

A LITURGY OF GRATITUDE AND RESILIENCE
Saturday, June 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. (EDT)

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CTSA LITURGIST

At around 6:55 pm, Tony Alonso begins playing instrumental music as people gather.
When the instrumental music ends, [María Pilar Aquino](#) begins with the greeting.

Greeting

[María Pilar Aquino](#)

Sisters and brothers,
We come together this night,
of many minds on many things:
of families, careers, and institutions turned upside down in ways we never imagined;
of lives lost in isolated hospital rooms and on the streets of our cities;
of losses and injustices large and small,
all worth our tears and our intercession
before a God whose compassion embraces all.

And so we gather this night,
some imperfect image of what God means for us to do,
to grieve and to hope.
to remember and to give thanks.

We are *who* we are
and we are *where* we are,
because of those whose lives have touched ours
and who have let our lives touch theirs.

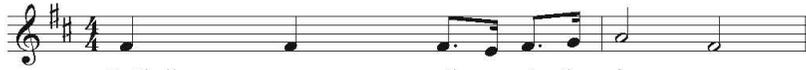
And so believing that those who have died in Christ
are risen with Christ,
let us remember those
who now share in the closer
harmony of heaven.¹

¹ Adapted from a prayer by John L. Bell and Graham Maule, *The Love Which Heals: A Service of Grieving and Gratitude for Those Who Have Been Recently Bereft* (Glasgow, Scotland: Wild Goose Resource Group, 2000).

Hymn

Tony Alonso

Shall We Gather at the River



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er,
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er,
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er,
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er,



Where bright an - gel feet have trod;
 Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,



With its crys - tal tide for ev - er Flow - ing
 We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the
 Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro -
 Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the



by the throne of God? (To vs. 2)
 hap - py gold en day.
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The



beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; Gath - er with the saints at the



riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Tune: HANSON PLACE, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; 1826–1899

Scripture

Christine Firer Hinze

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.

He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”
He answered them,
“It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the
Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.

Homily

Roger Haight

Memorials

Following the homily, [Tony Alonso](#) sings the responsory once:

Cantor

E-ter-nal rest, grant un-to them, O Lord,
her,
him,

All

And let per-pe-tu-al light shine up-on them.
her.
him.

Cantor

All

May they rest in peace. A-men.
she
he

Text: *Requiem aeternam*

Tune: Tony Alonso

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The tributes begin; the responsory is sung after each tribute.

Mary Christine (Christophil) Athans, B.V.M.

[Paulette Skiba, B.V.M.](#)

Michael Buckley, S.J.

[Thomas P. Rausch, S.J.](#)

Rev. Robert A. Busch

[Bradford E. Hinze](#)

Philip J. Grib, S.J.

[Kathleen Dorsey Bellow](#)

Conrad Gromada

[Dolores L. Christie](#)

Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

[Phyllis Zagano](#)

John Haughey, S.J.

[William George](#)

Patrick J. Howell, S.J.

[Donna M. Teevan](#)

R. Daniel Kendall, S.J.

[James Bretzke, S.J.](#)

John R. Langan, S.J.

[Christine Firer Hinze](#)

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[Nelson A. Belizario, O. Carm.](#)

Sr. Carmel McEnroy, R.S.M.

[Mary E. Hines](#)

Suzanne Noffke, O.P.

[Carla Mae Streeter, O.P.](#)

Rev. Gerard S. Sloyan

[Patricia A. Parachini, S.N.J.M.](#)

Francis A. Sullivan, S.J.

[Francis X. Clooney, S.J.](#)

Following the responsory after the last tribute, [María Pilar](#) says the following:

And let us remember, sisters and brothers,

all those who have died,

the great cloud of witnesses that enfolds us this night:

teachers, preachers, mentors, colleagues, family members, and friends;

those named and those unnamed here today;

the Black lives lost at the hands of those whose work is to protect and to serve;

and all those whose lives have been lost in these past months of pain and sorrow for
our weary and wounded world;

And all whose witness continues even in death to light the way that leads to eternal
life.

Tony Alonso leads a final responsory for all.

Cantor Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
All **And let perpetual light shine upon them.**
Cantor May they rest in peace.
All **Amen.**

María Pilar continues:

Joining our prayers to the entire communion of saints,
let us pray in the words our Savior gave us. *Our Father...*

María Pilar continues:

I now invite Charlie Curran to offer some closing words as we go forth this night.

Closing Words

Charles E. Curran

Closing Prayer

María Pilar

Let us pray.

Watch, Lord,
with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Show mercy to your afflicted ones.
Shield your joyous ones,
and all for your love's sake.
Amen.²

² Augustine of Hippo, "Watch, O Lord," adapted by Tony Alonso.