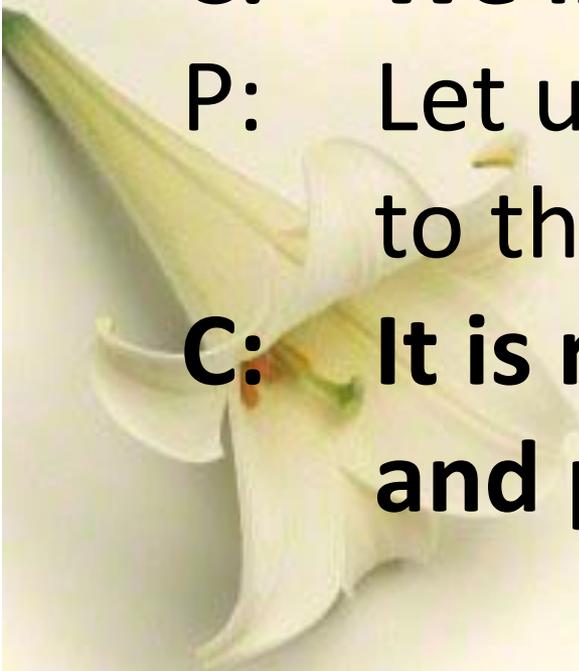
C: **And also with you.**

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.



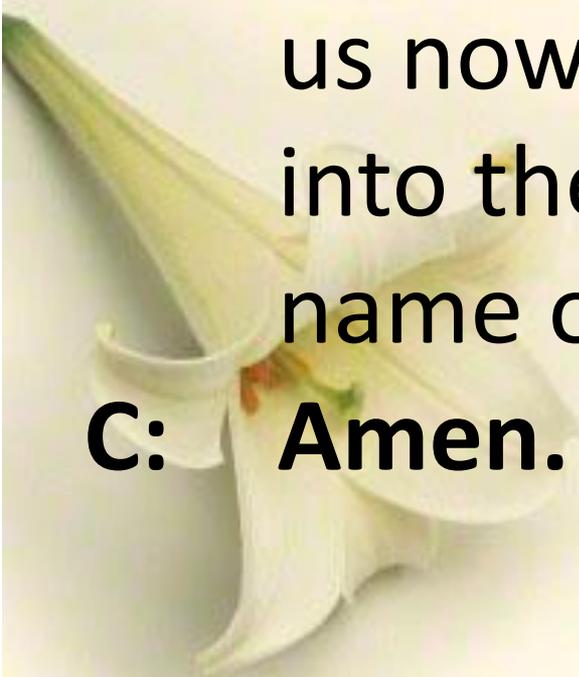
COMMUNION



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.

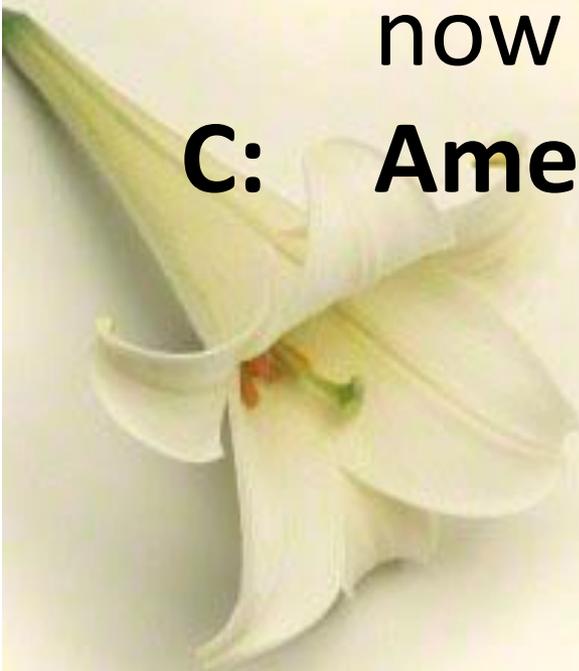
C: Amen.



BLESSING

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

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

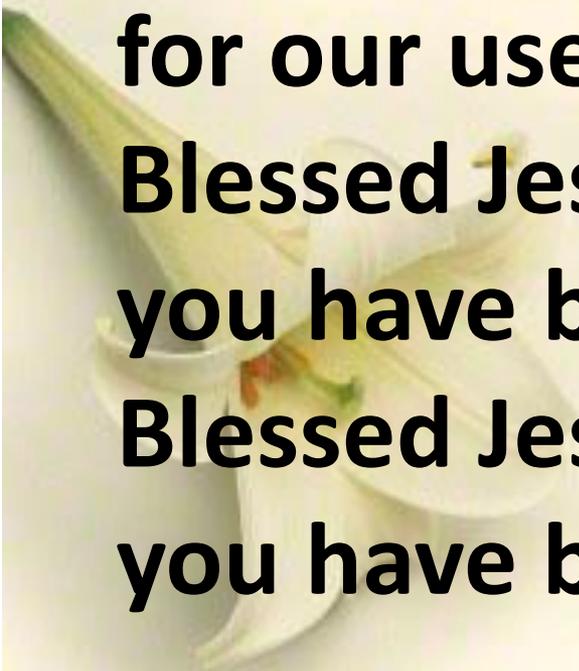
“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.**

**In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.**



**We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.**

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hear us children when we pray.**



**You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.**



**Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.**



DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



