

Prayers of Intercession
May 8, 2022

Responsive Sentence for the 4th Sunday of Easter :

Assisting Minister: *Come into our hearts Lord Jesus :*
C **Come into our hearts to stay.**

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

a brief silence

Holy Spirit, fill us with faith to believe in the power of prayer, and give us courage to always prefer and accept your will over our own, in all that we might ask. *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus...***Come into our hearts to stay.**

Holy Spirit, full of the godness and mercy of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, remind us that we are bound to live in the house of the Lord forever. *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus...***Come into our hearts to stay.**

When all the world seems to be in conflict, Holy Spirit, remind us of the peace of God that passes understanding, and give us courage to relax and let God rule both the world and our turbulent hearts. *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus...***Come into our hearts to stay.**

We remember those in need who struggle for well being. Hear us as we call out their names: _____ *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus...***Come into our hearts to stay.**

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Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Joseph, our Governor Tom, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. We ask your hand of blessing upon all our leaders of our military, and all our servicemen and women. Together help us proclaim, "In God we trust!" Give all of us a heart for the most vulnerable, especially the pre-born and the elderly, and draw us together in commitment to freedom, justice and peace. *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus...Come into our hearts to stay.*

Let the design of your self-giving love, O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia and Ukraine. Restrain the impulses and passions of anger and hatred that lead to retaliation. Speak, to the heart of all political, economic, and social leaders, the truth about the evilness of violence, and lead them into the way of peace. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus...Come into our hearts to stay.*

We Pray for the North American Lutheran Church, our Bishop Dan, and our Dean Steve, our Pastor Roger, and for all our congregations, especially St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Middle River, MD. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus...Come into our hearts to stay.*

P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**