Second Sunday in Lent



St. Peter's Lutheran Church March 16, 2025

Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Lutheran Church!

Please take a moment to register your attendance today on the pad in your pew.

This morning, our gospel lesson reminds us of the grace that comes through a life in faith. Jesus uses the image of the hen gathering her brood as the image showing the ongoing power of God's grace. We give thanks for all of God's gracious gifts in our own lives. Especially we give thanks for life itself flowing from the grace of God each day



Pre-Worship Music Mr. Garry Hanna

The Hen

Gathering her brood is the hen's life.

Spending her time nesting on eggs,

she cares for each of them as if they are her children.



On the other hand, we humans enjoy expensive eggs

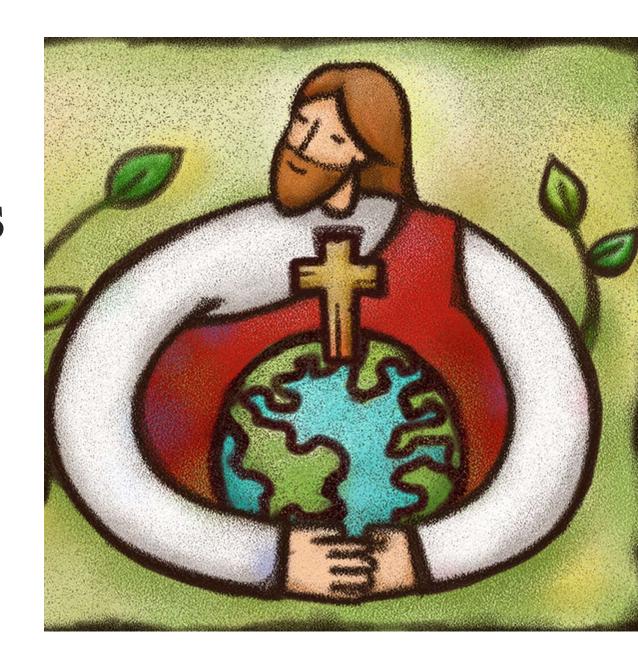
and chickens
as if they never
were living parts
of God's creation.





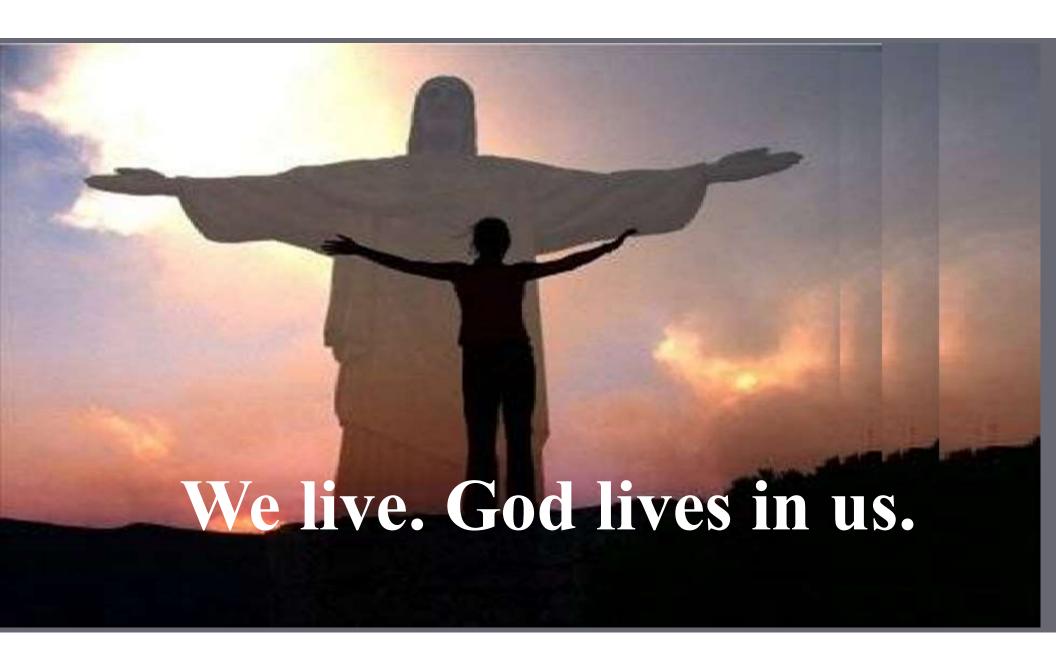


So God cares for us and for all creatures.



And, unlike the hen, God's power moves us to care for others in hen-like ways.





CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may

live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

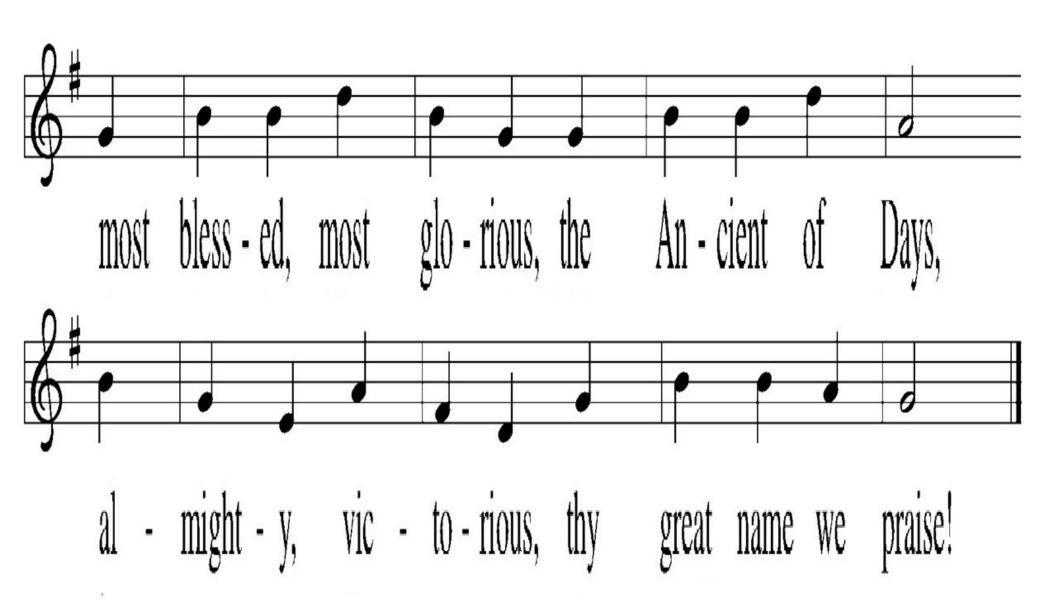
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

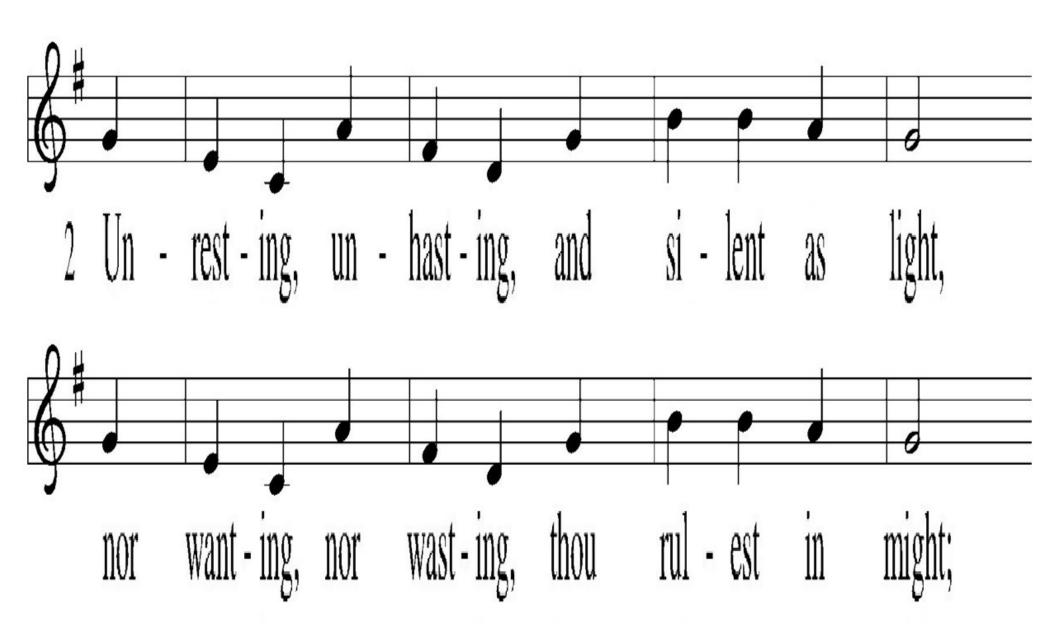
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit.

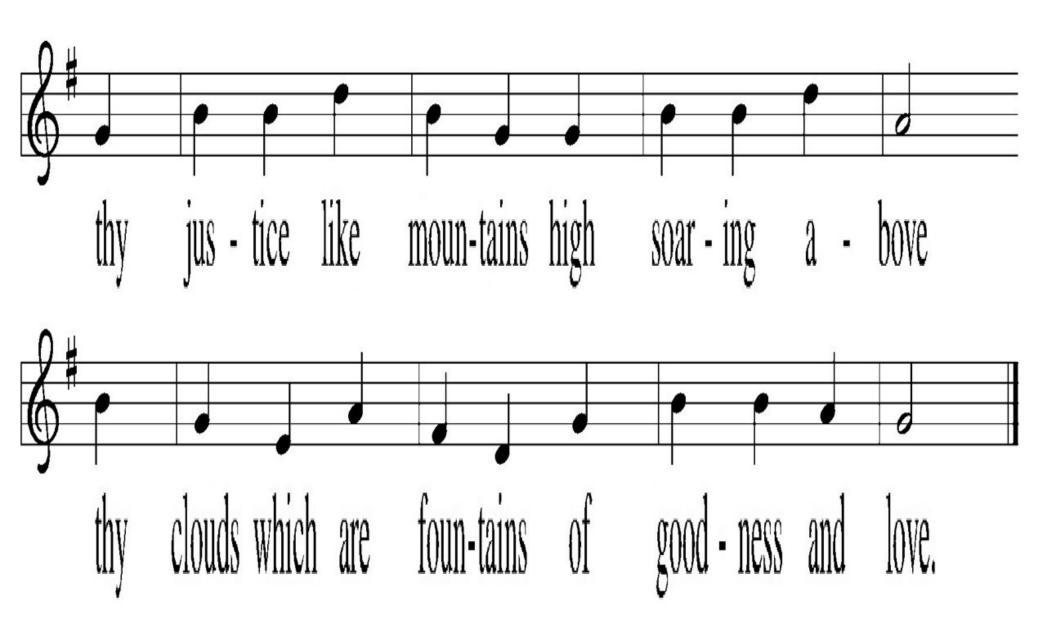
C: Amen.

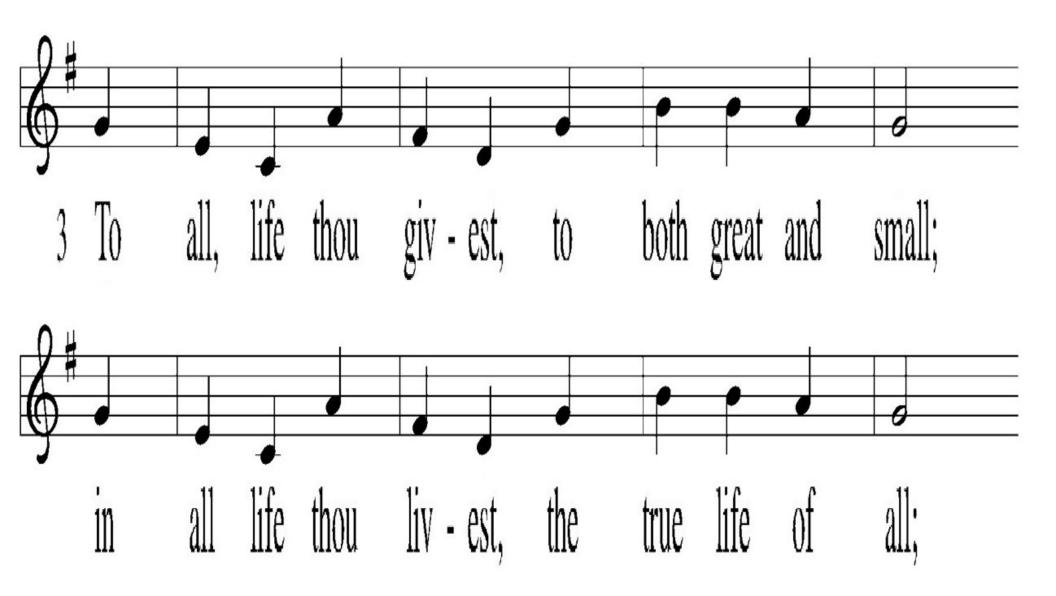
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

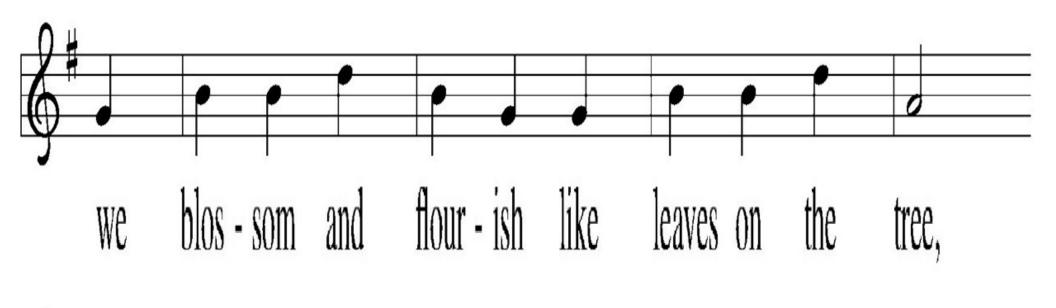










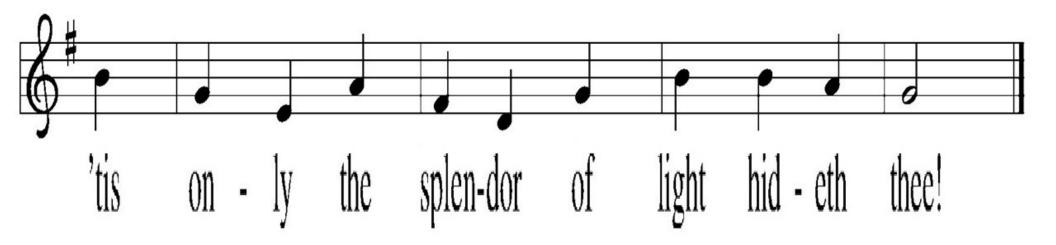




and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang-eth thee.







Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

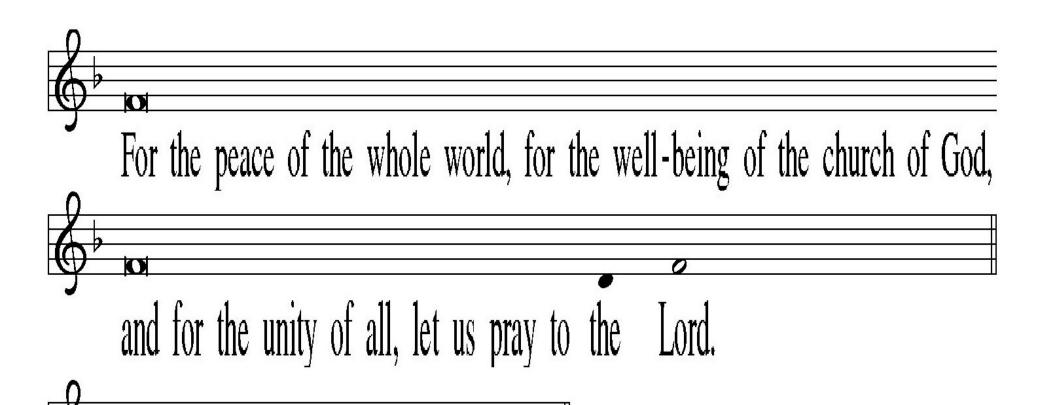
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also to you.

Kyrie – Lord, have mercy





have mer - cy.



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we

may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis, the 15th chapter.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man

shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

- ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
- ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

The psalm for the day is sung.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

⁴ One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple. ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

- ⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- ⁸ My heart speaks your message—'
 "Seek my face."
 Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

10 Though my father and my mother er forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

- Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- 12 Subject me not to the will of my foes,

for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.

- 13 This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD in the land | of the living!
- 14 Wait for the LORD | and be strong. Take heart and wait | for the LORD!

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

A reading from Philippians, the 3rd chapter.

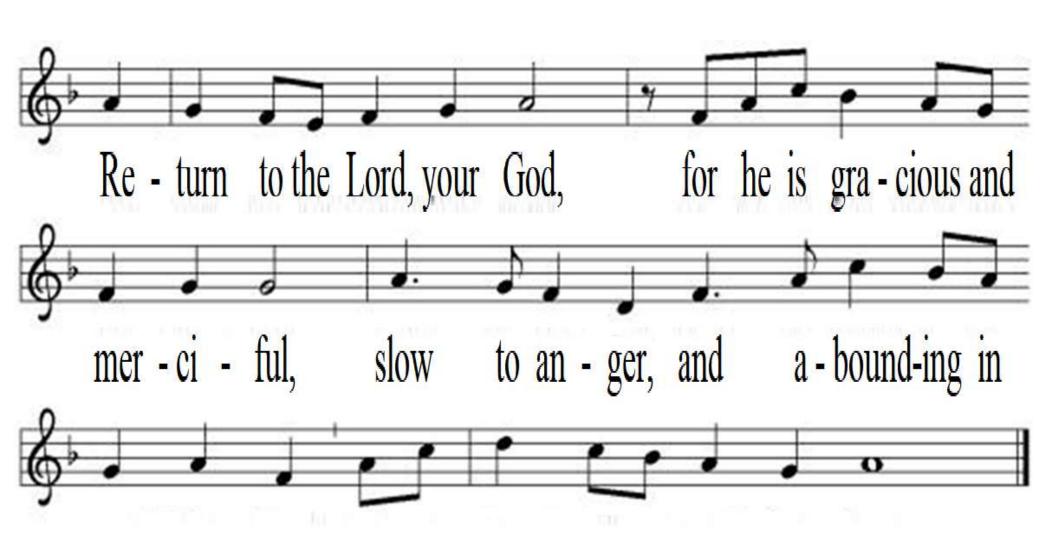
¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even

with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the

power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



stead-fast love, and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers

her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

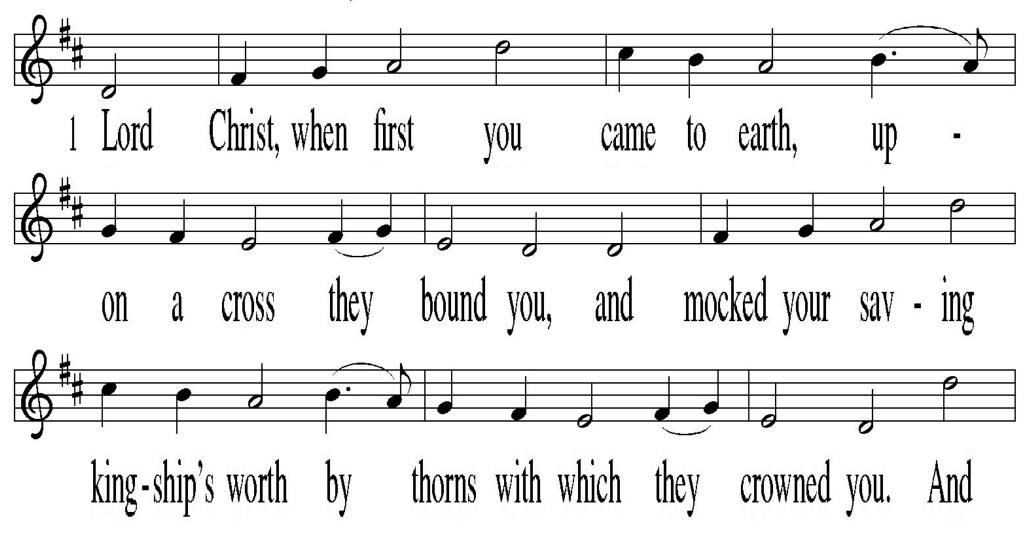
The gospel of the Lord.

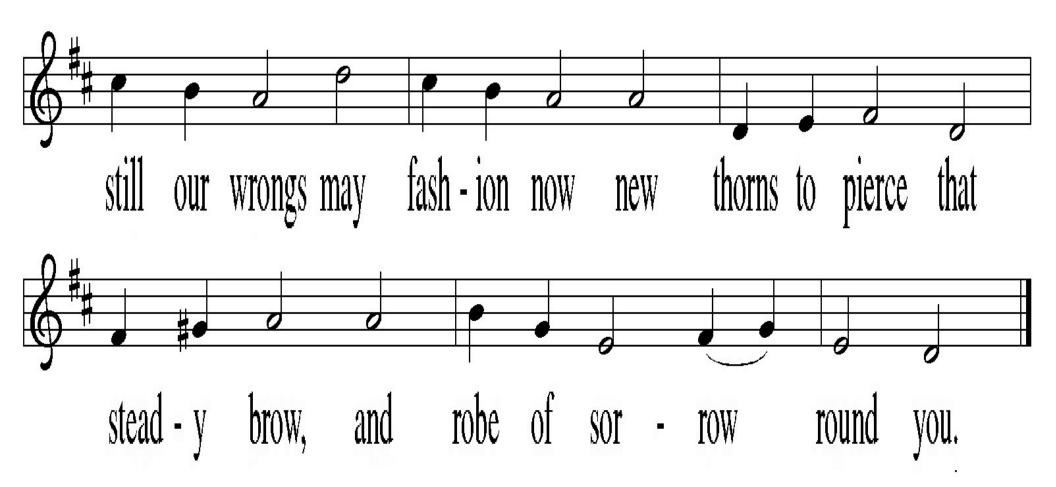
Praise to you, O Christ.

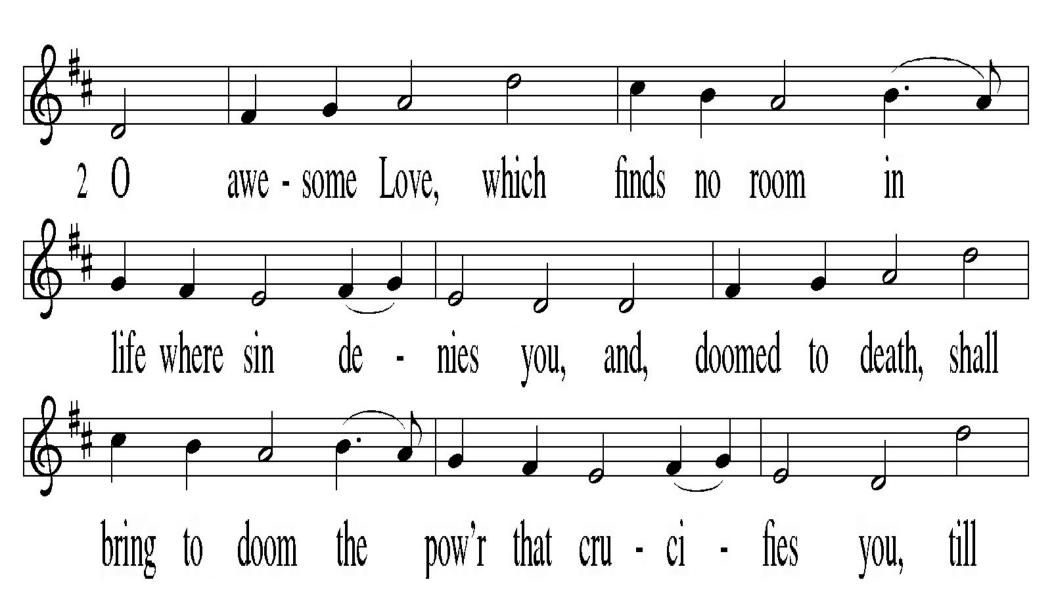


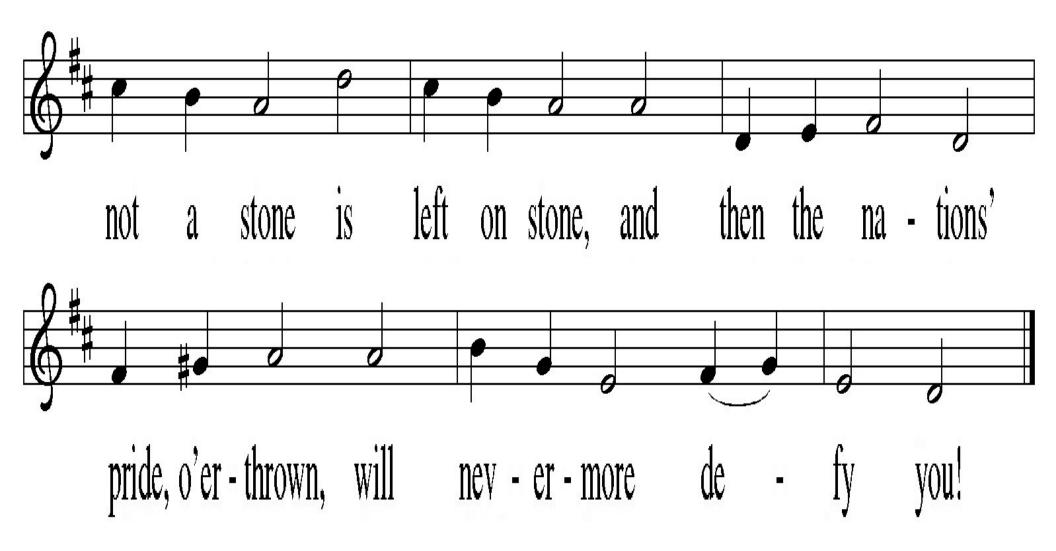
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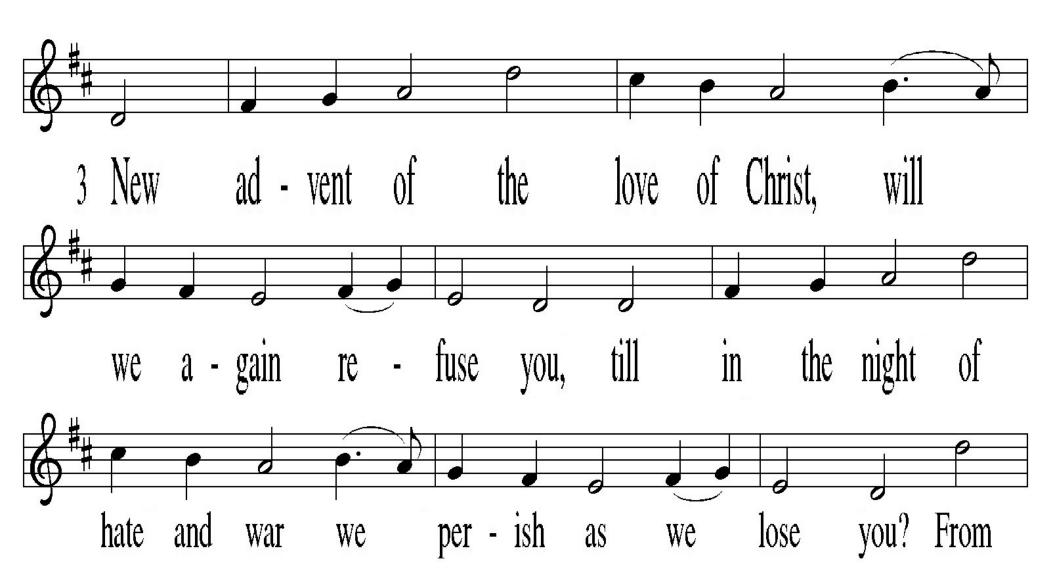
Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

















Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882-1969, alt.

Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

Nicene Creed

P/A: Together with the Communion of Saints we profess the Faith of the Church Triumphant announcing as Christians what we believe.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

- On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the
- He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

- We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
- We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
- We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P/A: Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

P/A: Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

P/A: Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

P/A: Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need (especially). May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

P/A: Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

P/A: Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us (especially). Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.



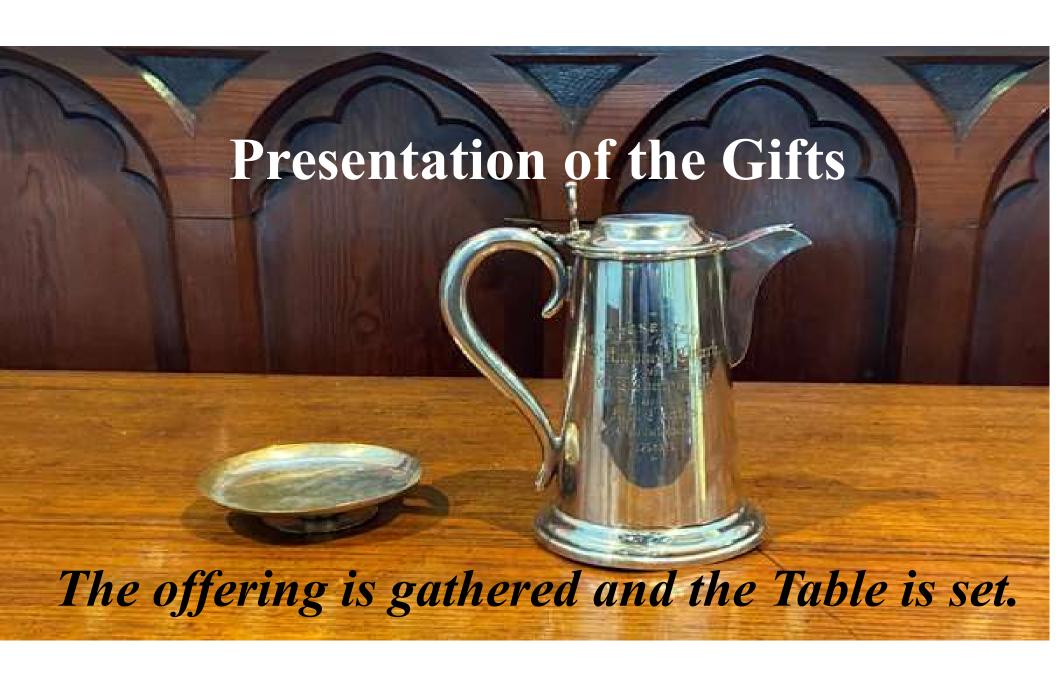
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Stand as you are able

Create in Me a Clean Heart





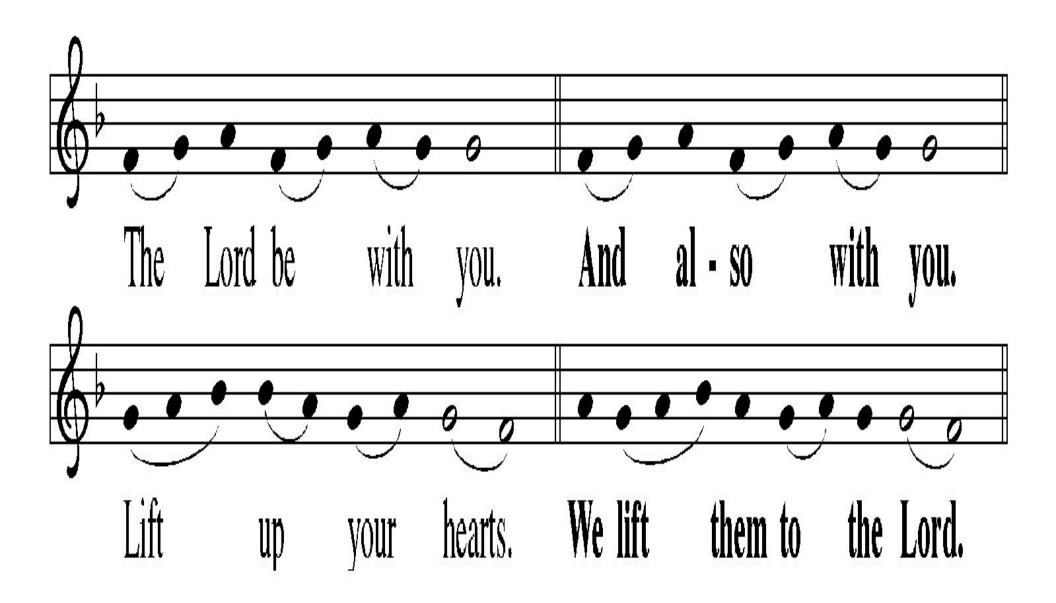
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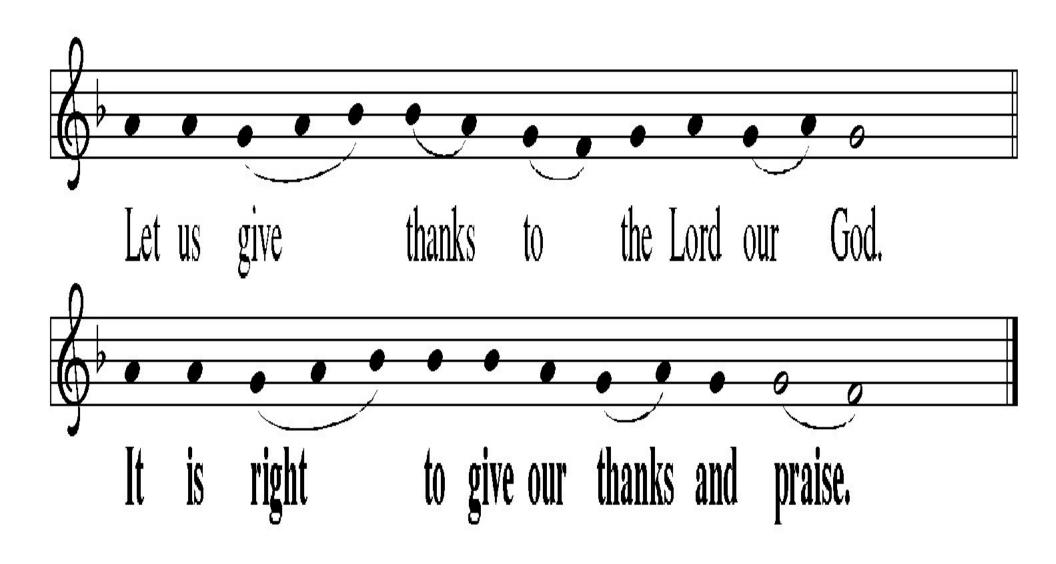
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P/A: Let us pray.

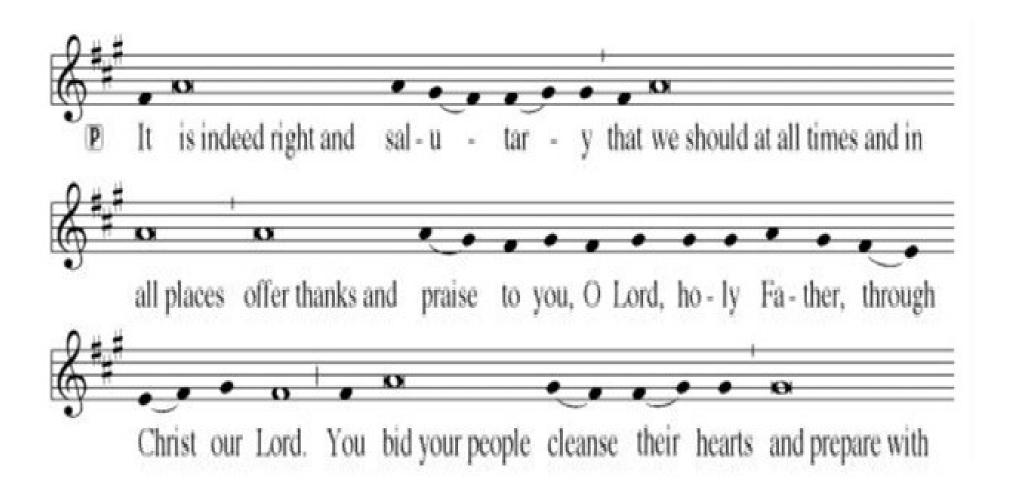
God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

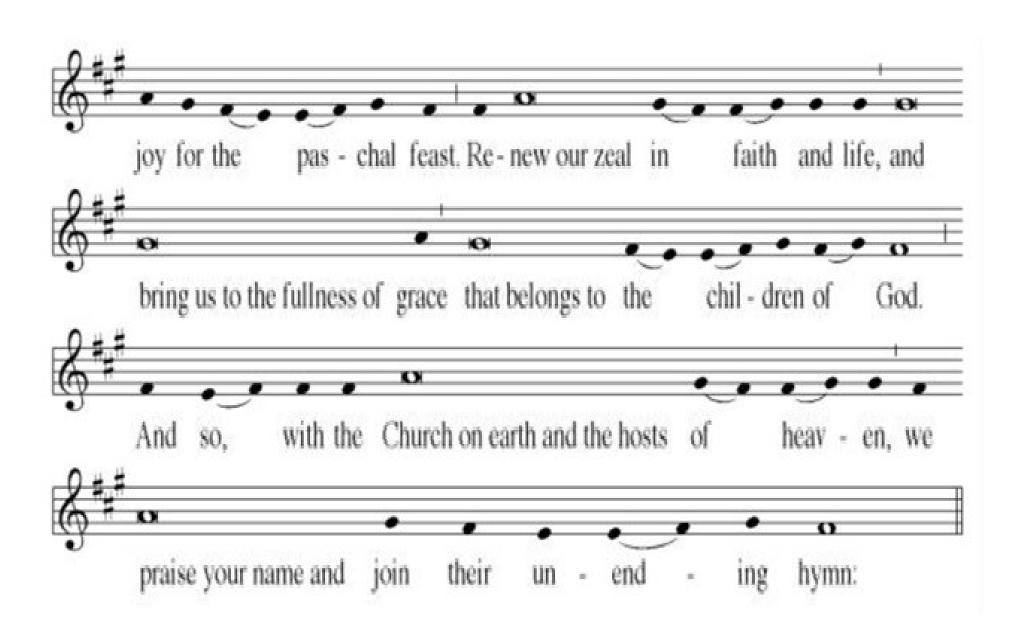
C: Amen.





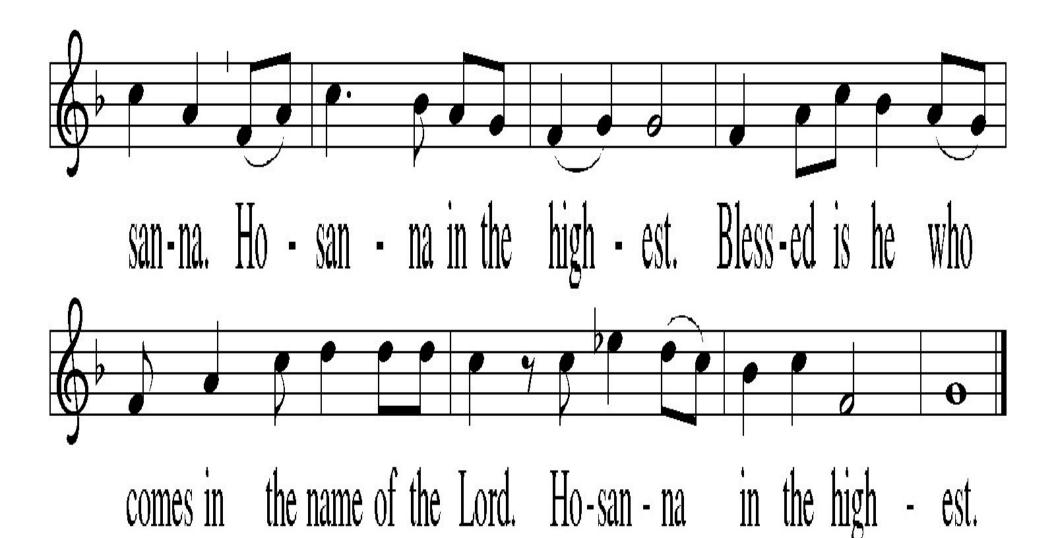
Preface for Lent





Congregation sings





P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

- Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
- Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
- Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.Christ is risen.Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and
 wine. Bless this feast.
 Grace our table with your presence.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

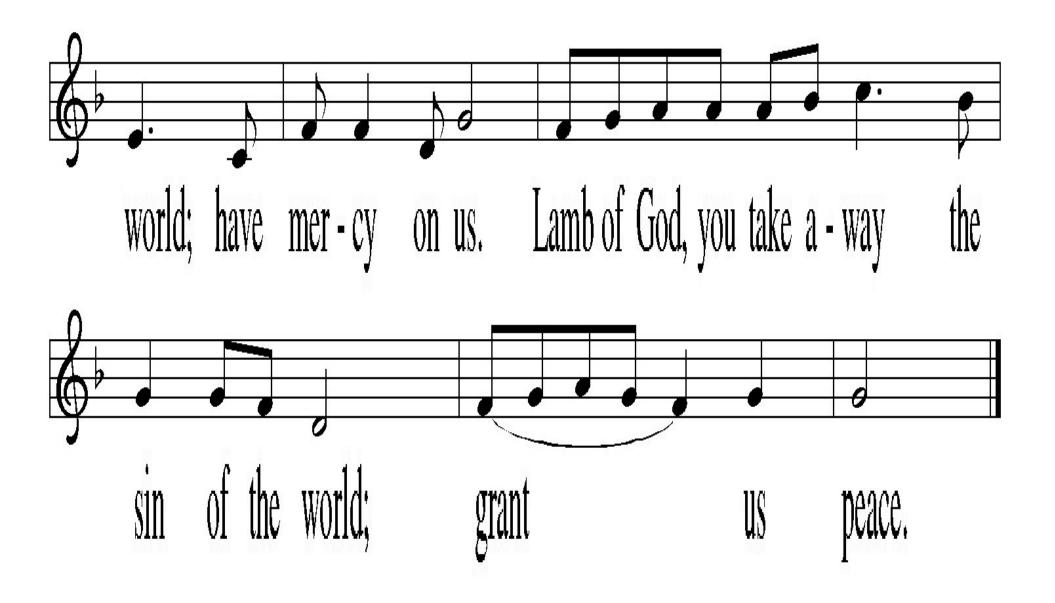
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

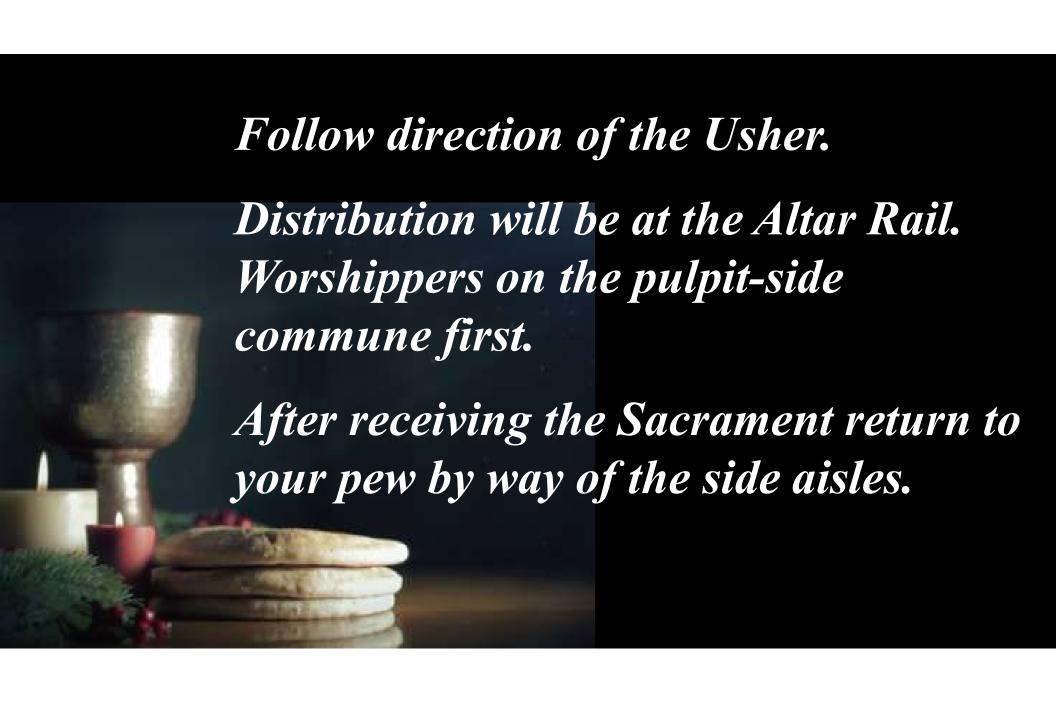
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

Congregation – Please Be Seated







Jesus Remember Me



After all have returned to their places, stand as you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Nunc Dimittis – Lord, Let us Go in Peace



Now, Lord you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which you have pre-pared in the



Stand as you are able

P/A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we

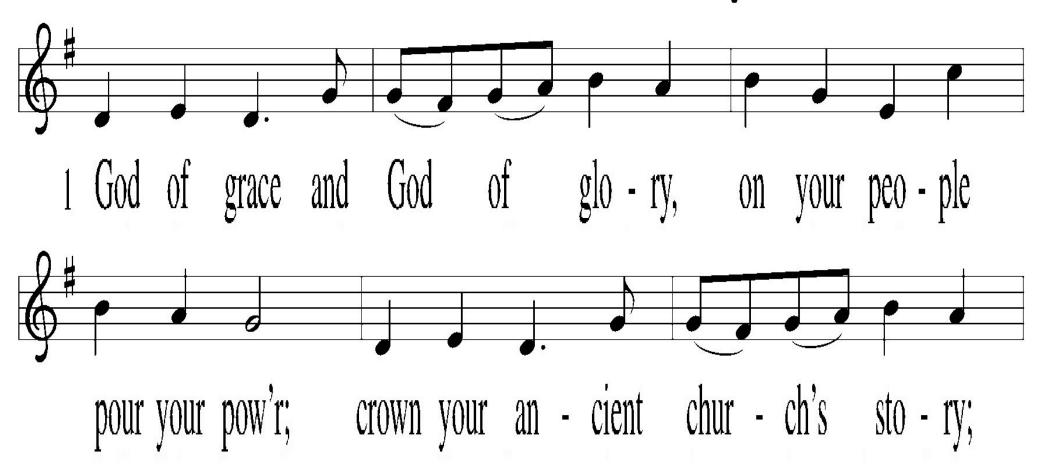
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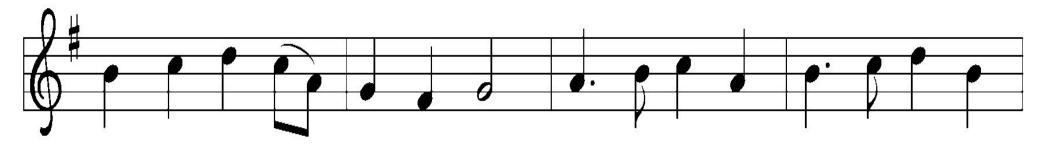
C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace,

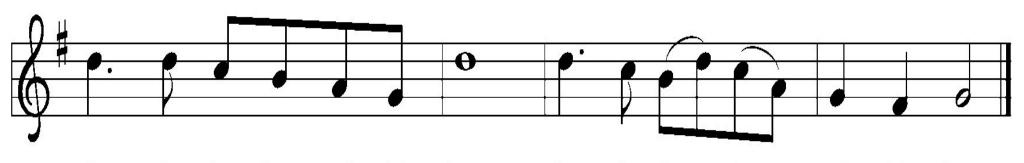
C: Amen.

God of Grace and God of Glory

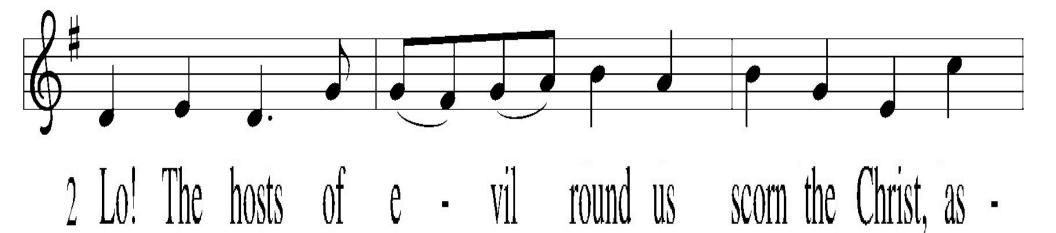




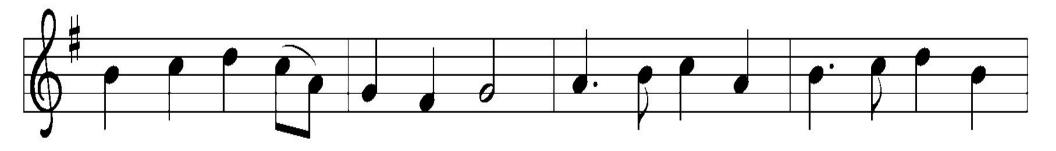
bring its bud to glo-rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age



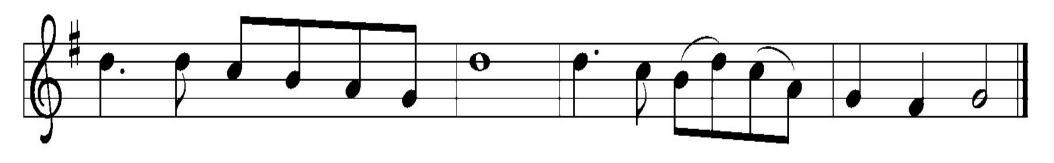
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.







free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age



for the liv-ing of these days, for the liv-ing of these days.



3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to



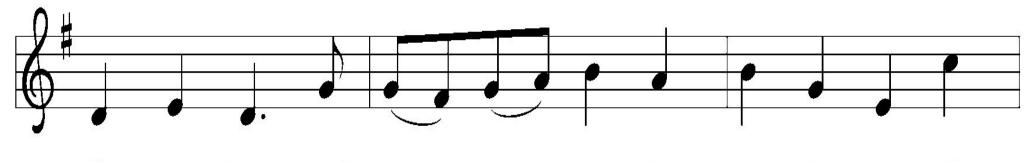
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad-ness,



rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.



4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

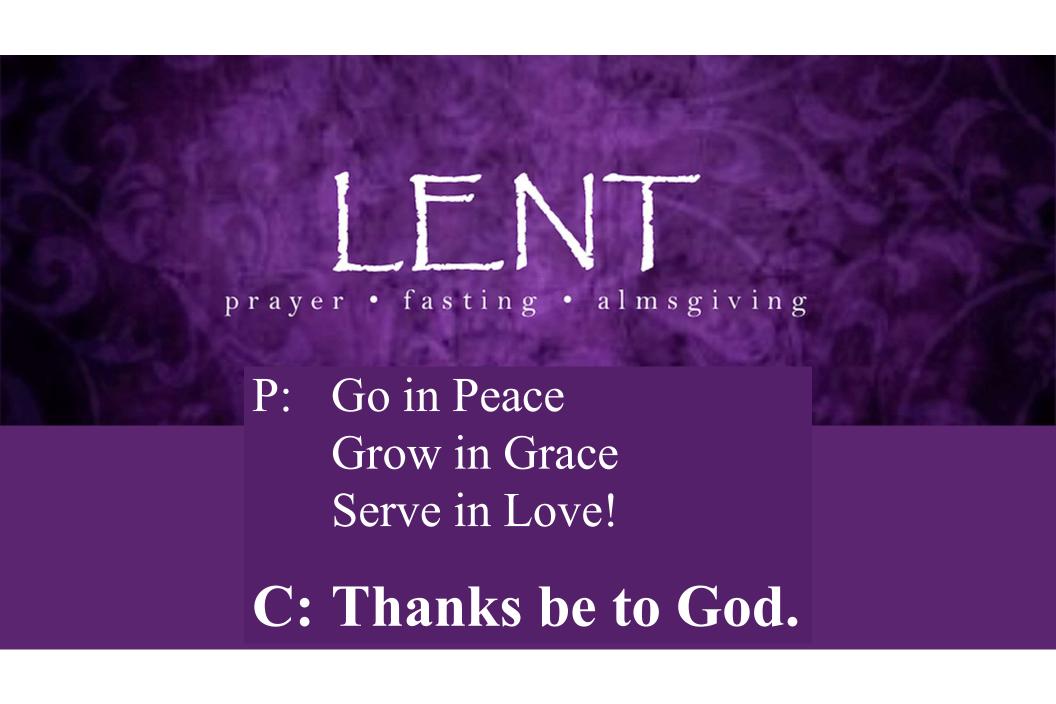


we de-plore; let the gift of your sal - va-tion



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932





SENDING MUSIC