Intercessions Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 5, 2024

Cantor: Chu Kwu Nu Lu Olum.

- For the whole church: that we may have the humility to question our own understanding of who is worthy of God's love. *We pray*,
- For those who are witnesses to love in the most difficult situations and at great personal risk. *We pray*,
- For the courage to explore our own particularized love in this polarized time, especially for those who disagree with us, or those we consider our enemies. *We pray*,
- For our culture--that over-sentimentalizes and over-sexualizes love and promotes power as greater than love. *We pray*,
- For clarity regarding what love demands of us in Gaza, Israel, and the other many places of violence. *We pray*,
- For those in this community who are most in need of love, especially the sick and grieving, the discouraged and depressed; and for the courage to discern whether our parish ministries demonstrate love where it is most needed. *We pray*,
- We pray now for our own concerns, and for the patience to love those who are difficult to love, day after day (pause). For all these things, let us pray to the Lord.