

# Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 12, 2019



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Lutheran  
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# **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.**

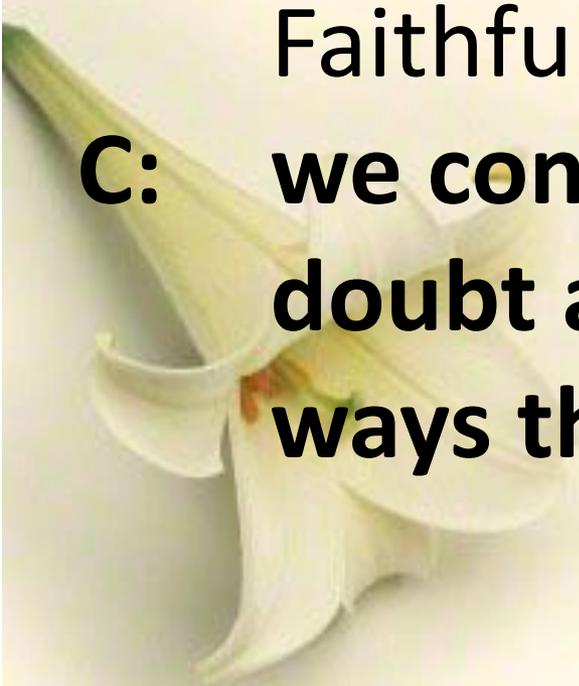


P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

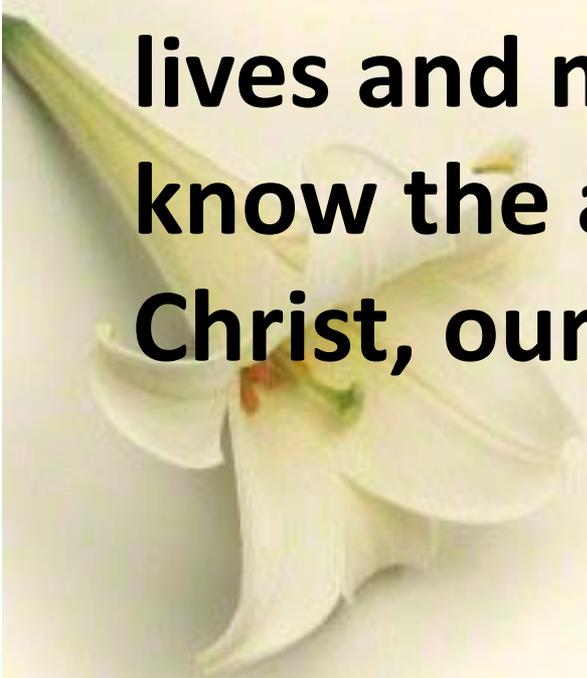
*(A brief silence.)*

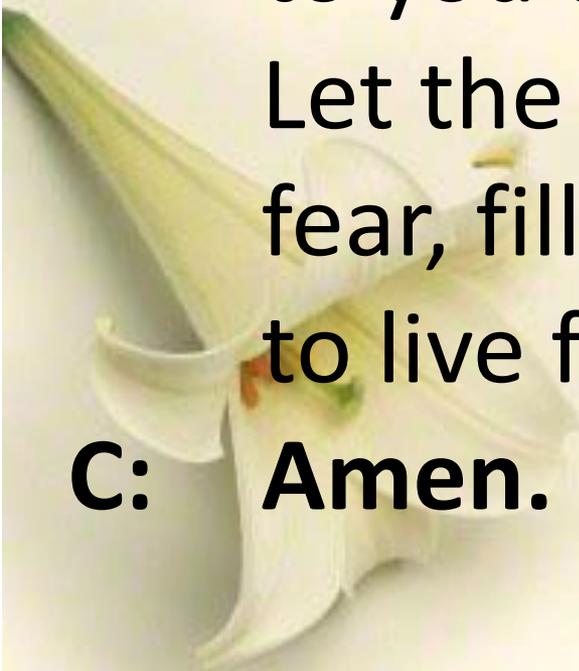
Faithful and just God,

**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

*“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”*

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**

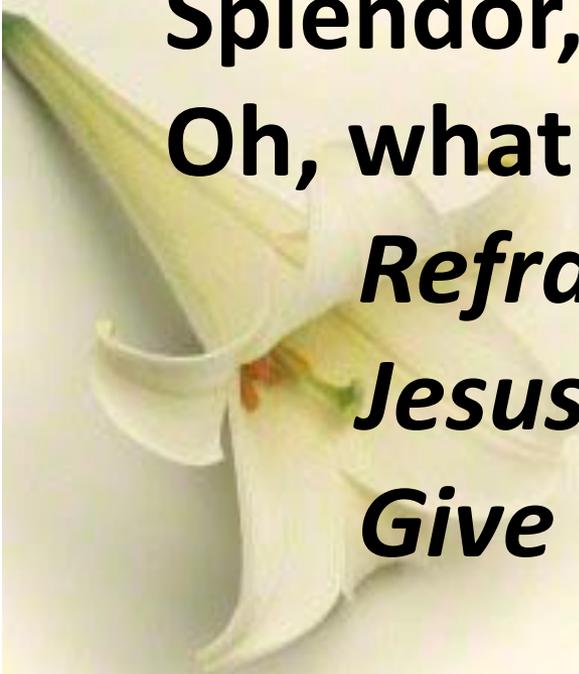
**Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!**

**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***

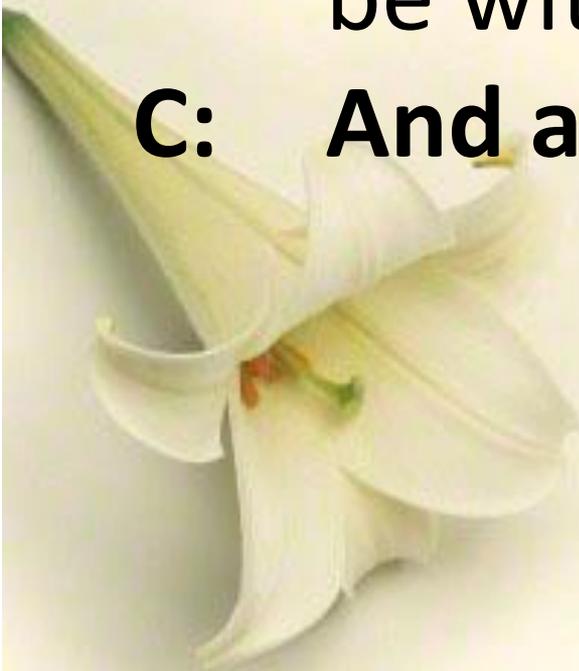
***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.***

***Give God the glory! Alleluia!***



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

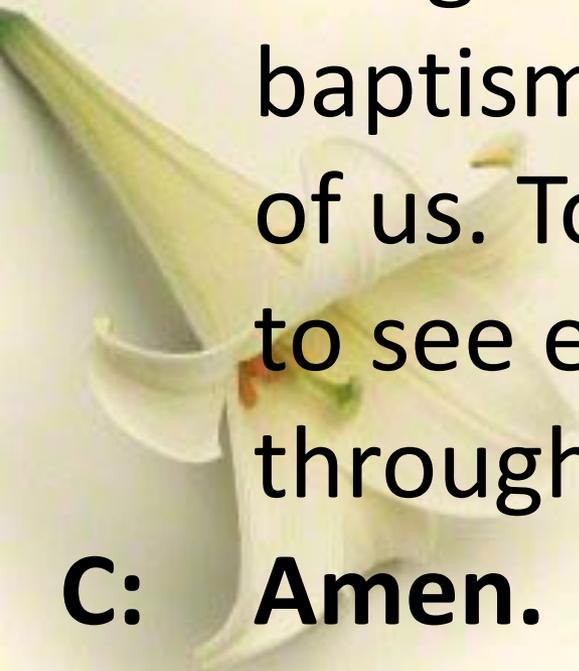
**C:** **And also with you.**



# INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

**P:** Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light - through the lens of love.

**C:** Amen.

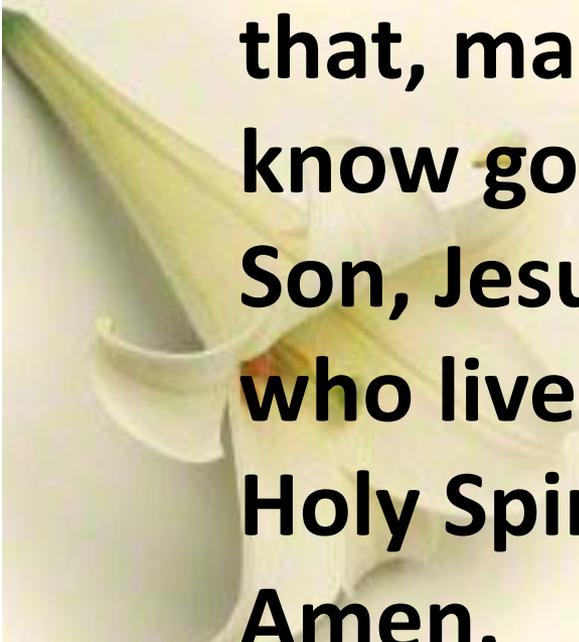


# PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**



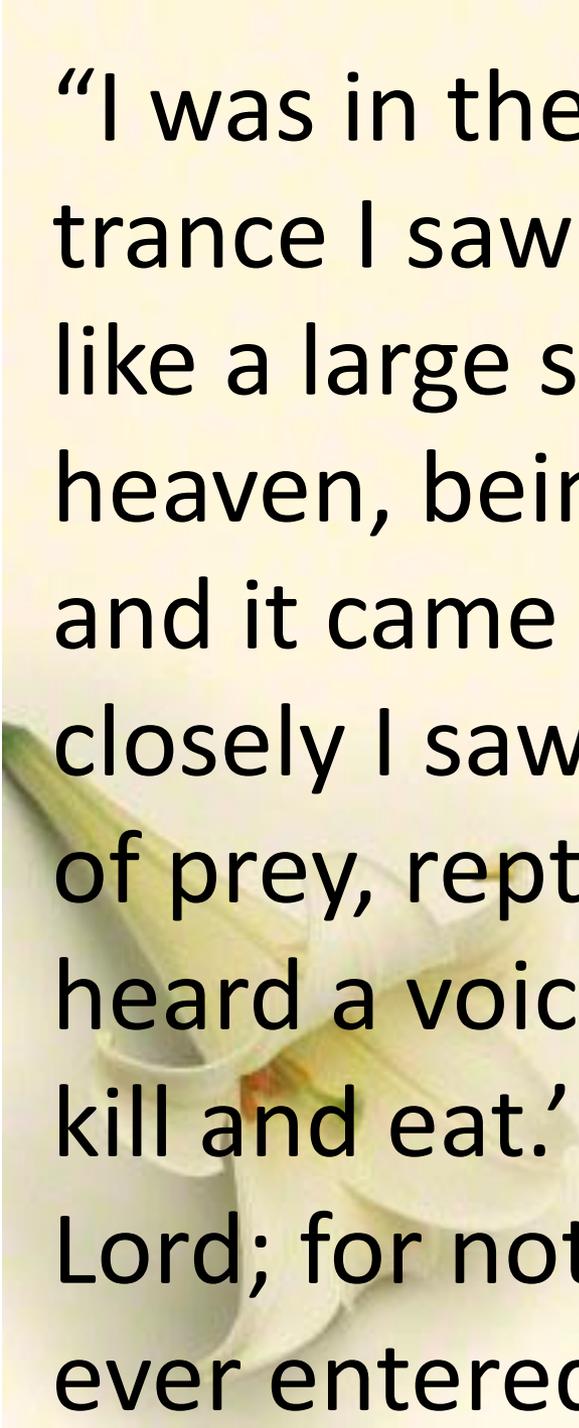
# Children's Church



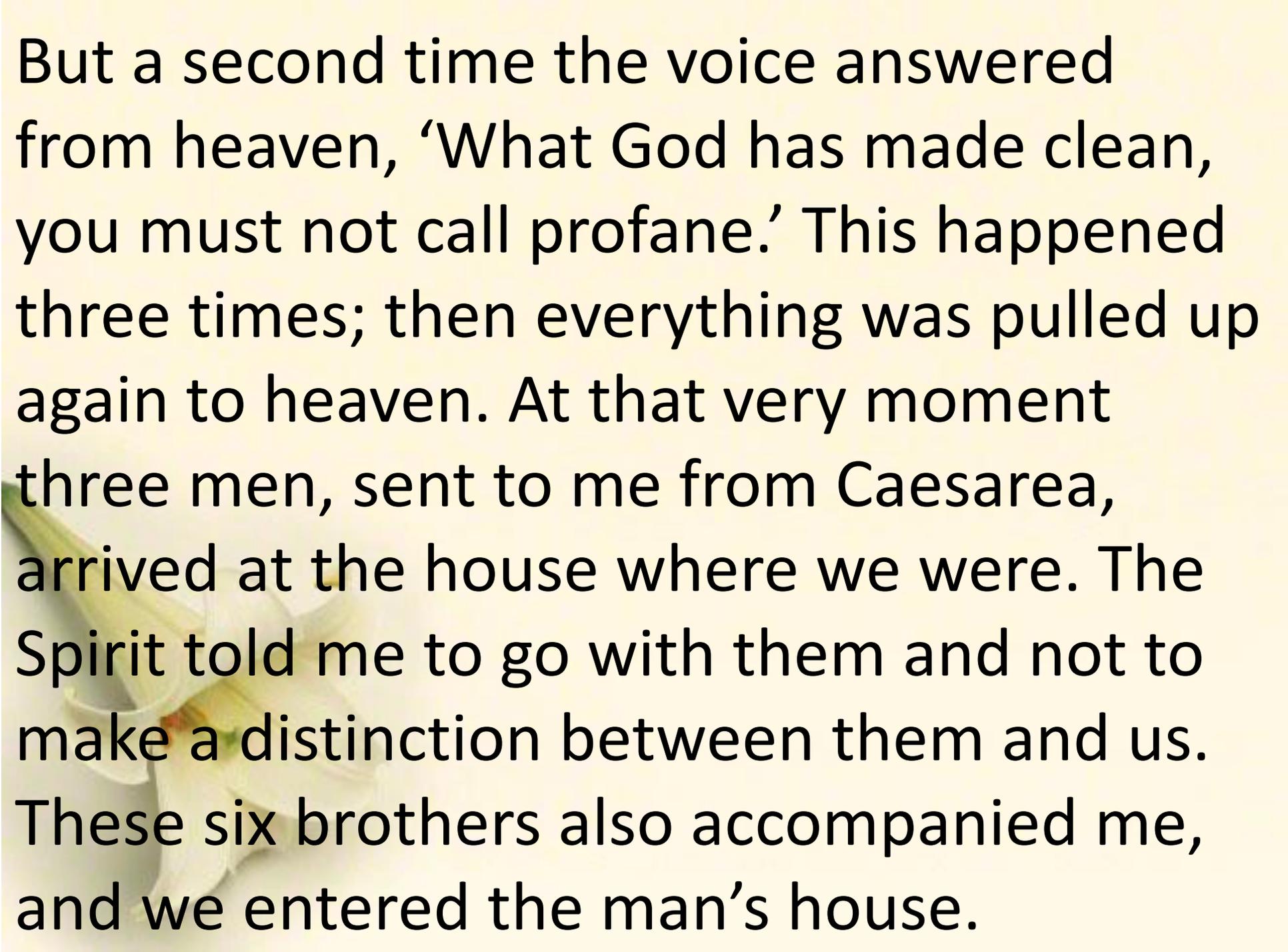
## **FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

A reading from Acts, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

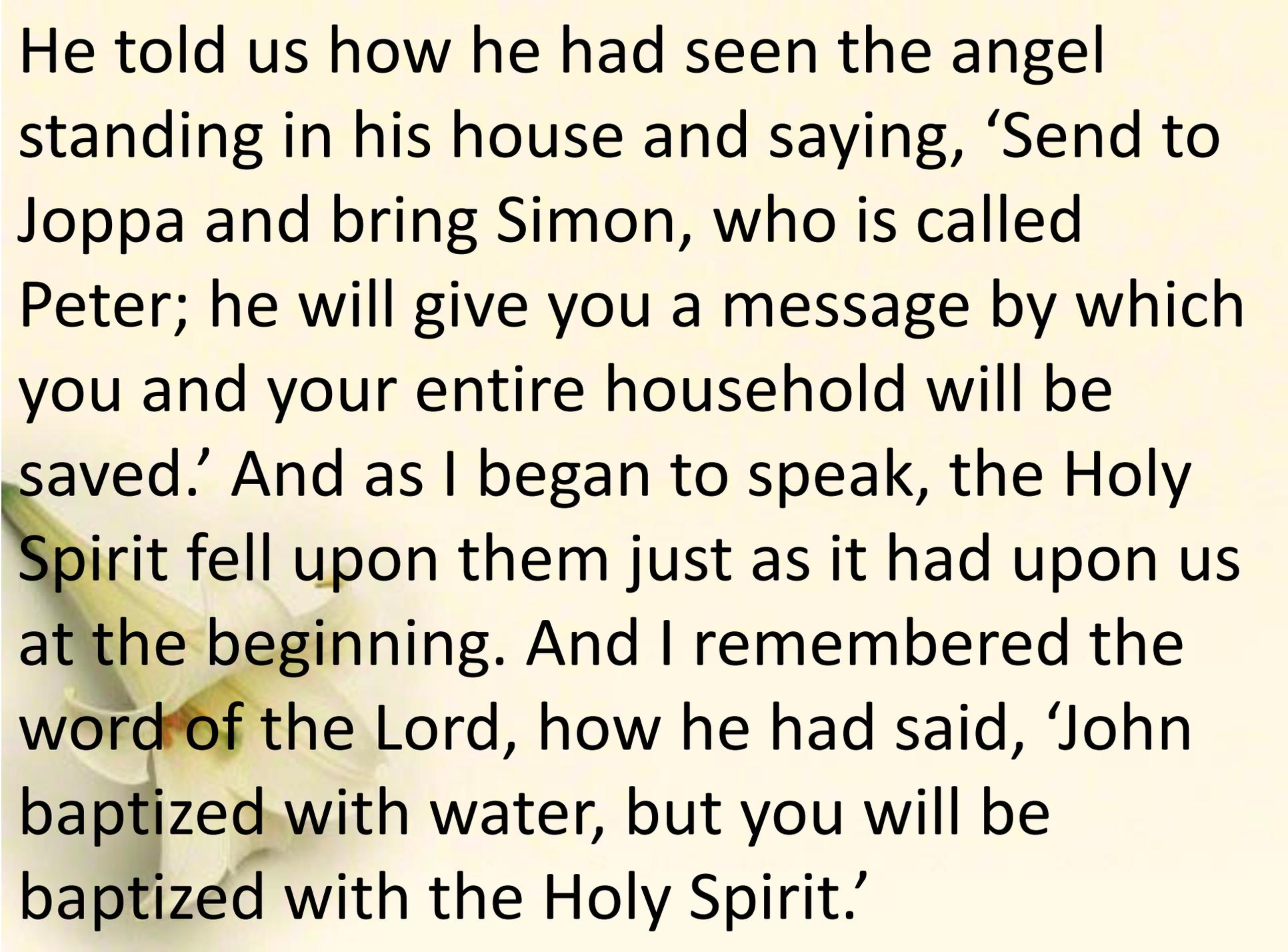
Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,



“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’



But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.



He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# **A Responsive Reading From Psalm 148**

**R:** Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**C:** Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.



R: Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

**C: Praise the LORD, heaven of  
heavens, and you waters above  
the heavens.**



R: Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

**C: fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing  
God's will;**



R: mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**C: wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying  
birds;**



R: sovereigns of the earth  
and all peoples, princes  
and all rulers of the world;

**C: young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**



R: Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**C: The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

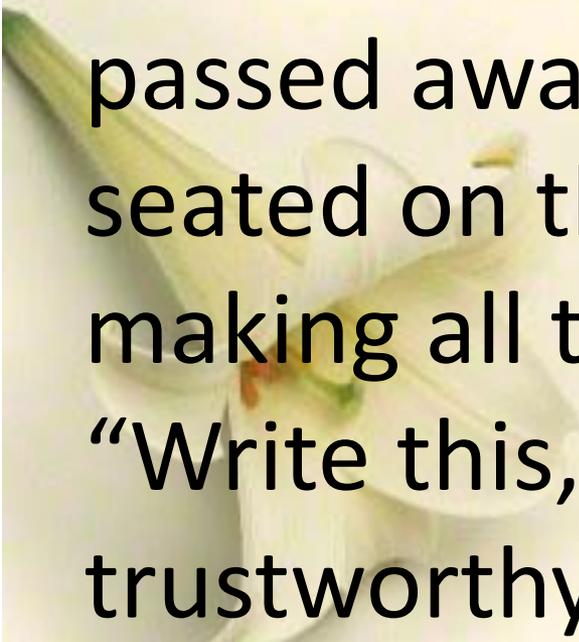


## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

A reading from Revelation, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them;

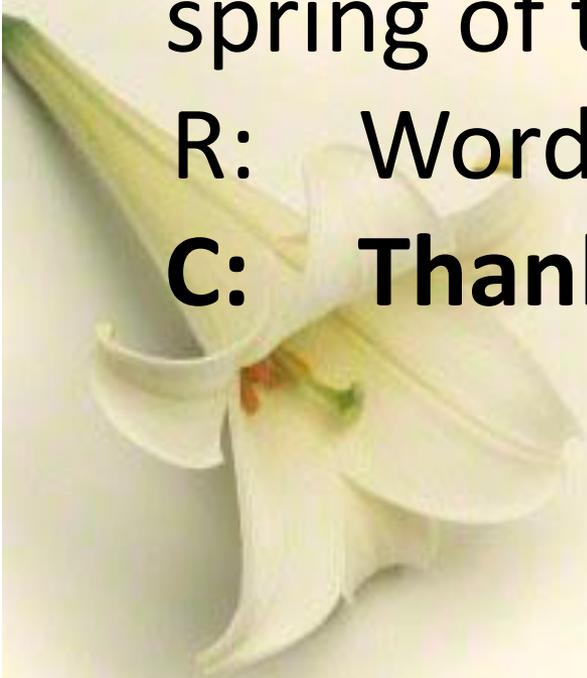


they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

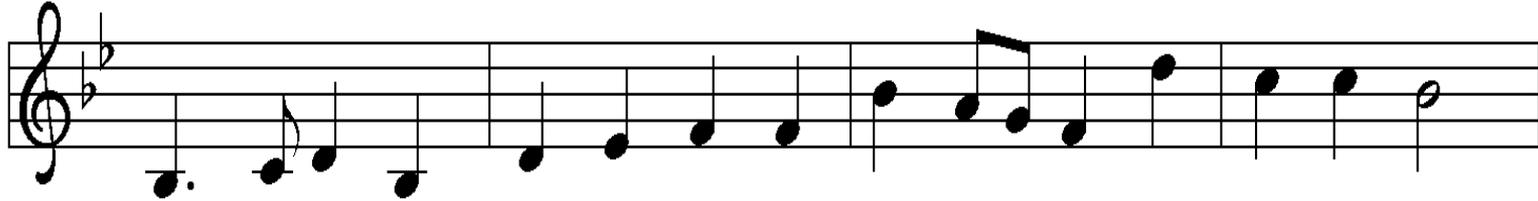
Then he said to me, “It is done!  
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the  
beginning and the end. To the thirsty  
I will give water as a gift from the  
spring of the water of life.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

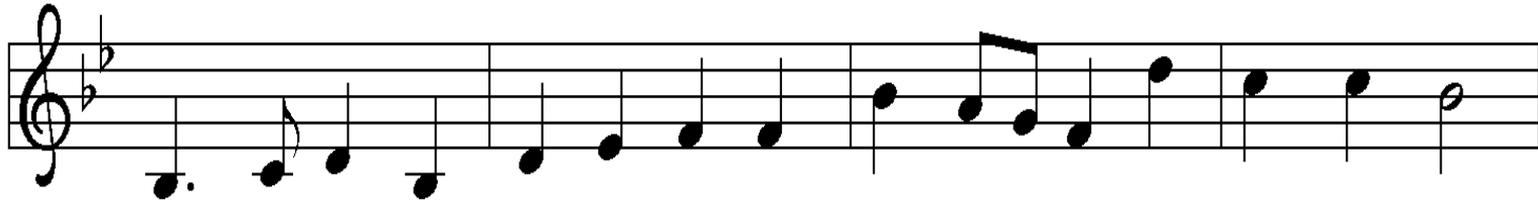
**C: Thanks be to God.**



# 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.



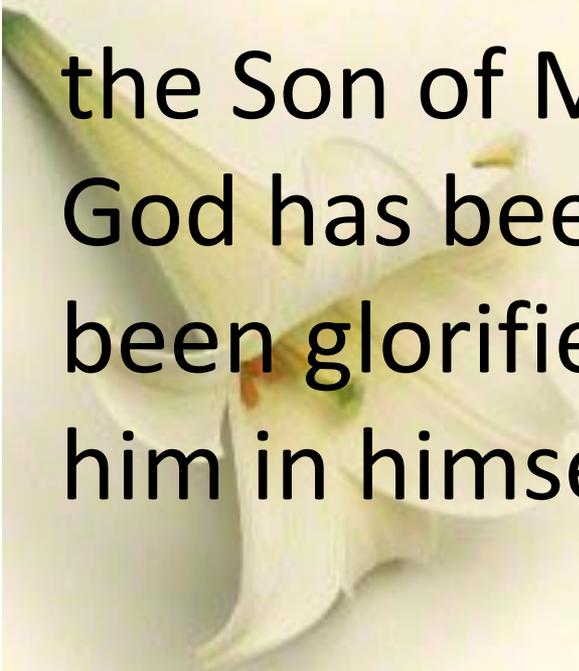
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

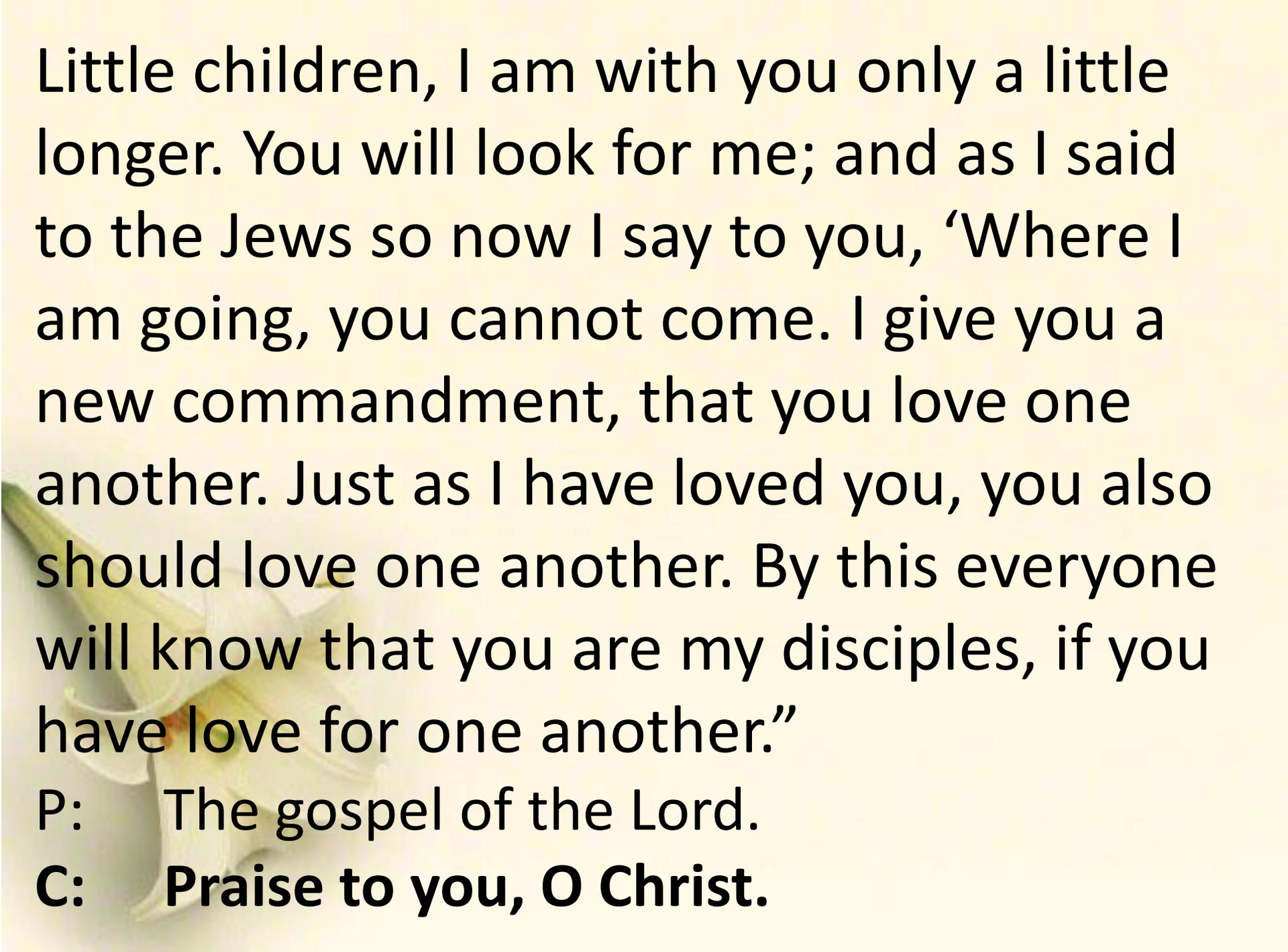
## **GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

**P:** The holy gospel according to John,  
the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.





Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

# **Sermon**

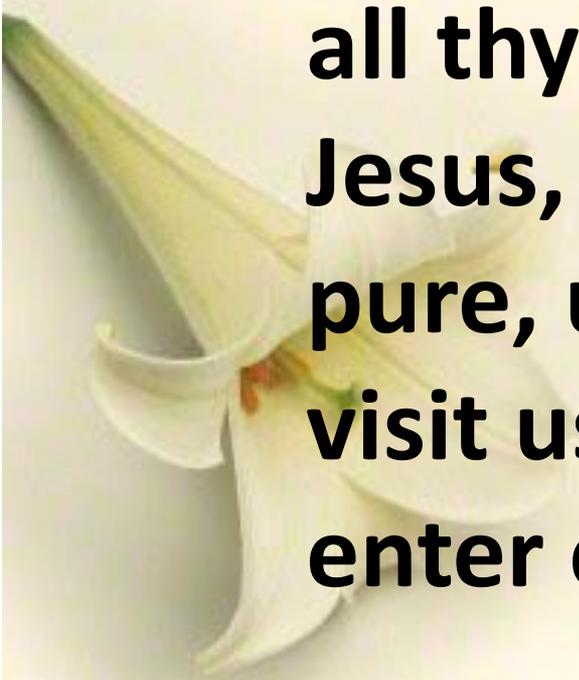
***“Everybody Welcomed and Loved”***



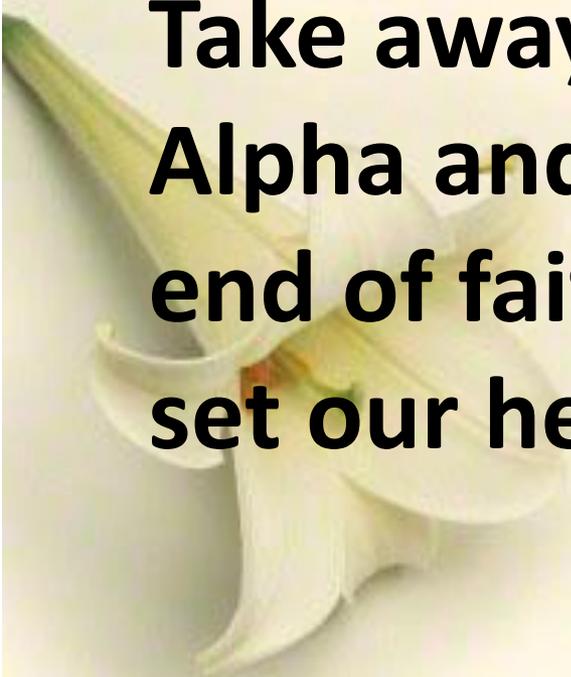
## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

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

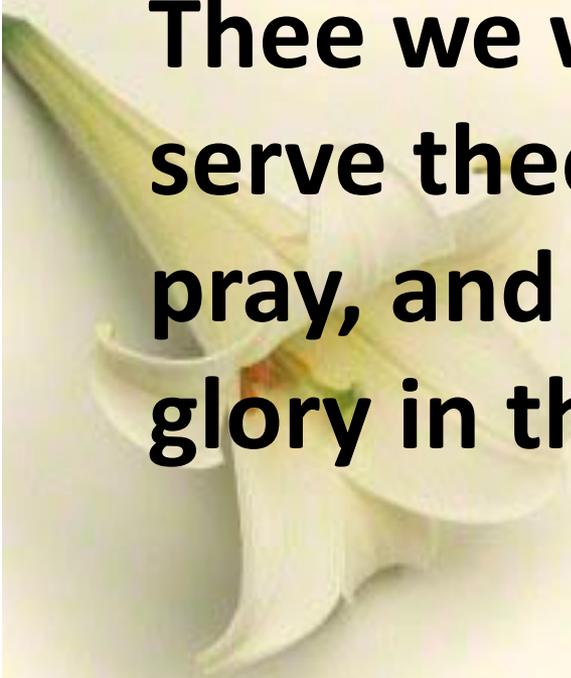
**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**



**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.**

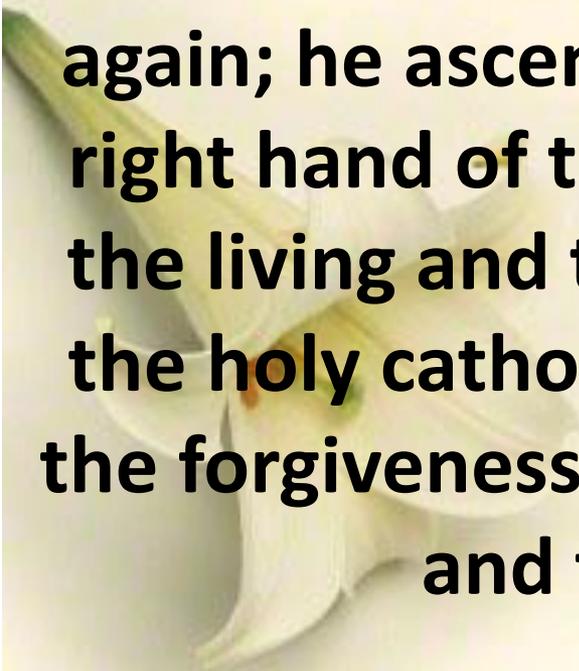


**Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**



## **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.**

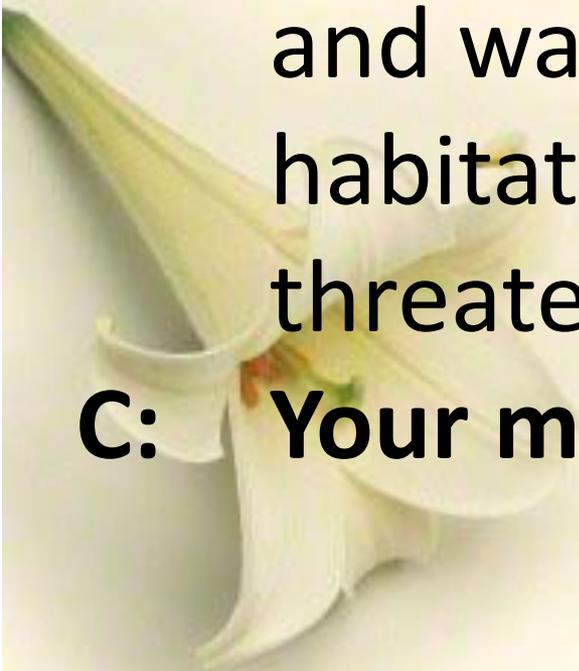


## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**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.)* Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. Awaken in us renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

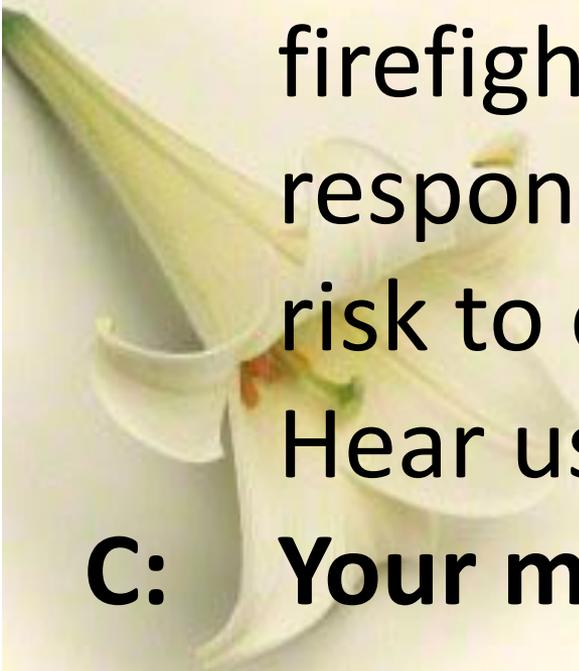
**C:** **Your mercy is great.**





P: Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Inspire creativity as we explore new ways of reducing our consumption of earth's resources. Restore forests and waterways. Replenish the habitats of all endangered and threatened species. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**



P: Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Empower legislators to craft laws reflecting your commandments to love and serve. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**



P: Make your home among us and shelter us from storms of death, mourning, crying, and pain. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**



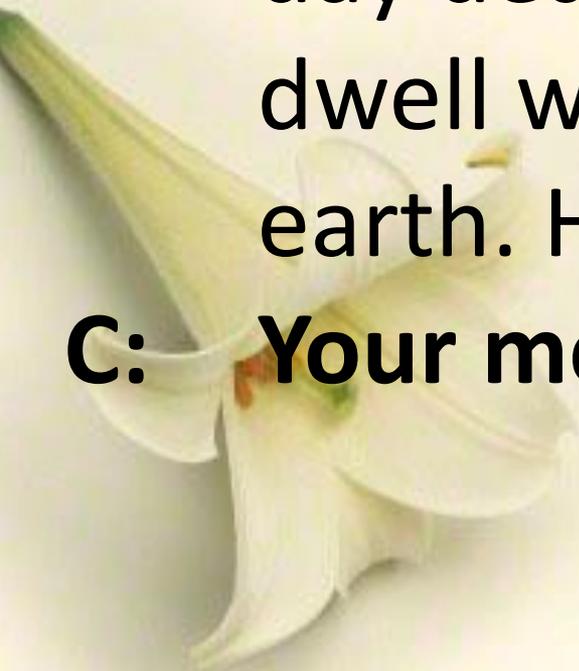
P: We give you thanks for those who carry out the ministry of hospitality: greeters, ushers, those who make coffee and bake cookies, all who welcome newcomers and care for children, and all who extend a hand of peace to neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You promise new life for all the faithful departed (*especially*).

Renew us in faith and hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth. 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**

***“Alpha and Omega”***

**by the Gaither Vocal Band**

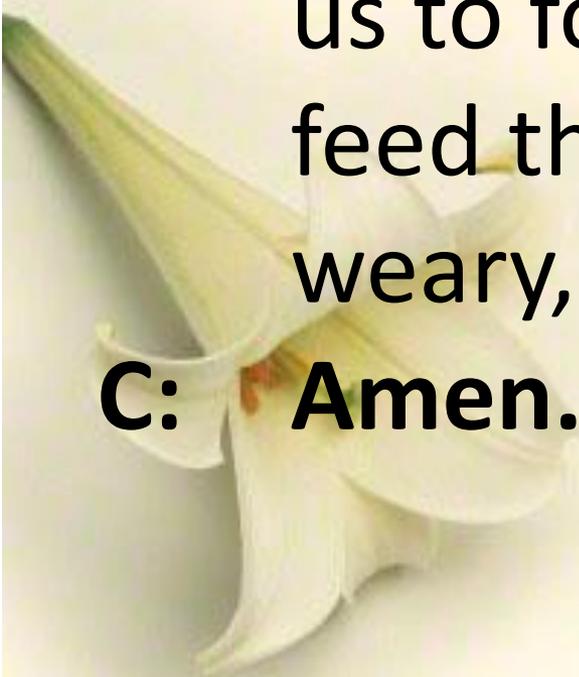




## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**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.

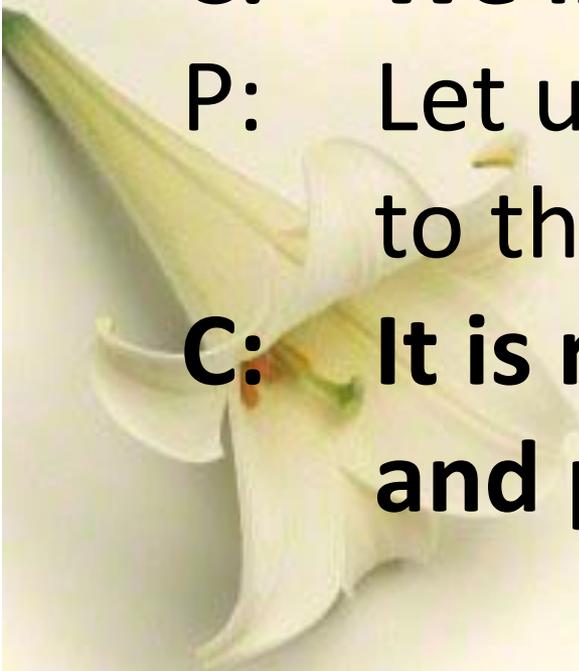
C: **And also with you.**

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.**

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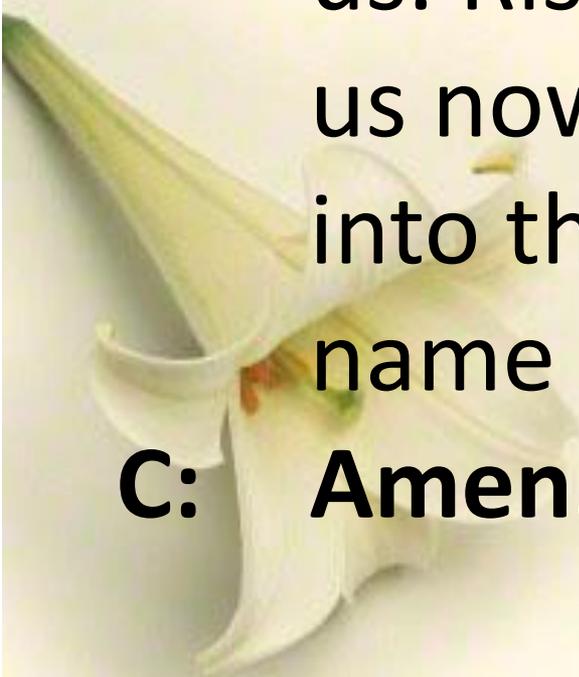
# COMMUNION



## **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.

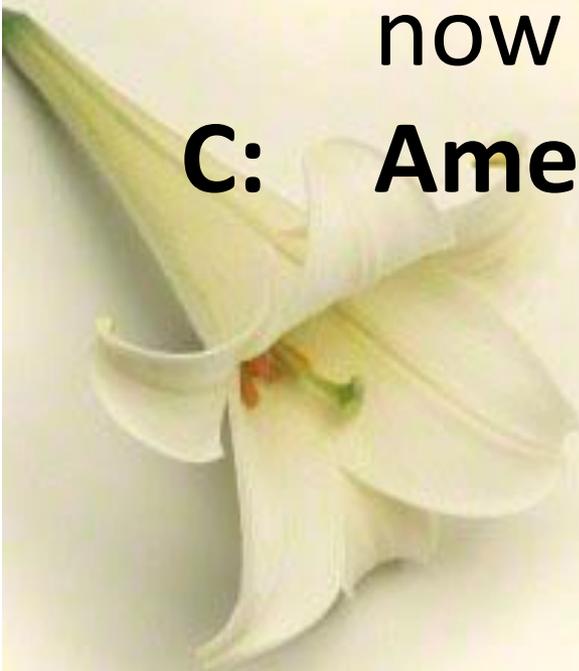
**C: Amen.**



# **BLESSING**

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

**C:** Amen.



# **CLOSING HYMN**

***“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”***

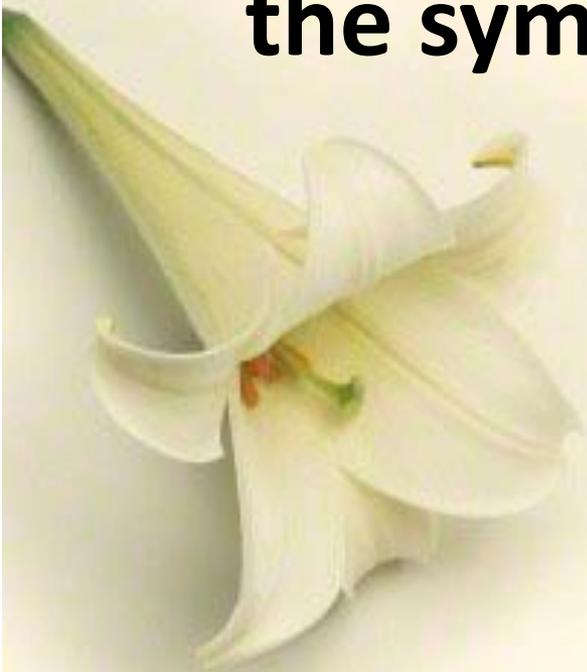
**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.**



**Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**



**We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.**



**From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.**



# **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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



