



Life Together:
Dead Pride
Living Faith

James 2:17

THE ORDER OF MATINS
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 – 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

For those individuals or families desiring a space that is physically distanced, please feel welcome to sit in the rows that are marked as reserved.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

We relate to God only by grace through faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. This faith implies and assumes the works of faith that proceed from and have their source in grace alone - just as faith does. Faith is never alone. Faith is always accompanied by the good works that spring from this faith. The good we do is not us but Christ in us, working in us, and through us. Faith and works neither compete nor require a choice. Where Christ lives in us by Baptism and faith, the one and the same Spirit attests to the genuineness of this faith by producing good works. These too are from God. There is no faith without good works and there are no good works that do not spring from faith-God is all and in all.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Carillon – G. Bizet, arr. D. Wagner

Heavenly Handbells

WELCOME

❖ **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

**1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**

2. Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

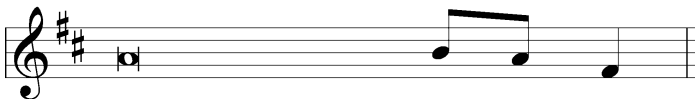
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❖ OPENING VERSICLES

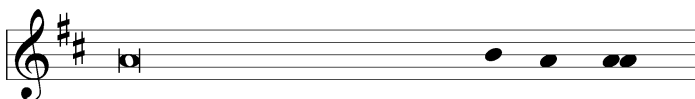
LSB 219



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.
Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

❖ ANTIPHON

LSB 220

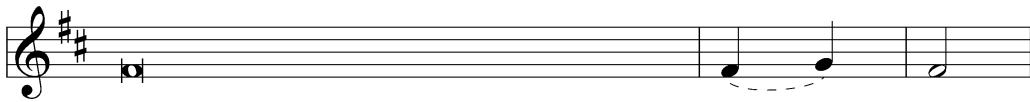


L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

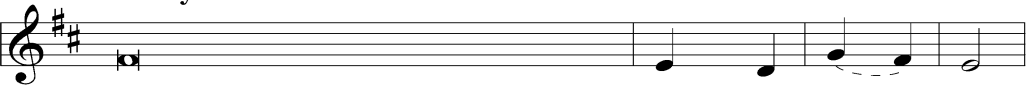


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

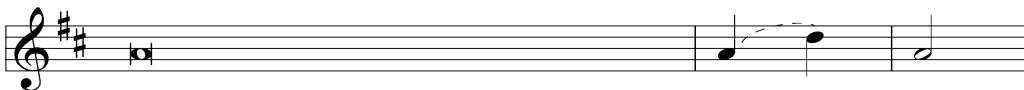
❖ VENITE



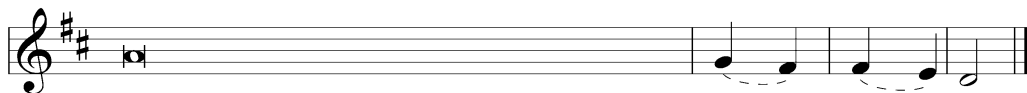
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

❖ ANTIPHON



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



G O come, let us wor-ship Him.

❖ OFFICE HYMN

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

2. When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

3. O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

**4. May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!**

**5 .Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!**

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OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4-10 [ESV]

(The Lord has given me ears to hear and a voice to speak.)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue
of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a
word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear to hear as those who
are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I
was not rebellious; I turned not backward.
I gave my back to those who strike, and
my cheeks to those who pull out the
beard; I hid not my face from disgrace
and spitting.
But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to
shame.
He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a
garment; the moth will eat them up.
Who among you fears the LORD and
obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness and has no
light trust in the name of the LORD and
rely on his God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 116:1-9 [ESV]

(The Lord hears our cries for mercy.)

P I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice

C **and my pleas for mercy.**

P Because He inclined His Ear to me,
C **therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

P The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
C **I suffered distress and anguish.**

P Then I called on the Name of the LORD:
C **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
C **our God is merciful.**

P The LORD preserves the simple;
C **when I was brought low, He saved me.**

P Return, O my soul, to your rest;
C **for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

P For You have delivered my soul from death,
C **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

P I will walk before the LORD
C **in the land of the living.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

James 2:1-10, 14-18 [ESV]

(Turn to true and active faith.)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say,

“You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?
Listen, my beloved brothers,

has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

But you have dishonored the poor man.

Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?

Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture,

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ HOLY GOSPEL

(The father of a spirit-possessed boy comes to Jesus, aware of his own unworthiness, but knowing that Jesus could cure his son.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.

And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him.

And He asked them,

“What are you arguing about with them?”

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,

and one of you says to them,

“Go in peace, be warmed and filled,”

without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say,

“You have faith and I have works.”

Show me your faith apart from your works,

and I will show you my faith by my works.

And someone from the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute.

And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid.

So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”

And He answered them,

“O faithless generation,
 how long am I to be with you?
 How long am I to bear with you?
 Bring him to Me.”
 And they brought the boy to Him.
 And when the spirit saw Him,
 immediately it convulsed the boy,
 and he fell on the ground and rolled
 about, foaming at the mouth.
 And Jesus asked his father,
 “How long has this been happening to
 him?”
 And he said, “From childhood.
 And it has often cast him into fire and
 into water, to destroy him.
 But if You can do anything,
 have compassion on us and help us.”
 And Jesus said to him,
 “If you can!”
 All things are possible for one who
 believes.”

Immediately the father of the child cried
 out and said,
 “I believe; help my unbelief!”
 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came
 running together, He rebuked the unclean
 spirit, saying to it,
 “You mute and deaf spirit,
 I command you, come out of him and
 never enter him again.”
 And after crying out and convulsing him
 terribly, it came out, and the boy was like
 a corpse, so that most of them said,
 “He is dead.”
 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted
 him up, and he arose.
 And when He had entered the house, His
 disciples asked Him privately,
 “Why could we not cast it out?”
 And He said to them,
 “This kind cannot be driven out by
 anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

COMMON RESPNSORY

LSB 221



L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

LSB 848

1. Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.

2. Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

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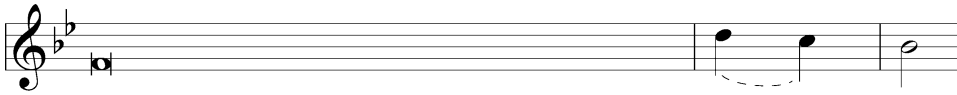
SERMON

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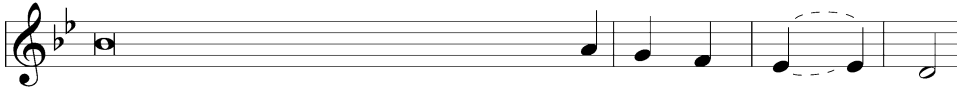
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James 2:1-10, 14-18

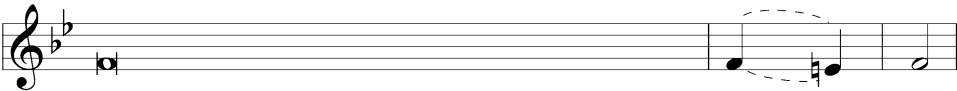
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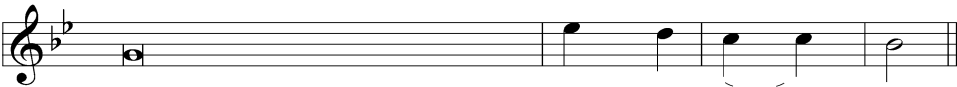
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



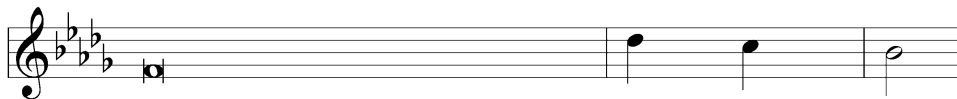
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl - edge You:



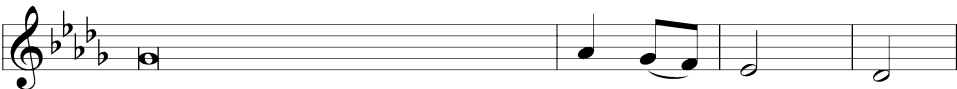
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there - in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



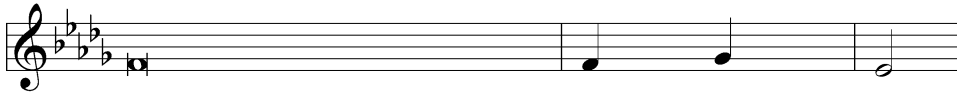
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise — You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



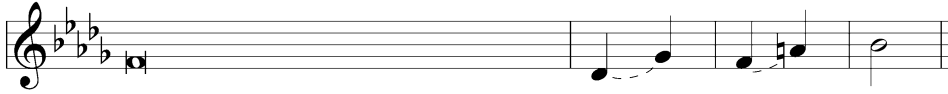
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



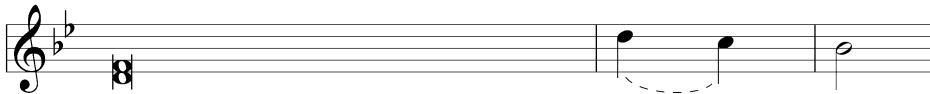
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



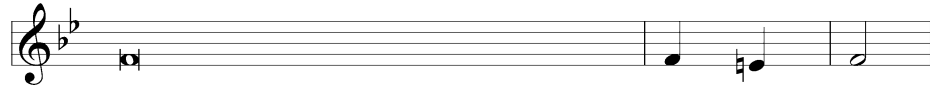
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



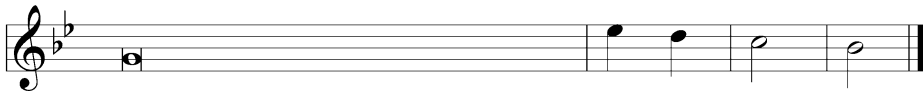
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

BLESSING OF TEACHERS, COACHES, HELPERS AND LEARNERS

(All teachers, coaches, and helpers, please stand.)

P As people of God called to teach and admonish one another with all wisdom; together we share the responsibility for Christian education in our homes, schools and our church to encourage one another and build each other up and let the light of the Gospel shine through us. We therefore ask you, leaders and learners in this congregation and its schools, to recommit yourselves to the ministry of Christian education at Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools.

P Dear co-workers in God's Kingdom, our Lord has called you into service at Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools. He has blessed you with His Gifts and His Word to share His Love in Christ with the children, youth and adults of this congregation and its schools in this community.

P I ask you now: Do you willingly accept your tasks as teachers, coaches, and leaders in Resurrection's education ministry, assured that our Lord will guide and support you as you carry out His Will and His Work? If so, please answer, "*Yes, with the Help of God.*"

R Yes, with the Help of God.

P Let us pray.

Lord, give to these people Your Gifts of wisdom, creativity, kindness and faithfulness; so that they may effectively teach and guide, encourage and build each other up. Be with these teachers of the faith, coaches, and these helpers; that they may be strong in their commitment and faithful in their work.

In Jesus' Name we pray.

C Amen

(The Congregation will please stand.)

P All of us – young and old – are encouraged by Jesus Himself to continue in the Word and build each other up. For that purpose, Resurrection Lutheran Church and its schools offer Christian education opportunities for all ages.

Do you, the children, youth and adults of this congregation and community, commit yourselves to group and individual study of God's Word; so that you might grow in the knowledge and Grace of Christ? If so, please answer, "*Yes, with the Help of God.*"

C Yes, with the Help of God.

P Jesus tells us: "You are the light of the world...Let your light shine, for all to see, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Heavenly Father.

(Matthew 5:14a, 16b)

Let us pray.

C Give us a strong desire to continue in Your Word within the fellowship of this community at Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools. Bless all the study groups at Resurrection; so that we may be enabled to grow in faith, stand strong in life, encourage each other, shine the light of faith and reach out with Your Love to those who may not know You now.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

P This day we have pledged ourselves to teaching and learning God’s Word.
I, therefore, consecrate you as teachers, coaches, helpers, and partners in the
Christian Education Ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools, for this
2021-2022 year; in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Earth and All Stars – arr. J. Behnke

Heavenly Handbells

❖ KYRIE

LSB 227



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.

❖ SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

❖ COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our Support and Defense in every need,

C **continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your Goodness, and bless her with Your Peace, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

❖ COLLECT FOR GRACE

LSB 228

P O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your Mighty Power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your Governance, may be righteous in Your Sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

❖ **BENEDICAMUS**



Let us bless the Lord.



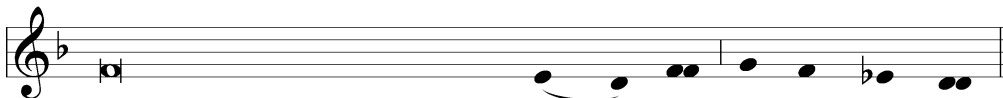
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❖ **BENEDICTION**



The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God

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and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



A - men.

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

LSB 844

- 1. Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race;
And in each person may I see My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2. Break down the wall that would divide Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue; Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3. Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4. Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be, Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.
- 5. With Thine own love may I be filled And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by Thee.

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Azmm – F. Peeters

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Dead Pride, Living Faith (James 2:1–10; 14–18)
Series B, Proper 18

James called his readers to live according to the “completeness,” won by Christ. Today our focus is on how that completeness is lived out in treating *all* people with honor and respect.

1. **That we are saved by “_____” “*sola fides*” is an important, life-giving message of the Scriptures (Ephesians 2:8-9).** Yet we dare not isolate faith as a virtue, forgetting about what faith clings to: the mercy of God for sinners like us! Without God’s mercy in Christ, my faith becomes a matter of pride—dead pride. This is why St. James reminds us that “faith without works is dead” (2:17).
2. **The _____ of LIVING pride, DEAD faith is our default mode.** We might not disparage or ignore poor people. But the fine clothing and accessories St. James describes *do* cause us to make distinctions between people. How many of us are drawn to and favor those who *don’t* appear needy (spiritually or otherwise)? St. James’ message: Such a default mode of living by pride—not faith—demonstrates that by ourselves we are *incomplete*.
3. **Jesus _____ (_____) all righteousness.** Jesus said: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.” Jesus’ work of fulfilling all righteousness starts with OUR need to be complete. When he was put to death on the cross he put OUR pride to death. When he came out of the tomb, he became the living object of OUR faith that perseveres, even when we seem incapable of producing any good works at all!
4. **The completeness of DEAD pride, LIVING faith is a _____.** “Has not God chosen what is poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom?” (2:5) Though we revert to an incomplete, default mode of living pride/dead faith, God gives us the gift of a common poverty, that we might all, together, do the good works He works in us and contribute to the greater good of all. Write one way that you can contribute to the greater good this week and treat all people with honor and respect: