



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI

LENT (ASH WEDNESDAY TO HOLY SATURDAY)

Forty Days excluding Sundays (which are in Lent, not of Lent)

Lent's overarching theme is the battle waged by Christ against Satan, in which we are not spectators but participants. The weekdays concentrate on the suffering of Christ, while the Sundays show various victories along the way to the final victory over Satan at Christ's Resurrection. Lent is about what Christ did and does for us, and then, secondarily, as we receive the forgiveness of our sins, we strive, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to overcome the sins which beset us.

The mood of Lent is deep penitence. While our eyes are fixed upon Christ and His suffering for us, we must at the same time see how we have been the cause of that suffering. Lent can be seen as Divine Drama, in which we are on the stage, both as the sinful members of the crowd shouting "Crucify Him!" and as the disciples who were weak of faith and despaired at His death. At the same time, we see the Cross as victory, not defeat.

To emphasize the penitential mood, certain changes are made in the liturgy. The Alleluias are removed; the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted, and no flowers are placed in the chancel. All crucifixes in the Church may be veiled. The veils indicate that Jesus hid His Divinity behind the veil of His Flesh in order to suffer and die for us.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It began as the day that penitents who had been excommunicated from the Church came to be enrolled for reinstatement, which would take place on Holy Thursday. They would lie on the ground, wearing sack-cloth garments, and after an exhortation: from the Bishop, ashes would be sprinkled upon them. This Biblical gesture came to be embraced by all Christians as a sign of repentance. It is now administered by applying a Cross on the forehead with ashes accompanied by the sober reminder: "Remember, O man that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return!"

Seeing, then, that Christ has taken our sin upon Himself, how are we to live? During Lent we look to Christ also for guidance and help to overcome our vices. The three Lenten disciplines recommended by our Lord are given in the Gospel and address the major sins of greed, spiritual apathy, and fleshly indulgence. The change in our lives is meant to be permanent, and not just a "giving up something for Lent." The "something" we give up is the vice which besets us. It may well be represented by some particular food or past-time. The object is to bring our flesh under control of our spirit. By saying "no" to those things which in themselves may not be sinful, we are strengthened to say "no" to those which are.

As St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 9:25-27: "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Well, I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."

The color for most of Lent is a sober violet, to show the seriousness of sin.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Stand

P Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lenten tide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.
C Help us, good Lord.

P By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

- P** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- P** We poor sinners implore You
- C** **to hear us, O Lord.**
- P** To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C** **we implore You to hear us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **grant us Your peace.**
- P** O Christ,
- C** **hear us.**
- P** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,
- C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy. Amen.**

1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a - dor - ing knee;
 2 By Thy help-less in - fant years, By Thy life of want and tears,
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o - ny of prayer,
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se - pul - chral stone,

When, re - pen - tant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes;
 By Thy days of deep dis - tress In the sav - age wil - der - ness,
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
 By the vault whose dark a - bode Held in vain the ris - ing God,

O, by all Thy pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low,
 By the dread, mys - te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,
 By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,
 O, from earth to heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,

Bend - ing from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 Turn, O turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 Lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 Bend - ing from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

PASTORAL GREETING

Stand

HYMN OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

A In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

A Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

A Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

A I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

A O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

A Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 51:1–3, 10–12; antiphon: v. 17

- A** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- C** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- A** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- C** **For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**
- A** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- C** **Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- A** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- A** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.



KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.



Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.:

C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT or FIRST READING ~ Joel 2:12-19

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- A** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPISTLE or SECOND READING ~ 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

After the reading:

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE OF THE DAY ~ Joel 2:13b

- A** Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL ~ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' written below the notes.

After the reading:

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

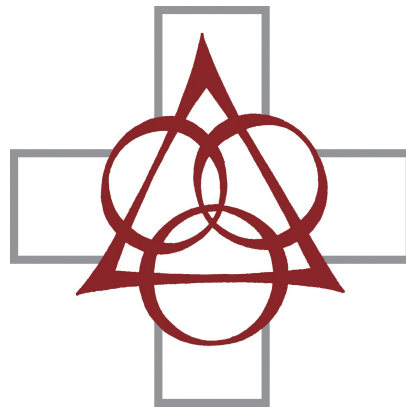
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APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sit



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -

are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives?
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Sit

SERMON~ "A Life of Standing With"

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]



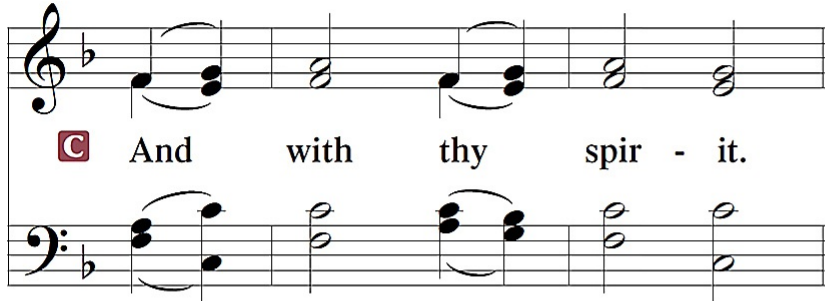
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

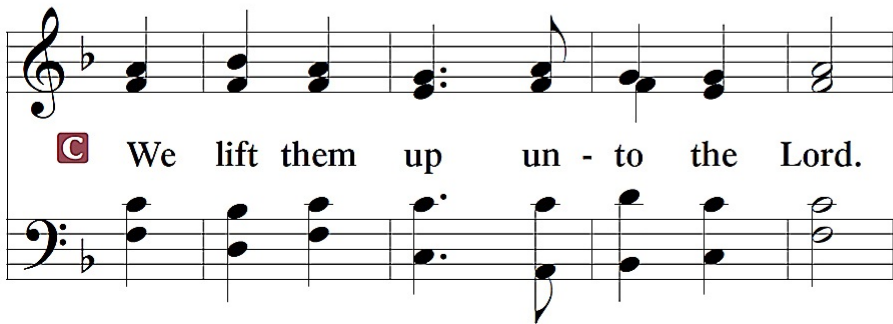


C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]



C It is meet and right so to do.

Meet means "fitting, proper."

The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken:

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bles-sed is He, bles-sed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for “heavenly hosts.”
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”

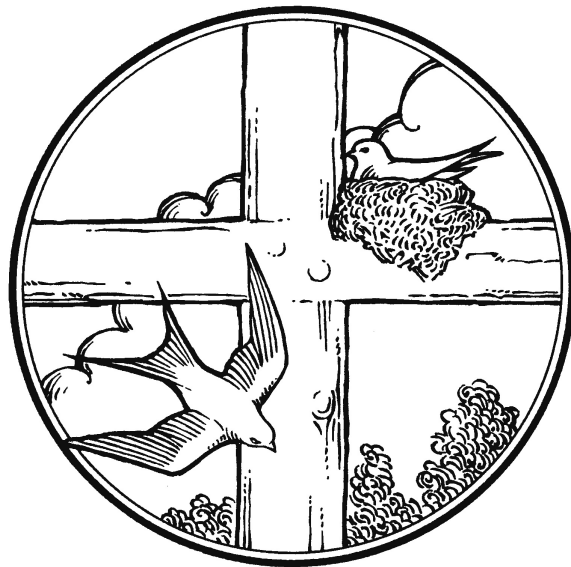
LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom 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 tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from † e - vil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25



P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



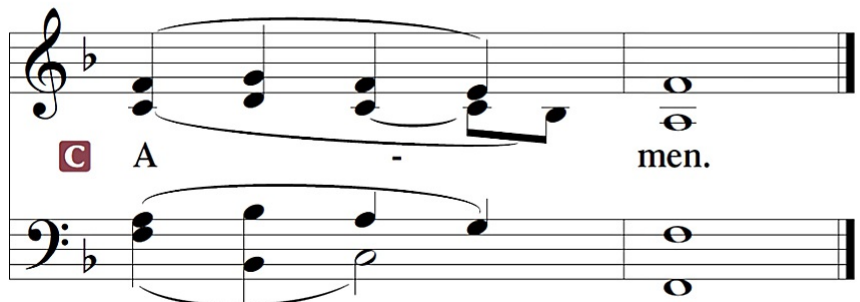
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



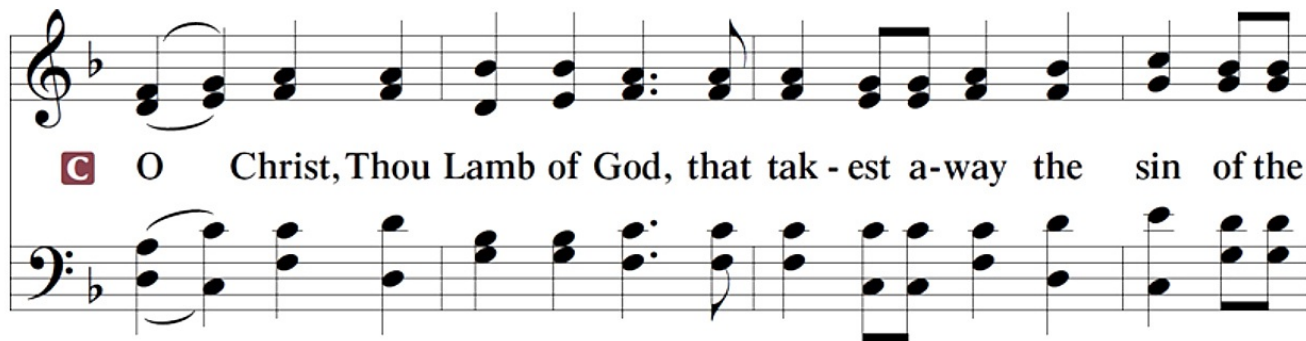
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



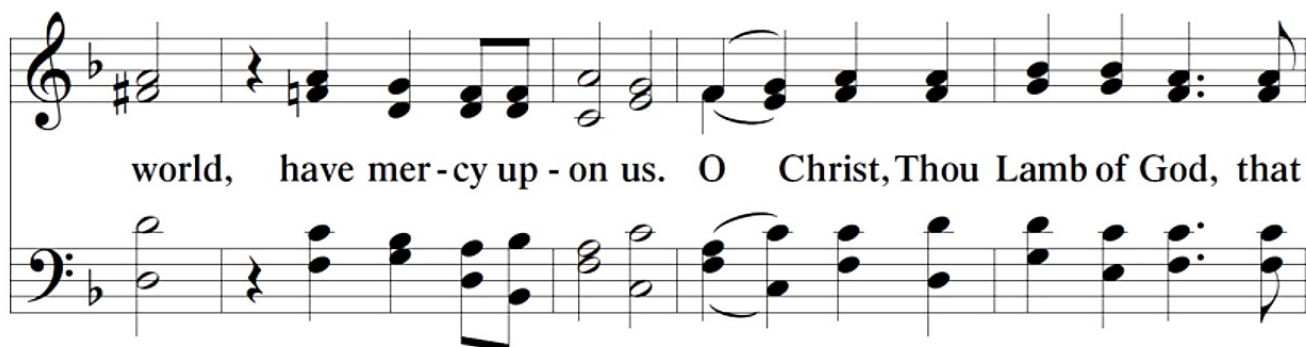
C A - - - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

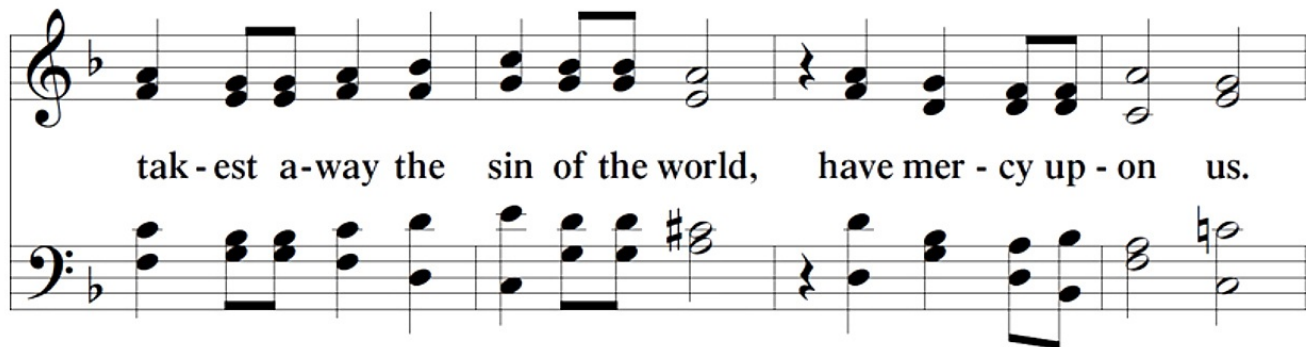
John 1:29



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Sit

- P** Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
- C** Amen.

- P** Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
- C** Amen.



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,

How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?

How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,

Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;

And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave;
Jesus, sinners doth receive.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN ~ Lord Jesus, Think on Me

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1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
 5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,

From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
 Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
 In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
 Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true Faith unto life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in D major. The treble staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

The second system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has a C-clef and the bass staff has a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

The third system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has a C-clef and the bass staff has a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

The fourth system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has a C-clef and the bass staff has a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

After the Collect is spoken:

C A - men.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

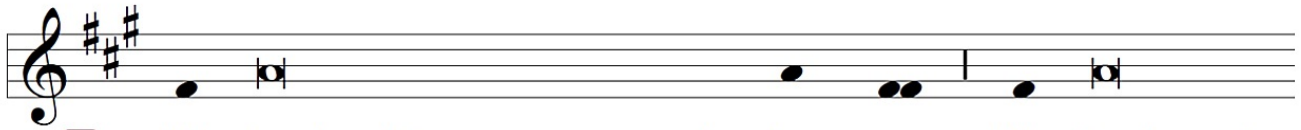
A Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

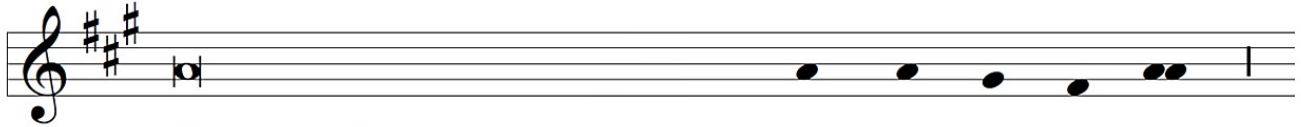
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

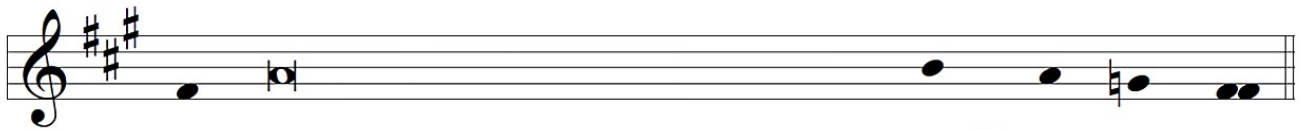
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Sit

† Soli Deo Gloria †

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;

Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

The theme of our Lent midweek meditations this year is: The Angels of the Passion. This is just a fun way for me to try to tell the passion account in a creative way. Yes, I've taken some poetic license here, but believe I remain faithful and true to the passion account. I hope this make you think about the passion account in a new way and grow in appreciation for it and all that God has done for us.

Midweek Services: 9:00 am & 6:30 pm

Lenten Dinners are on Wednesday:
February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 5:15 PM,
with the Divine Service to follow.



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