

## *Gathered in the Love of Christ/ Canon in D*

(Music: Johann Pachelbel)  
(Music adaptation and text: Marty Haugen)

Gathered in the love of Christ  
We are one in the family of God  
We are the dwelling place that love has made.  
We are formed to be goodness and light in the world.

God is light, in God there is no darkness  
Let us walk in the light of life  
If we live in God  
Then we must love each other  
Ever follow the way of truth and life.

See what love our God has shown to us  
To call us the children of God  
And as God has loved us,  
So we must love each other,  
Ever follow the way of truth and life.

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*Thank You For Joining Us!*

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## *So what do we do now?*



Our prayer is characterized  
by silence ~

*Be still and know that I am God!*

In that silence we listen for a new word.  
God is present in all our lives.  
God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

## To Ponder:

In the weeks after Easter, I find myself thinking about the apostles, those who Jesus once characterized as “ye of little faith.” I think about the appearances of Jesus after the resurrection and the necessity of “seeing” in order to “believe.” I am in awe of the transformation the followers of Jesus experienced and grateful for the gift of faith passed down to us through the ages.

What moved them into action? What grace did they receive? The Gospels describe Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit in flames of fire. To be moved by the Spirit is indeed at the heart of Christian spirituality. Contemporary culture gives us another picture of the resolve which freed the early community and ours today as we strive to be the “followers of Jesus” and “witnesses to the Resurrection.”

Victor Frankl during his stay at Auschwitz offers us this advice: “Don’t aim for success – the more you aim at it and make it a target, the more you are going to miss it. For success, like happiness, cannot be pursued; it must ensue, and it only does so as the unintended side-effect of one’s personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself, or as the by-product of surrender to a person other than oneself. I want you to listen to what your conscience commands you to do and carry it out with the best of your knowledge. Then you may live to see that in the long run – in the long run, I say! – success will follow you precisely because you have forgotten to think about it.” Man’s Search for Meaning cited in John Neafsey’s A Sacred Voice is Calling

My daily thought calendar this week suggests this: “Cherish yesterday, dream tomorrow, live today.” The Spirit of Jesus, of course, would have us do just that. In living today, we bring good news to others. And with them, as Pope Francis says, we experience the joy of the Gospel.

## Reading: *Selected verses from Psalm 98* (Nan Merrill)

O sing to the Beloved a new song,  
for Love has done marvelous things!  
By the strength of your Indwelling  
Presence,  
We, too, are called to do great things;  
we are set free through Love’s  
forgiveness and truth.

Your steadfast Love and faithfulness  
are ever-present gifts  
in our lives,  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the glory of Love’s Eternal Flame.

Make a joyful noise to the Beloved  
all the earth;  
Break forth into grateful song  
and sing praises!  
Yes, sing songs of praise extolling  
Love’s way;  
Lift up your hearts with  
gratitude and joy.



Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...