

# St. Luke's Table

## Fifth Sunday In Lent

I am the resurrection and  
the life, says the Lord;  
whoever lives and  
believes in me shall never die.  
John 11.25, 26



Word of Life mural, Sheets, Millard, 1907-1989

Morning Prayer

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:

Abide With Me

Abide With Me, (5 verses)

**Abide with me:**

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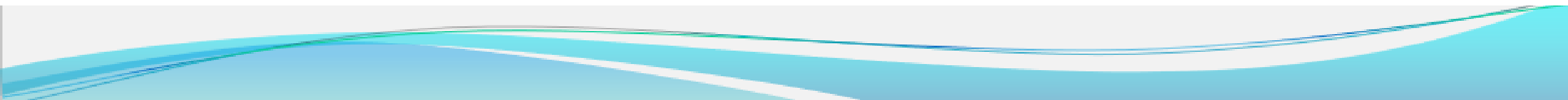
**the darkness deepens;**

**Lord with me abide.**

**When other helpers fail,**

**and comforts flee,**

**help of the helpless, O abide with me.**



**2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim,  
its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou, who changest not,  
abide with me.**



**3. I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil  
the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide  
and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine,  
Lord, abide with me.**



**4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight,  
and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**



**5. Hold thou thy cross  
before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom,  
and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**



## The Symbols of Lent: The Crown of Thorns

Today we hang upon the cross the crown of thorns. With a crown of thorns we rejected, and mocked, the one who chose us, and formed us for Himself that we might declare his praise.





**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. With painful thorns we mocked your Lordship. We refused you the honor due from your creation; instead of praise we gave you suffering. In the shadow of your cross we cry, “Have mercy on us.”**

The Lord Who made a way in the sea also makes a way in the wilderness of our own chaos and disorientation. God's new thing is fully displayed in the life and death of Jesus! He offers the provision and guidance of his very self; we fail to perceive and accept it.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. You yourself are the way made for us, but we have lost our way. In the shadow of your cross we cry, “Have mercy on us.”**

Let us pray together

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:**

**We look at Jesus, and we look at ourselves,  
and we confess the great difference.**

**Forgive us the dishonor we do you.**

**Deliver us from our wanderings;  
conform us to him, your way for us.**

***We thank you that through the resurrection  
your grace abundantly pardons and transforms us!  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*(The Crown of Thorns is placed on the cross)*



## The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,  
As we turn our hearts and minds  
to worship Almighty God,  
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.



**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Merciful God,  
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Venite: (alternating verses)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ,**

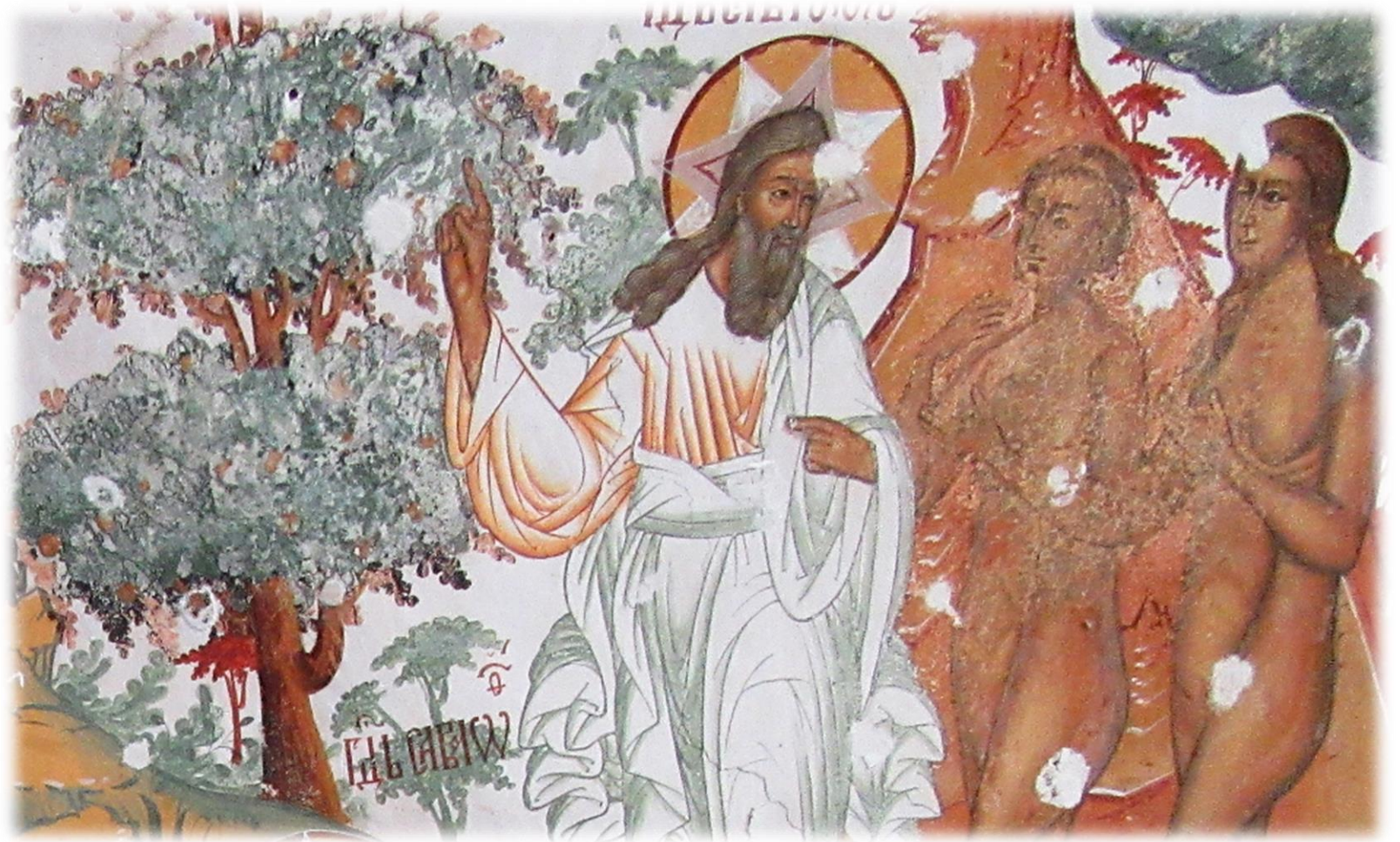
**and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**



# The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Ezekiel 37:1-14



Heavenly Paradise, detail -- Cathedral of the  
Resurrection, Toutaiev, Russia

## Psalms 130

1 Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; Lord,  
hear my voice;

\* let your ears consider well the voice of my  
supplication.

**2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \* O Lord,  
who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \* therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \* in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \* more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \* for with the Lord there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \* and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Rescue us, O God for whom we wait, from the depths of depression and despair. May we trust in your mercy, know the fullness of your redemption, and share in the glory of your kingdom; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

# Canticle: You Are God (alternating verses)

You are God: we praise you;  
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
you are the eternal Father:  
all creation worships you.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11



"With the grace of God and the effort of will, we obtain the excellence of virtue" -- Vatican Museum, Rome, Italy

Gradual Hymn:

When I Survey The Wonderful Cross

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, (4 verses)

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

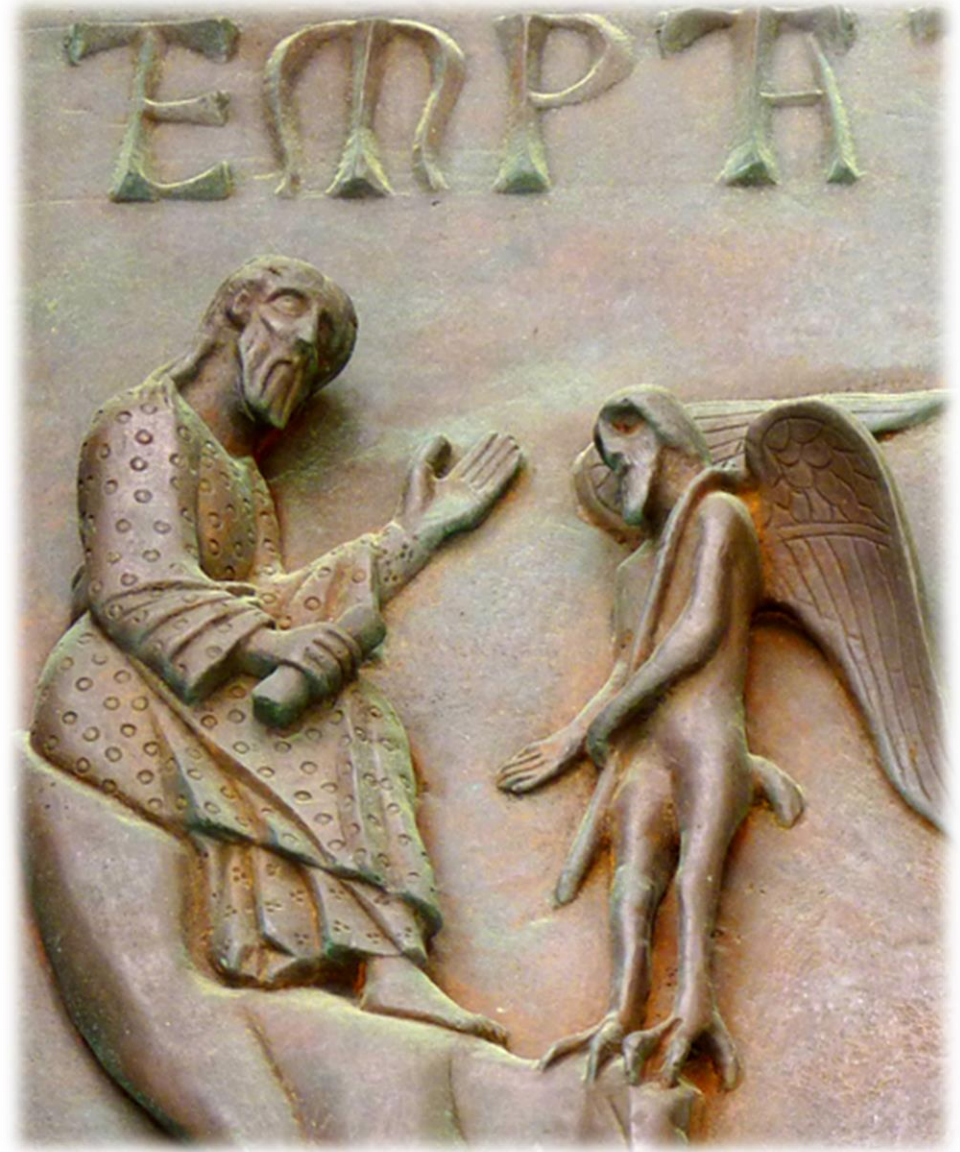
**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the cross of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**



The Good News:  
Gospel of Christ  
according to  
John 11:1-45



Temptation of Christ, South door, Duomo,  
Pisa, Italy

# Reflection

"In the beginning was the word..."  
Grands Heures d'Anne de Bretagne  
Jean Bourdichon, Bibliothèque Nationale  
Paris, France



## The Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
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 the People



Three women praying - fresco from Gondar church in Ethiopia

## The Peace

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn:  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, (4 verses)

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand  
Ponder nothing earthly minded  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to us approacheth  
Our full homage to demand**

**2. King of kings yet born of Mary  
As of old on earth he stood  
Lord of Lords in human vesture  
In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food**

**3. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away**

**4. At his feet the six winged seraph  
Cherubim with sleepless eye  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia Lord most high**

## Prayer over the Gifts

**Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. Amen**

## Prayer of General Thanksgiving

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise  
for all you have done for us.**

**We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,  
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,  
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
and for the loving care  
which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us tasks  
which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments  
which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments  
and failures that lead us to acknowledge  
our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;  
for his steadfast obedience,  
by which he overcame temptation;  
for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
for his rising to life again,  
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**



**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may know Christ and make him known;  
and through him, at all times and in all places,  
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray:

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Birthdays

Closing Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation

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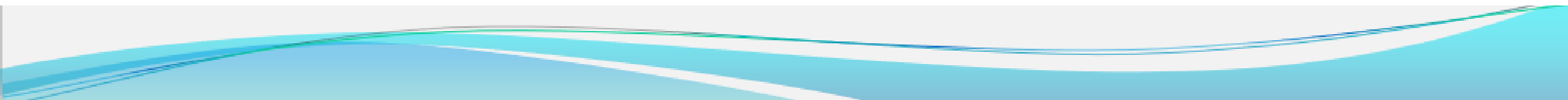
**The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
we are his new creation  
by water and the Word:  
from heaven he came and sought us  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought us,  
and for our life he died.**



**2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
our charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one glorious name we hallow,  
partake one holy food,  
and to one hope we follow,  
with every grace endued.**



**3.    Though with dismay and wonder  
we see the church oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed:  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

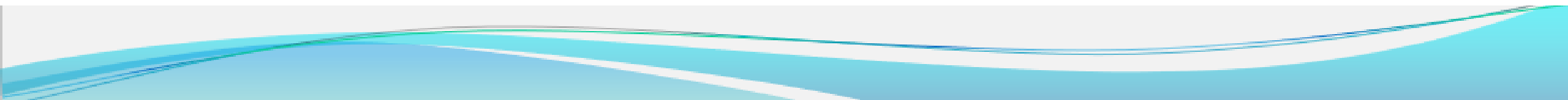


**4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation  
of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious  
our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**





**5. Yet we on earth have union  
with God the Three-in-One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**



## Closing Prayer

**May the God of hope  
fill us all with joy and peace  
in believing through the power  
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

# Dismissal



The Whole World in God's Hands -- Courtney Carmody