



Worship at Home

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Officiant: Rev. Molly Finlay
Preacher: Rev. Benjamin Gillard
Pianist & Cantor: Cara Halpin

via Zoom or Dial-In

Easter Greeting



Officiant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

(CP 505)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Collect

Officiant Together, let us pray.

All **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Reading

1 John 4:7-21

(Read by Jason Hames)

Reader

A reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Reading

1 John 4:7-21

(Read by Jason Hames)

Reader

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

Please join on the alternating bolded verses of the psalm

Officiant My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

All **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"**

Officiant All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

All **For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.**

Officiant To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

All **My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

Officiant They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

(Read by Nola Crewe)

Reader

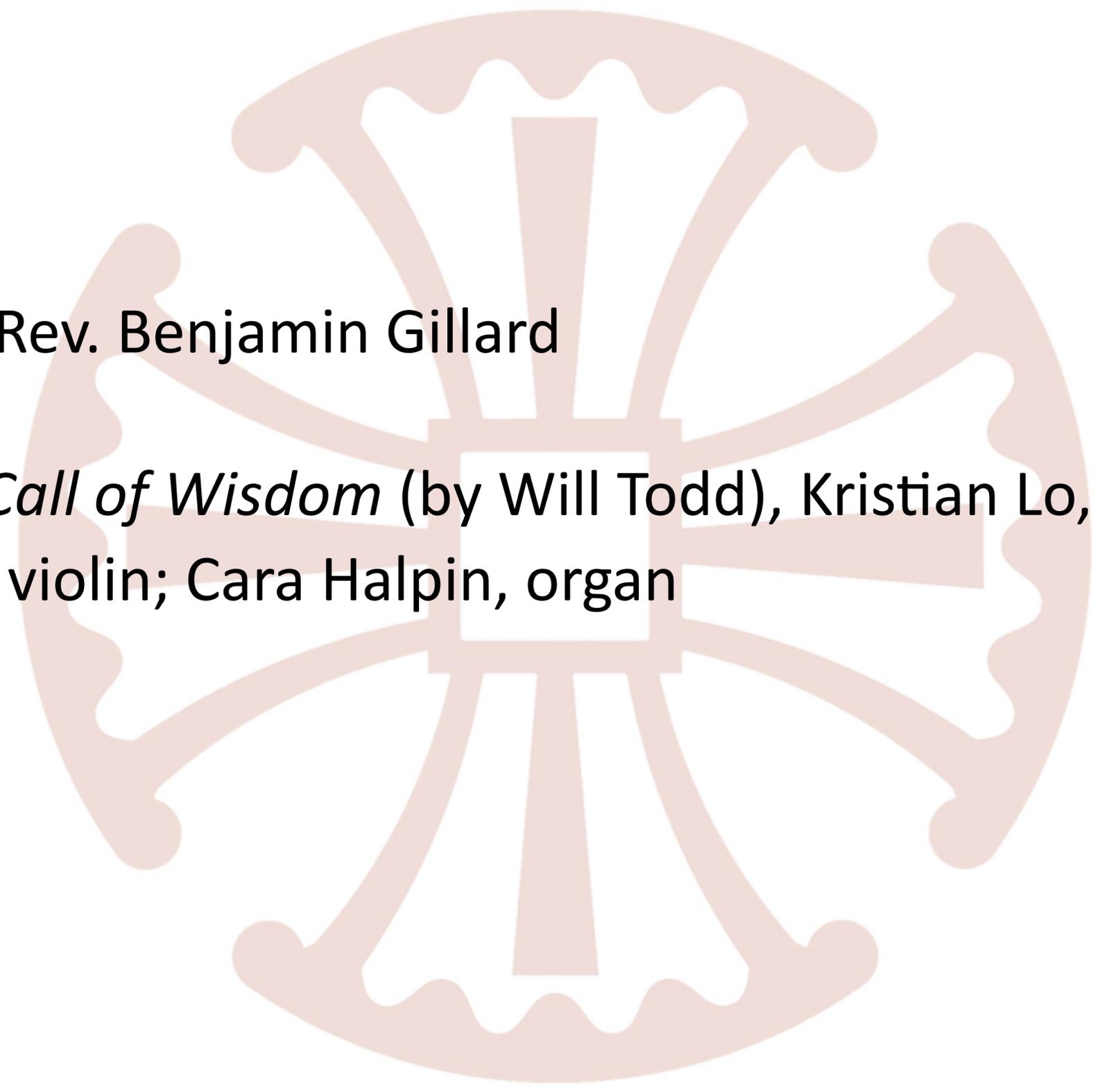
A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.



Homily: Rev. Benjamin Gillard

Solo: *The Call of Wisdom* (by Will Todd), Kristian Lo, baritone;
Marie Anton, violin; Cara Halpin, organ

The Nicene Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

The Nicene Creed

All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

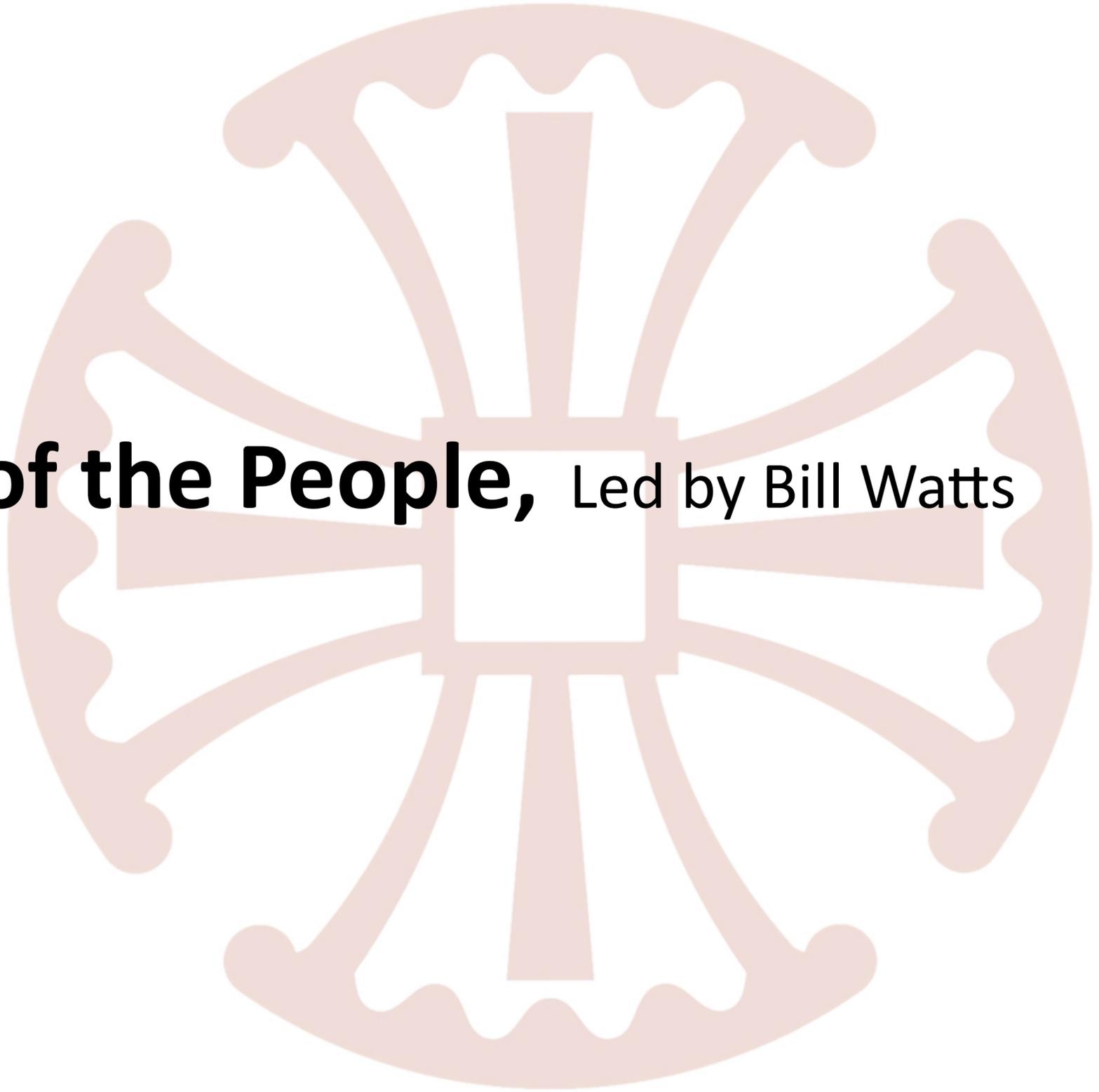
Invitation to Christian Stewardship

We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.

We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions can be found on our the website.

Officiant Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.



Prayers of the People, Led by Bill Watts

The Confession

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Beloved in Christ, Jesus the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.
Most merciful God,

All

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.

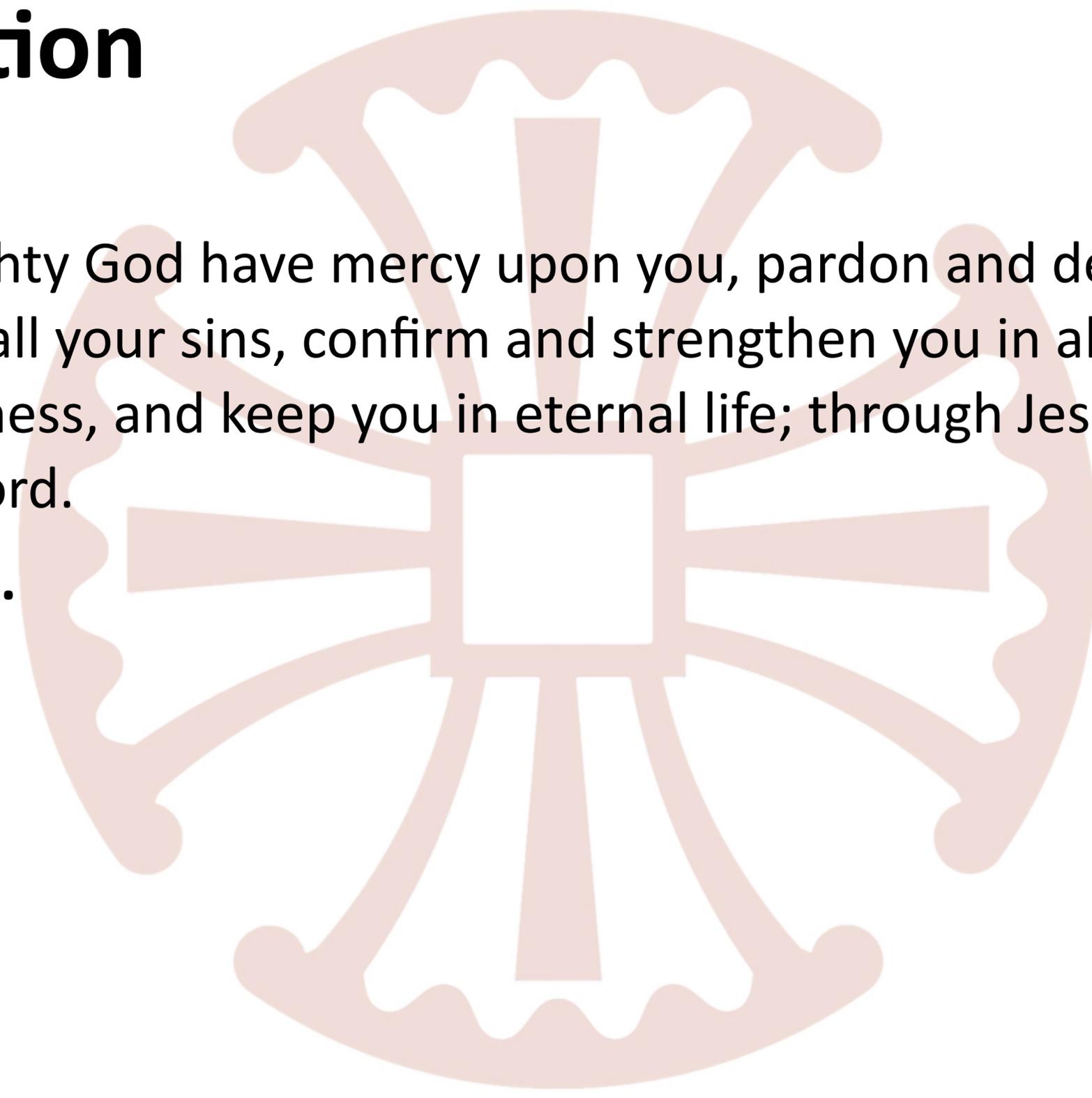
The Absolution

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Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

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

All

**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.**

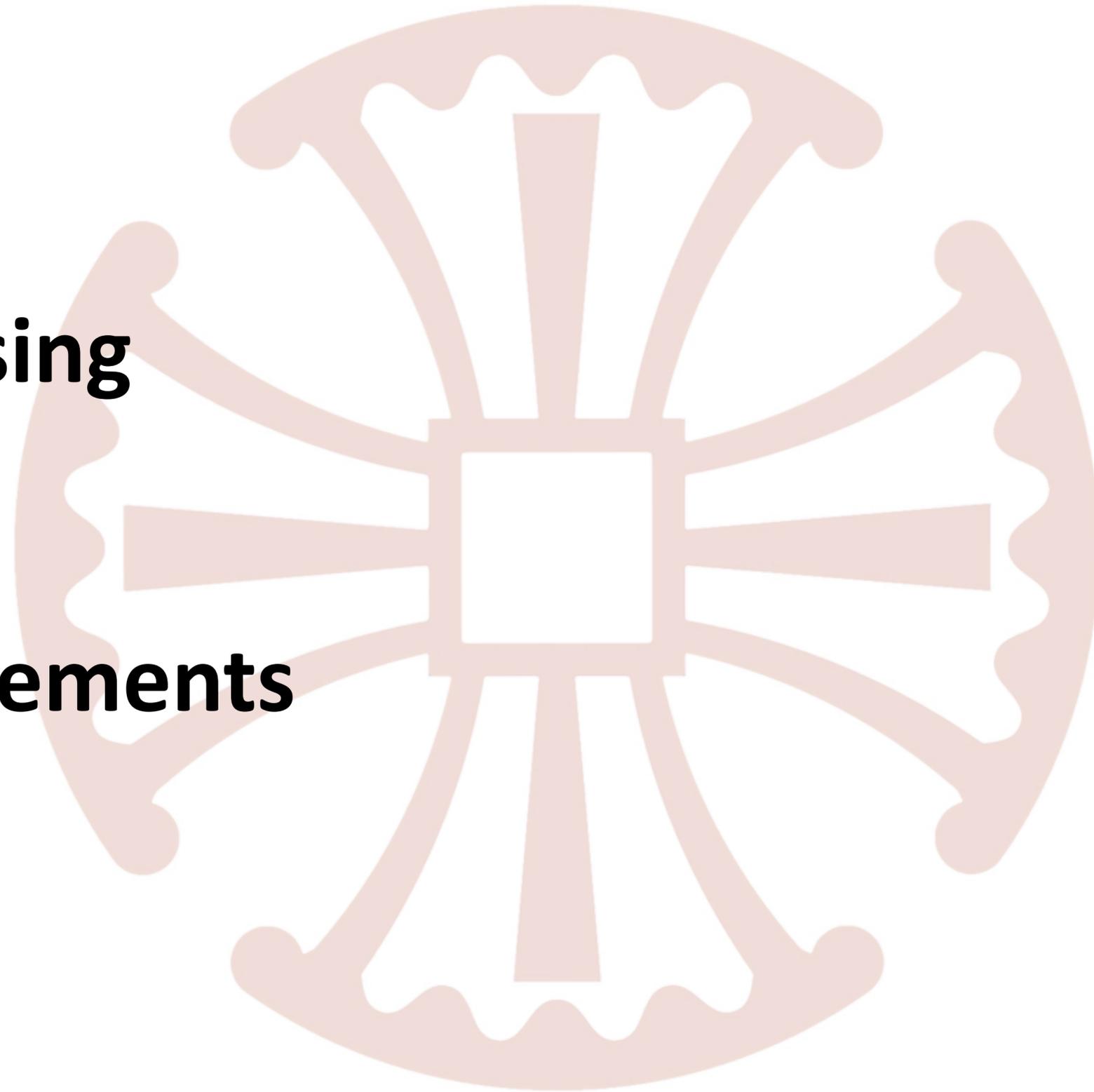


**Prayer of Thanksgiving
for the Ministry of The Rev. Benjamin H. Gillard**

Rev. Molly Finlay

The Blessing

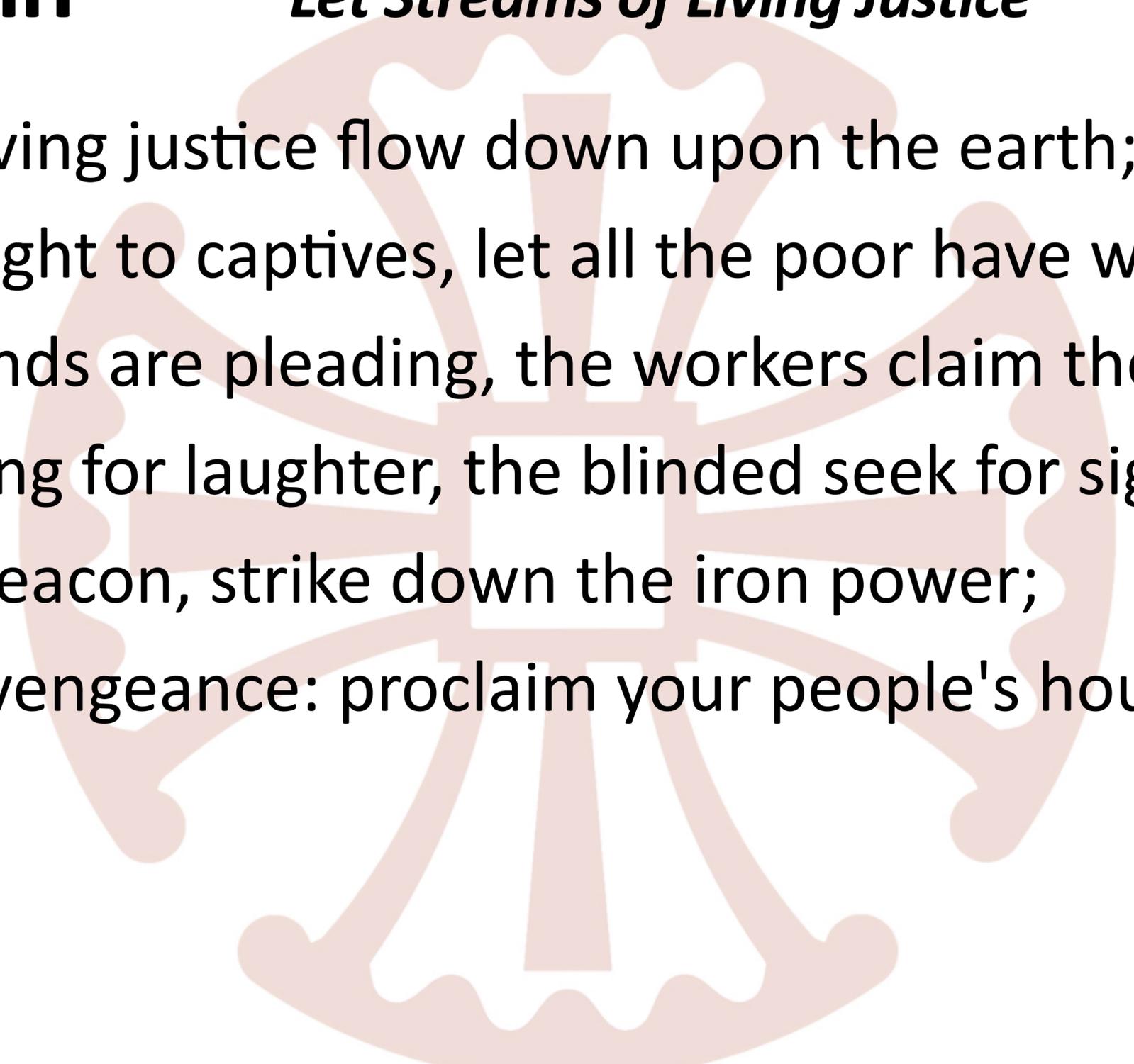
Announcements



Closing Hymn

Let Streams of Living Justice

(CP 575)

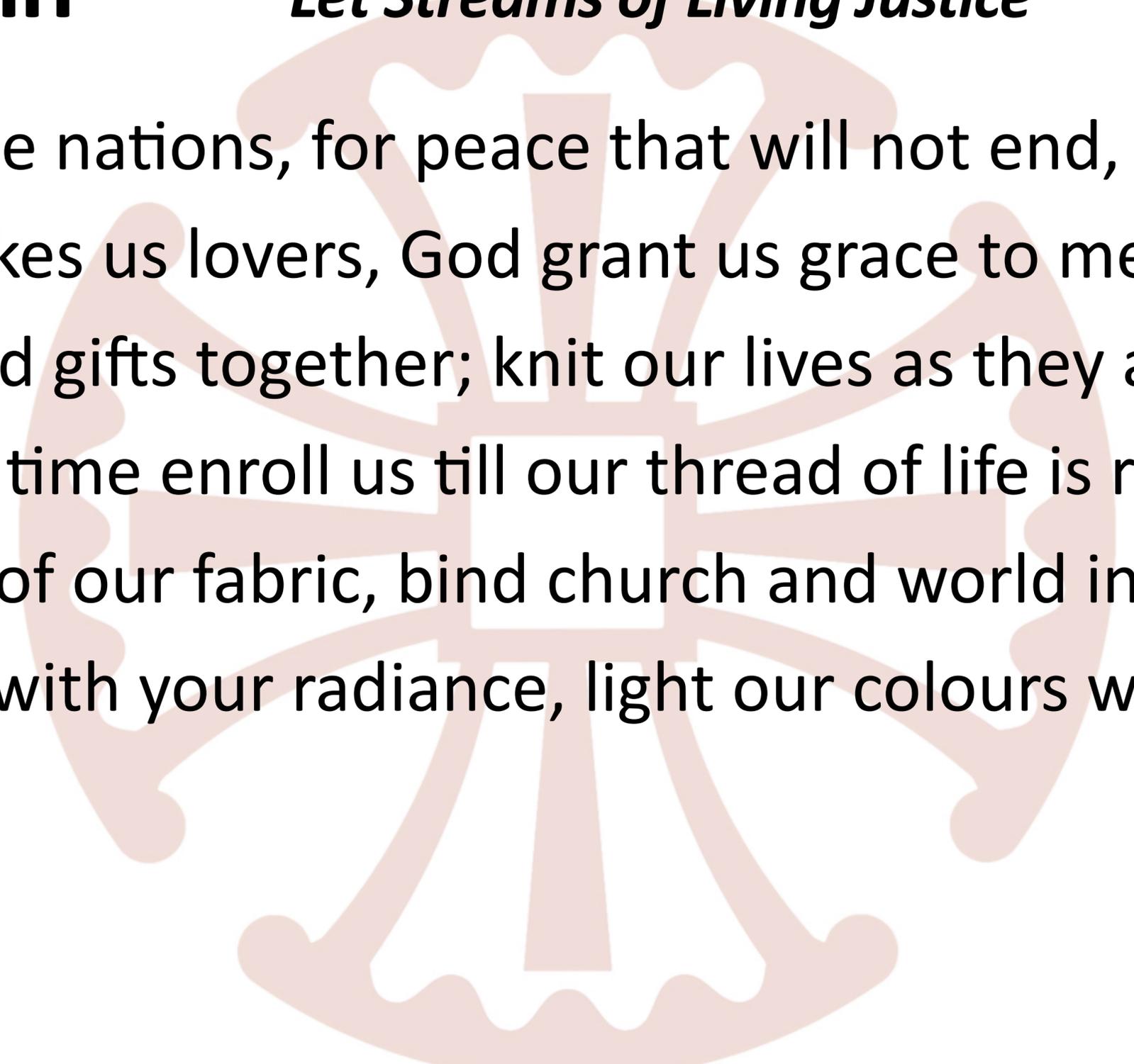


Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

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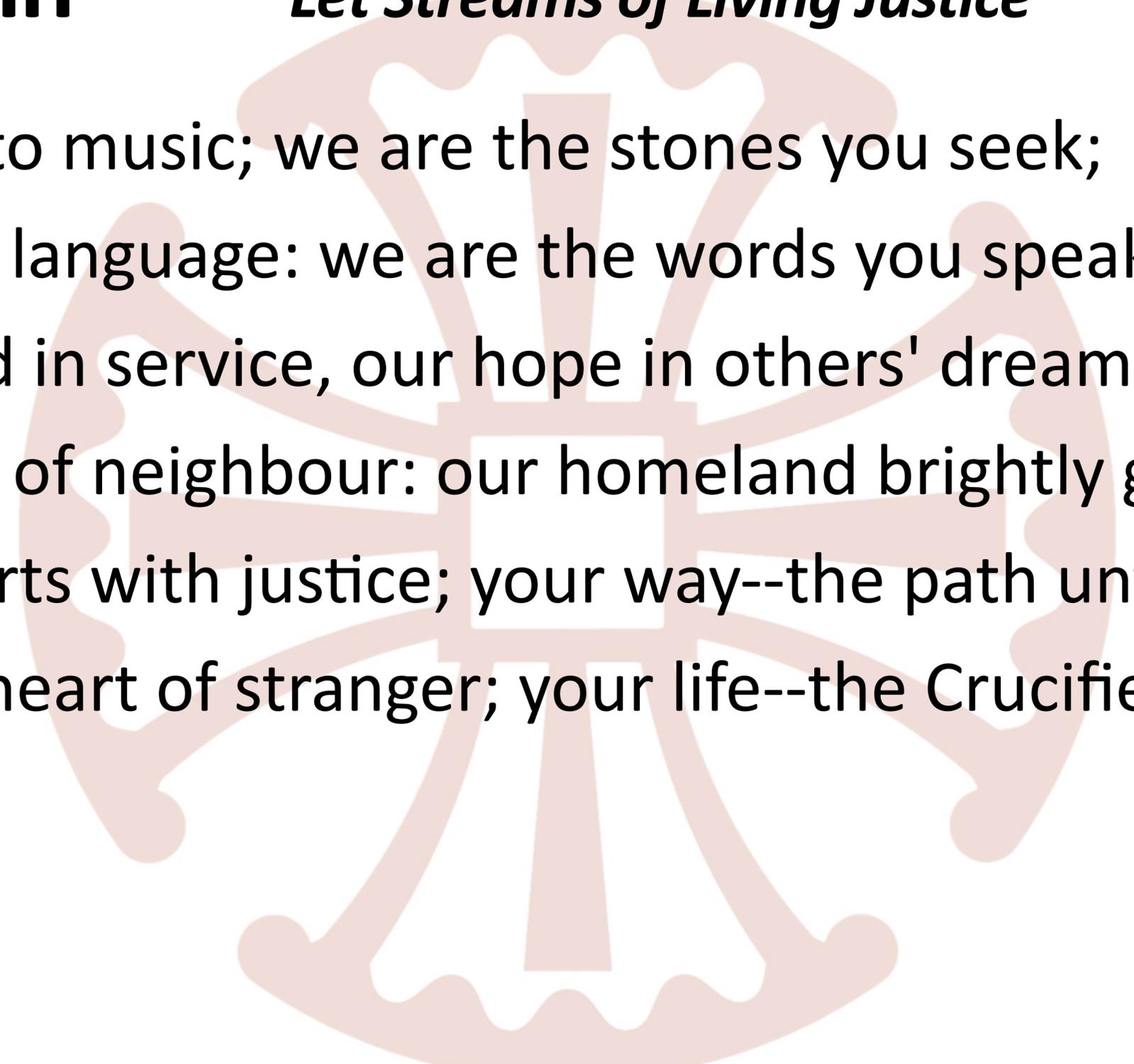


For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Closing Hymn

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Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way--the path untried;
your truth--the heart of stranger; your life--the Crucified.

The Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia! Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

