



*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, May 5, 2024
9:00 am*

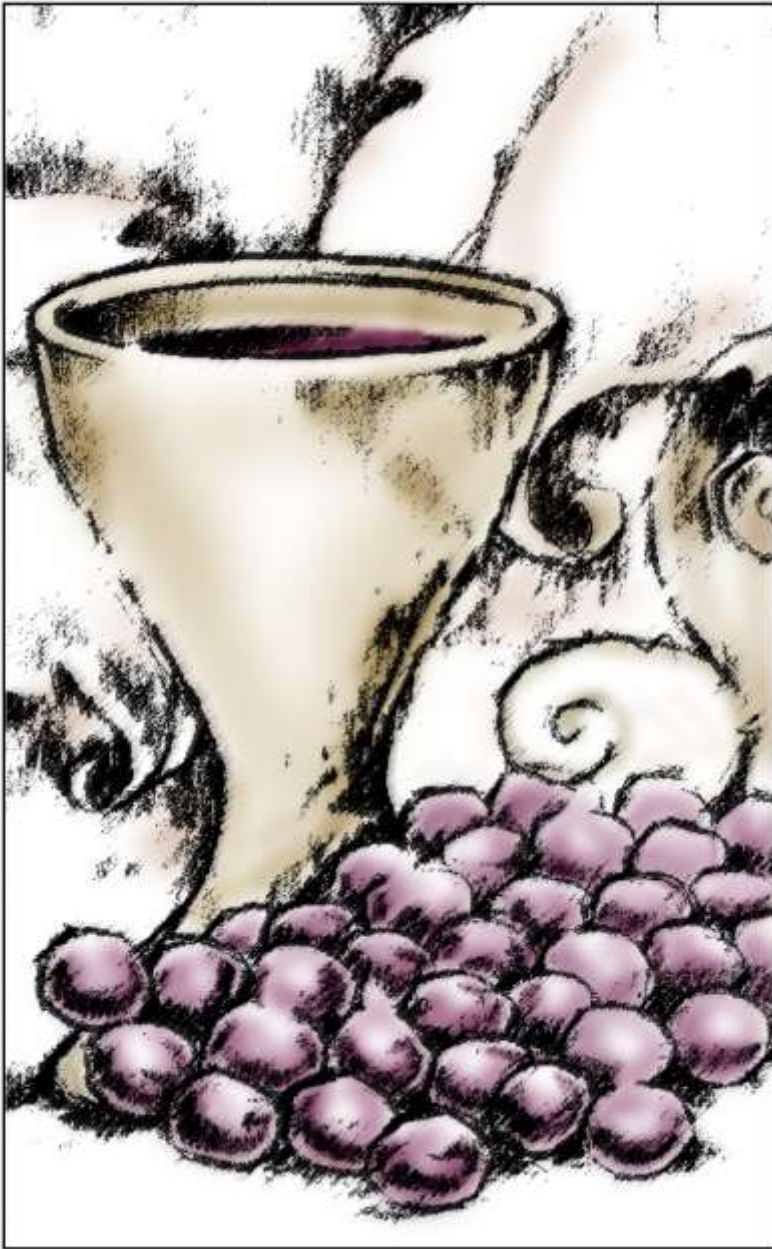
Lake Como, St. Paul
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Welcome and Announcements

DO THIS, WHENEVER YOU

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD.



DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25

WE ARE ONE BODY IN THE LORD

First Communion

**will be celebrated
by the following young
people this week:**

Camden Roberts

Adalyn Curtis

Davin Curtis

Kyler Voll

John Sprenger



Sharing the Peace

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW #367

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**1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds,
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"**

**Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

2.

**Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"**

**Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife,
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;**

**grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4. Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"**

**Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

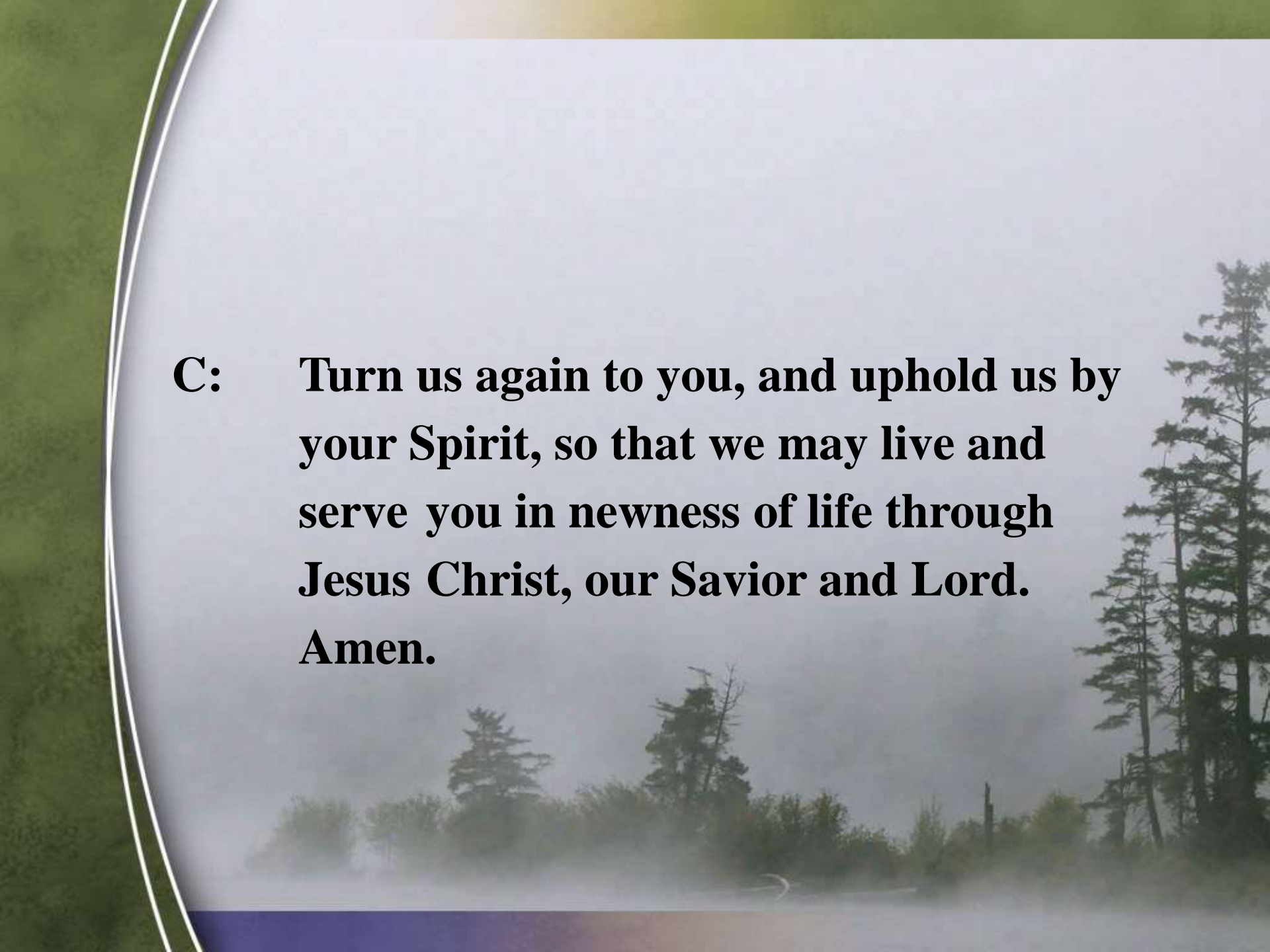
C: **Amen.**

L: 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.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.



C: Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin, and made alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

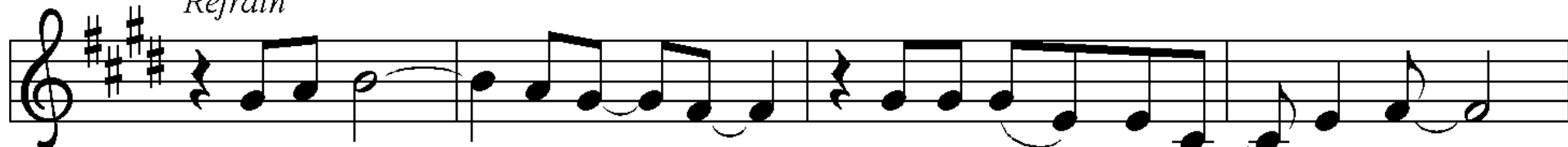
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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All:

Refrain



Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

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Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. It continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For peace in the world,
for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house,
for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: That we may live out
your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out
truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For peace in our hearts,
for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love,
for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

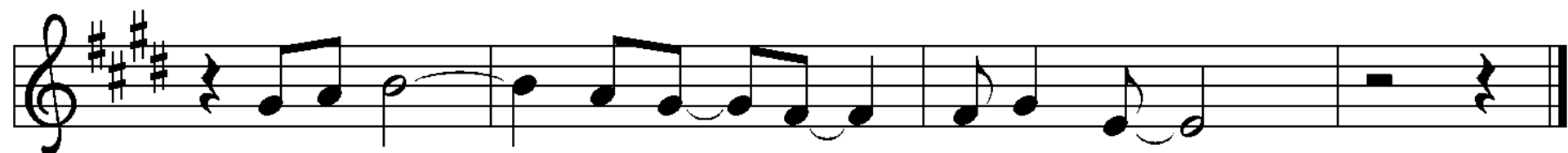
Cantor: For your Spirit to guide;
that you center our lives
in the water and the word;
that you nourish our souls
with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: O God, 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.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

L: ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: ²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: ³You 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: ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L: ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**C: ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

L: ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills
ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes
to judge the earth.**

L: ⁹The LORD will judge the world with
righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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.

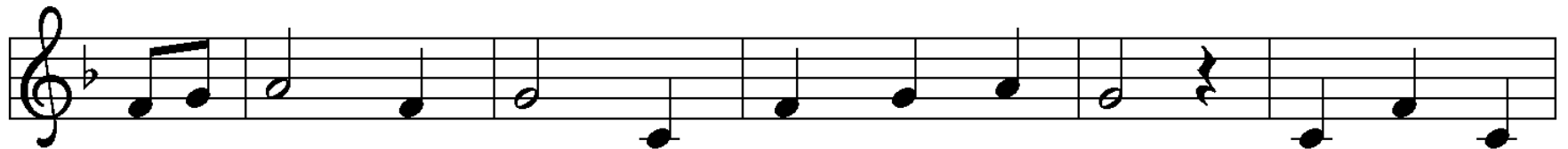
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L: The Word of the Lord.

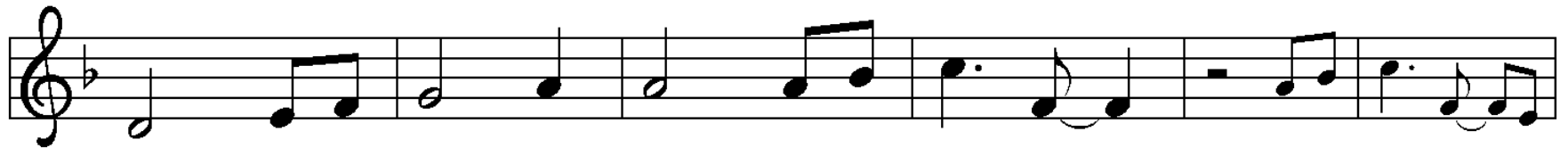
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

L: The Holy Gospel
according to St. John
the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

“Tough Love”

O God of Mercy, God of Light

#714 vv. 1, 2, 6

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- 1. O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.**

**2. You sent your Son to die for all,
that our lost world might hear your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
 We rest our hope in you.**

**6. And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.**

Holy Baptism

Please follow along in the hymnal p. 227

*We rejoice with Amy Oknick and Justin Krueger
at the holy baptism of their son,*

Cooper David Krueger.

*Cooper's sponsors are
Jennifer & Eric Erickson.*





L: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.



L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Offering




We Give Thee but Thine Own

#686 vv. 1, 2

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- 1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**



**2. May we thy bounties thus
 as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
 to thee our first-fruits give.**

Offering Prayer

- L:** Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C:** **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

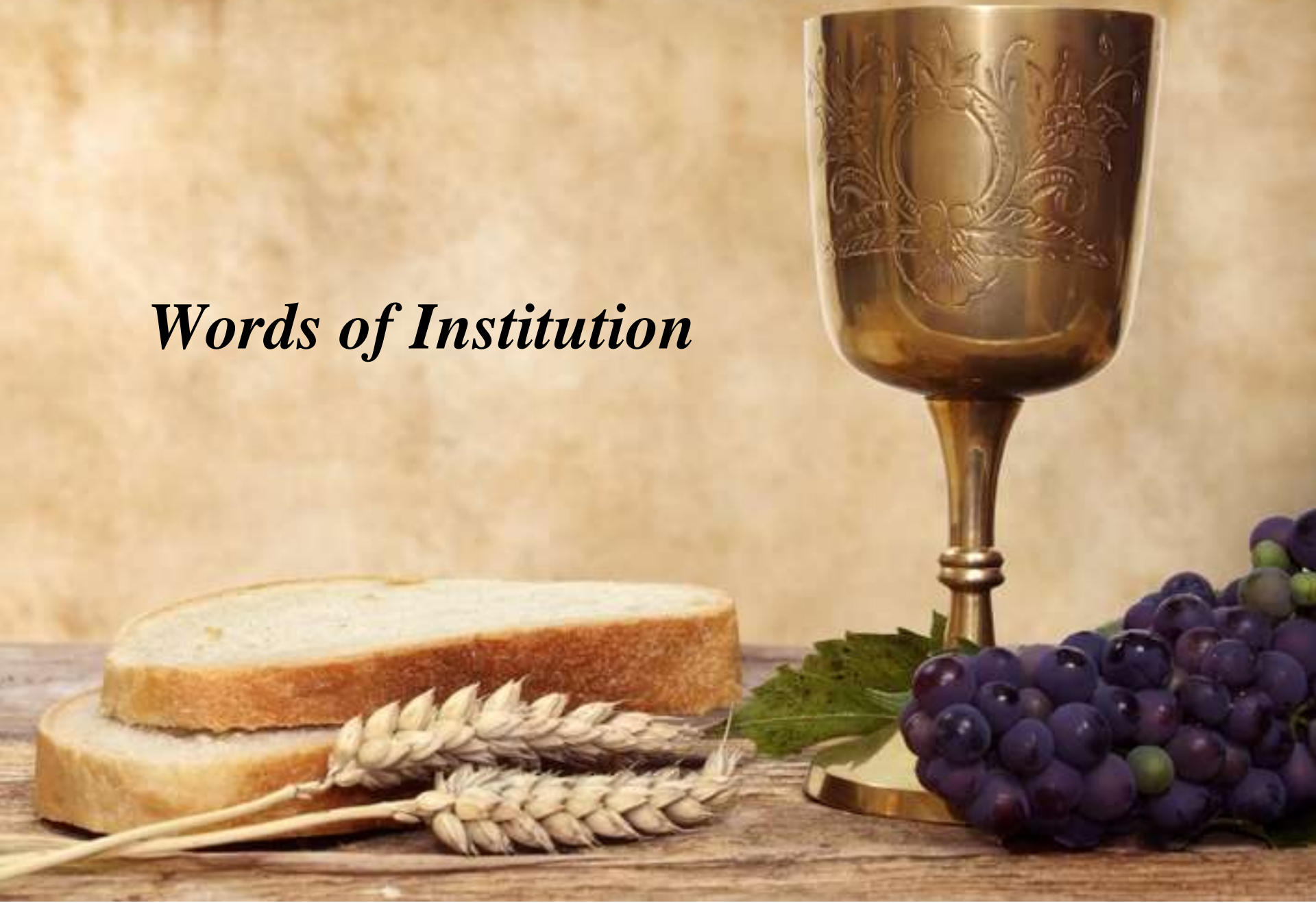
L: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

**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.**

“All are welcome to the Lord’s Table where
Jesus gives all to those who trust and desire
to receive.”

Celebrating The
Lord’s Supper



Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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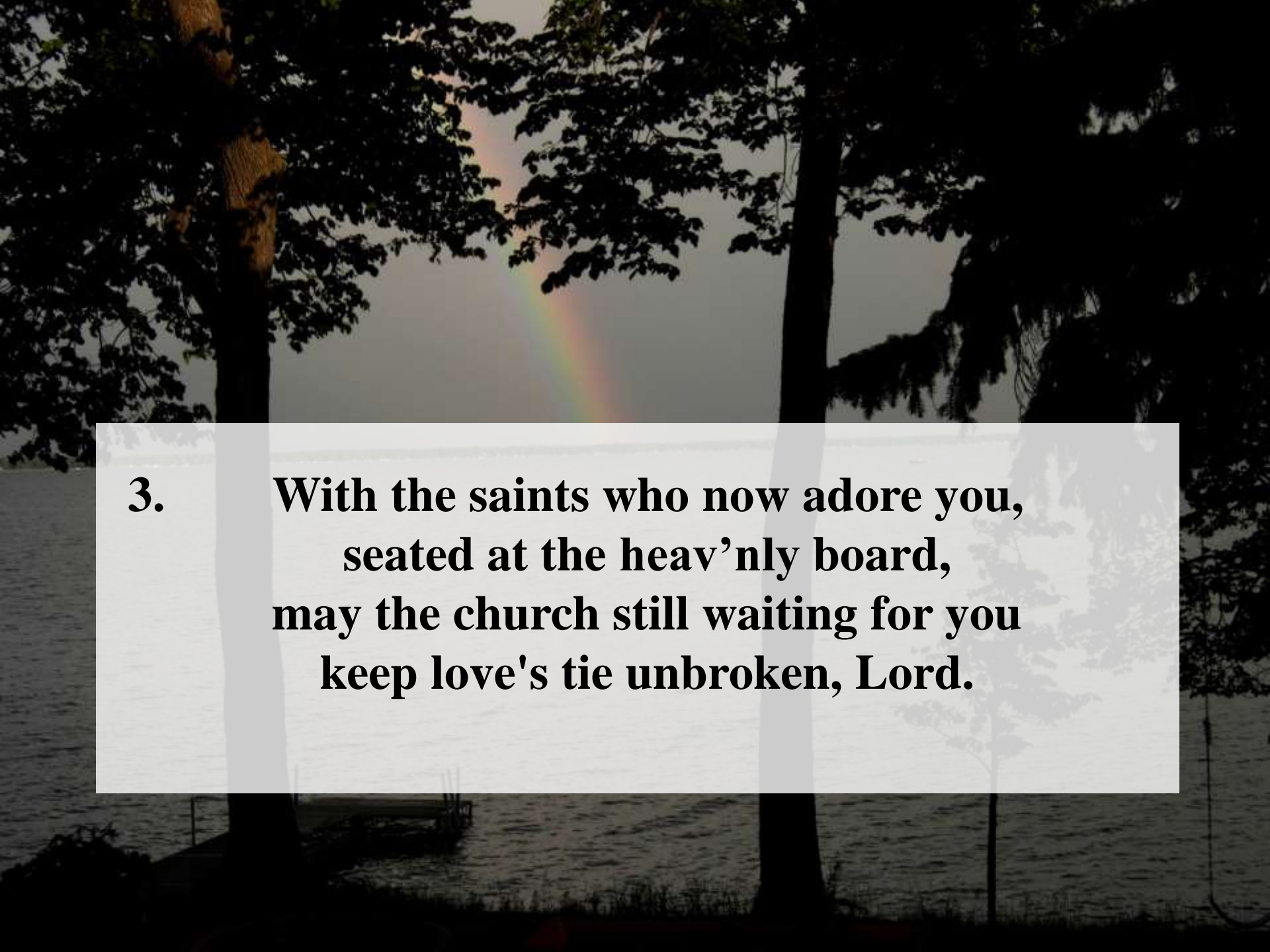
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- 1. For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

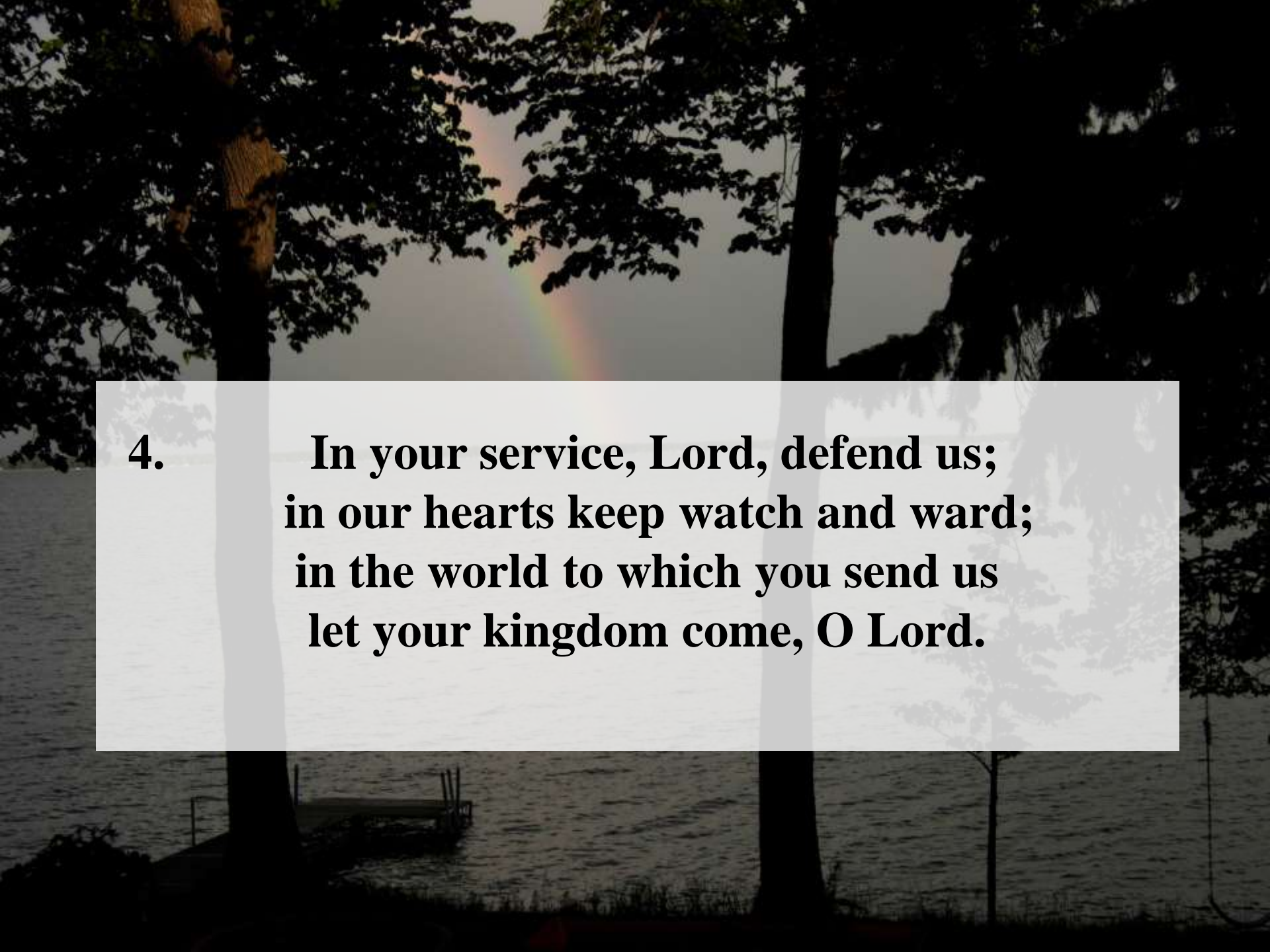
A serene landscape featuring a rainbow arching over a calm body of water. The scene is framed by the dark silhouettes of trees in the foreground and background. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

2.

**By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

A serene landscape featuring a rainbow in the sky, silhouetted trees, and a body of water. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly desaturated light, possibly during dawn or dusk. The rainbow is positioned in the upper center of the frame, arching between the silhouettes of trees. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the light from the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**3. With the saints who now adore you,
seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

A serene landscape featuring a rainbow in the sky, silhouetted trees, and a body of water. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly desaturated light, possibly during dawn or dusk. The rainbow is positioned in the upper center of the frame, arching between the silhouettes of trees. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the light. A small wooden dock or pier is visible on the left side of the water.

**4. In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#543

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- 1. “Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

2.

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”**

- 3. “Go my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

Prayer after Communion

L: Shepherding God,
 you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 to proclaim your goodness
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
 our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy, and
the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless
you now and always.


C: Amen.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

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- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of the day.**



**2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoin in thee.**



3.

**Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!**

**Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

A scenic view of a rocky shoreline with clear blue water and a large rock in the foreground. The water is shallow and clear, revealing many small rocks and pebbles at the bottom. The sky is a clear, bright blue. In the background, there is a line of trees and a small building on the shore.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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