

**PRELUDE:** Chorale Prelude

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## **PENITENTIAL ORDER**

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*(The peoples' responses are in bold)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Kyrie

Arlen R. Clarke

*The people, standing as able, as the Altar party enters in silence*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People** His mercy endures forever. Amen.

*The people, kneeling as able*

**THE DECALOGUE: CONTEMPORARY**

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*Presider* Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Presider* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Presider** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Presider* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Presider* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Presider* Honor your father and your mother.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Presider* You shall not commit murder.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Presider* You shall not commit adultery.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Presider* You shall not steal.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Presider* You shall not be a false witness.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Presider** You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**People** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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**Presider** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

**Presider** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The people, standing as able*

**KYRIE, WLP 839: Lord, have mercy**

Lord, have mer - cy. —  
Lord, have mer - cy. — Christ, have  
mer - cy. — Christ, have mer - cy. —  
— Lord, have mer - cy. —  
Lord, have mer - cy. —

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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*Presider* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people, seated, as able, through the Second Reading*

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

*Reader* A reading from Genesis.

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." 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?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 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." 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." 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." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 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." 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. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 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."

**Reader**      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung in unison, beginning after the asterisk in the first verse*

**RESPONSE:** Psalm 27: 1-6, 17-18, *Dominus illuminatio*

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- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I / fear? \*  
    **the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be a- / fraid?**
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my / flesh, \*  
    **it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and / fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp a- / gainst me, \*  
    **yet my heart shall not be a- / fraid;**
- 4 And though war should rise up a- / gainst me, \*  
    **yet will I put my trust / in him.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I / seek; \*  
    **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my / life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the / LORD \*  
    **and to seek him in his / temple.**
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the / LORD \*  
    **in the land of the / living!**
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;  
    **be strong, and he shall comfort your / heart; \***  
    **wait patiently for the / LORD.**

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 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. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 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. 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

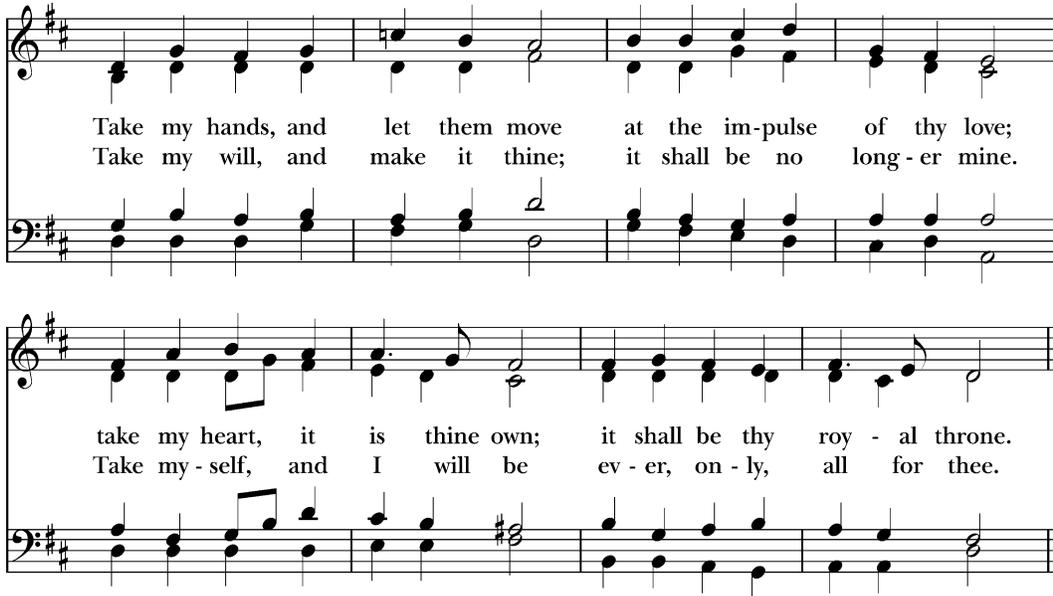
**People** Thanks be to God.

*The people, standing as able through the end of the Gospel Reading*

**HYMN 707:** Take my life, and let it be

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

**THE GOSPEL:** Luke 13:31-35

**Gospeller** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People** **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 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. 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.' 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! 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.'"

**Gospeller** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people, seated*

**THE SERMON:** Mr. Riley K. Temple

*The people, standing as able*

**THE NICENE CREED** (*In unison*)

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**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, [*low bow*] 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.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven [*low bow*]:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. [*Stand erect*]  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
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 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 [*Sign of the cross*] of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People** *That we all may be one.*

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People** *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People** *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Glenn our Governor, Gerry our Representative, Tim and Mark our Senators, Donald our President, the justices and judges of the federal courts, Richard our delegate, Jennifer our Senator to the state legislature, and the justices and judges of the commonwealth courts.

**People** *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader We pray for the St. Francis Creche School, the Scouts, the Recovery Community of St. Francis, and the Search Committee for a new Director of Family Ministries. We give thanks for the ministry of our guest preacher, Riley K. Temple and our Lenten formal series beginning this evening. We pray also for Franciscans who are currently preparing for Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into The Episcopal Church, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People** *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People** *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People** *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People** *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

**Leader** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear for their lives, who face turbulent conditions caused by us and by nature, and whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances: people in the United States of America, people of Holy Family Church and Mills River, NC, people of the Ezo Diocese, Afghanistan, China, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, the Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Russia, Ukraine, and the West Bank.

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

**Leader** We ask you to care for: Holly, Nan, Marlene, Betty, Dana, Luke, David, Barbara & Bill, Jeff Sr., Hugh Sr., Cathy, Lawrence, David, Jon, Jessica, Paula, Clara Sue, Grace, Debra, Taylor, Kelly & Alex, Nick & Hilary, and Dut. We give thanks for the birth of Oliver Benjamin Piciacchio, grandson of Kathy & Dana Anderson. We pray also for Mel Diaz & Lillian Moring as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

**People** *Hear our prayer.*

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**Presider** O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people, standing as able*

## THE PEACE

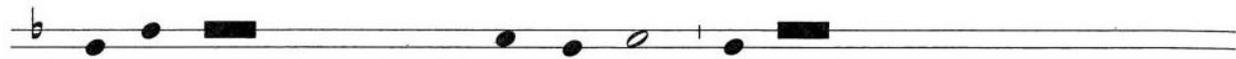
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**Presider** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

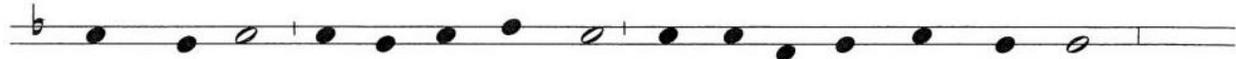
**People** **And also with you.**



Presider



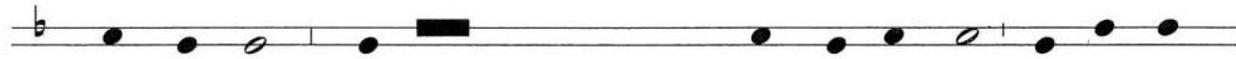
It is right and a good and joy - ful thing, al - ways and everywhere to give



thanks to you, Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Cre - a - tor of heav'n and earth.



You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the



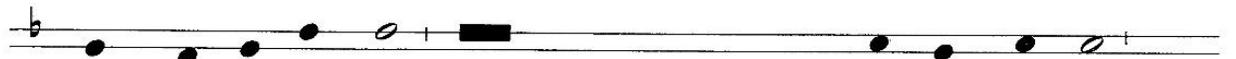
Pas - chal feast; that fervent in prayer and in works of mer - cy, and re - new'd



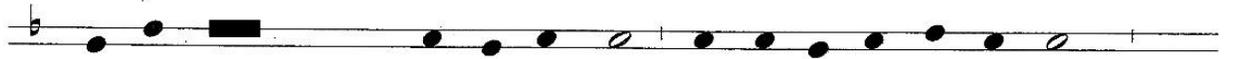
by your Word and Sac - ra - ments, they may come to the full - ness of grace



which you have prepar'd for those who love you.



There - fore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch - an - gels

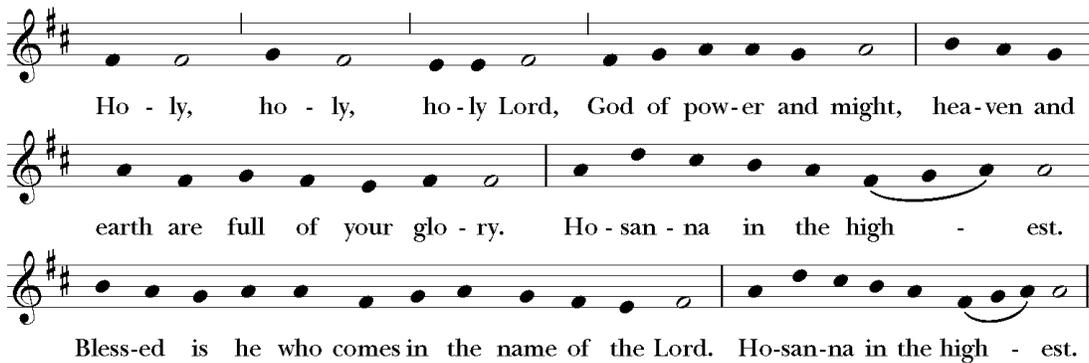


and with all the compa - ny of hea - ven who for ev - er sing this hymn



to pro - claim the glo - ry of your Name:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

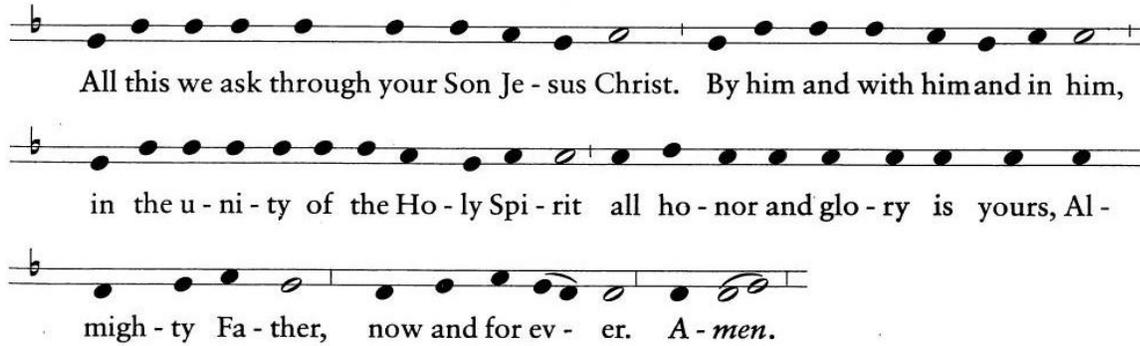
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.



All this we ask through your Son Je - sus Christ. By him and with him and in him,  
in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al -  
migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er. A - men.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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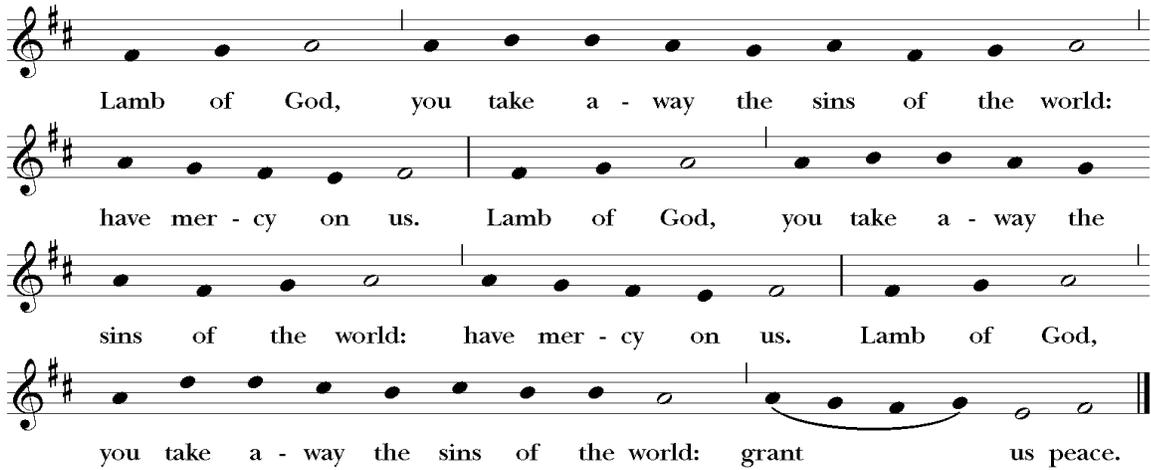
*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in - to  
temp-tation, but de-liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glo - ry. For ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

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**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, S 161 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

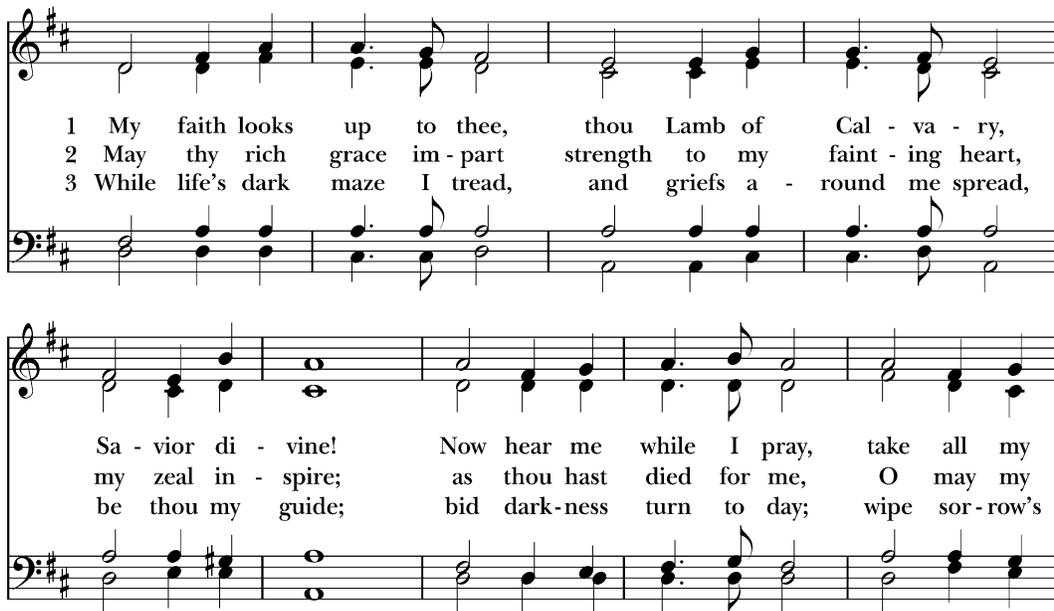
**COMMUNION INVITATION**

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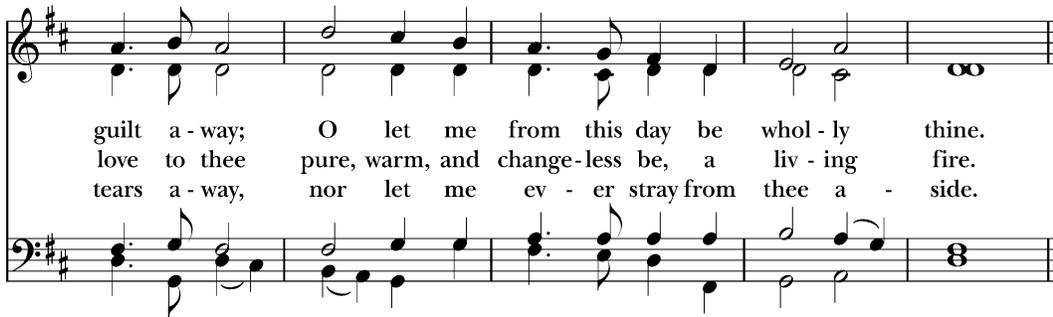
*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants.*

**HYMN 691: My faith looks up to thee**



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

*The people, standing as able.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

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*Presider* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**Paraphrase of Henri-Frédéric Amiel**

*Presider* Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**POSTCOMMUNION, HYMN 143: The glory of these forty days**



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leiden*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

**DISMISSAL**

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**Presider** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*During the season of Lent there is no postlude.  
You are invited to depart worship in silence during this season.*

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