



**Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018**

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In keeping with our Mission Statement of "Uniting in Christ, Growing in Faith, Serving in love, and Sharing the Good News, WE welcome you to Christus Victor and we are blessed that you are spending time with us in worship.

Theme:

In the story of the flood, God re-creates the world by sending forty days of rain to destroy all that is evil. In the resurrection of Christ, God is making all things new, and in our baptism, we are cleansed and brought to new life.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

GATHERING

P. God call us to:

Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good news.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

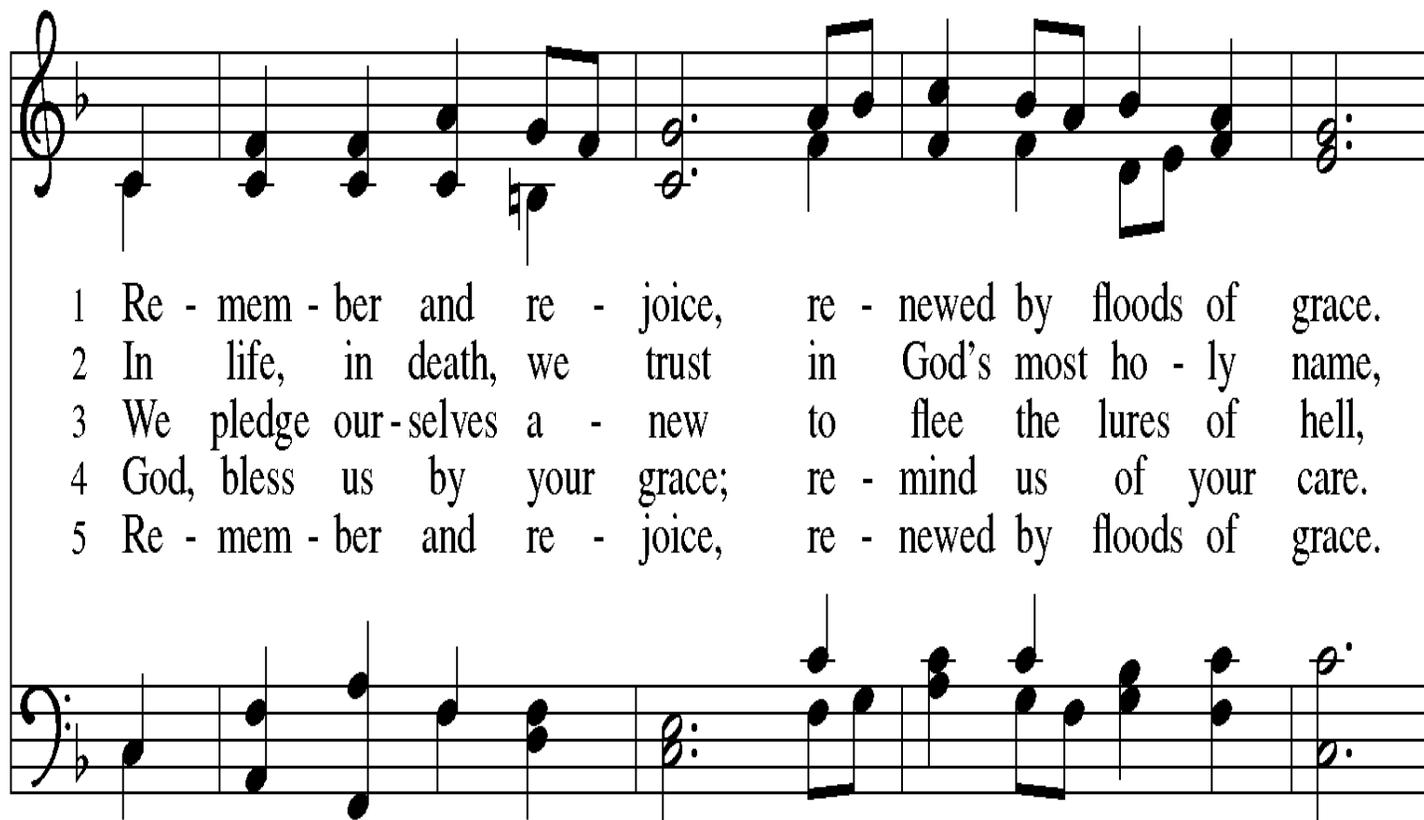
A. During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

A. Merciful God,
you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

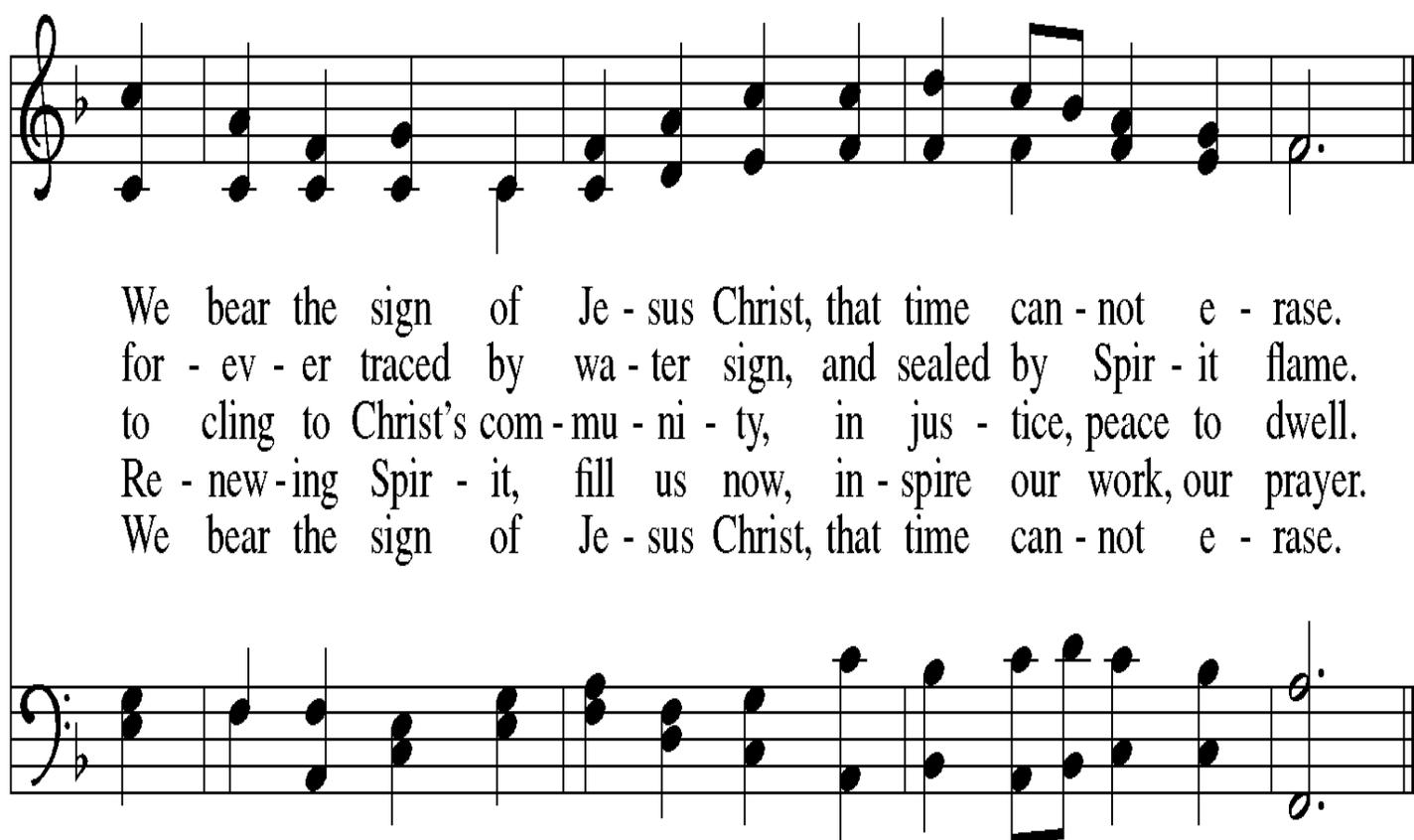
P. Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG (ELW 454)**

Remember and Rejoice



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - raise.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - raise.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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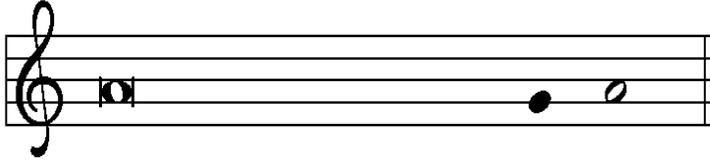
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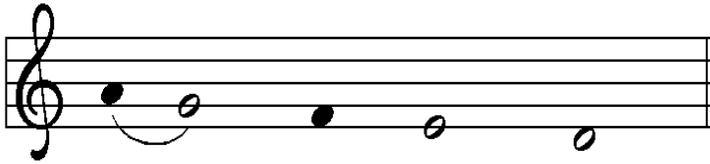
*GREETING

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

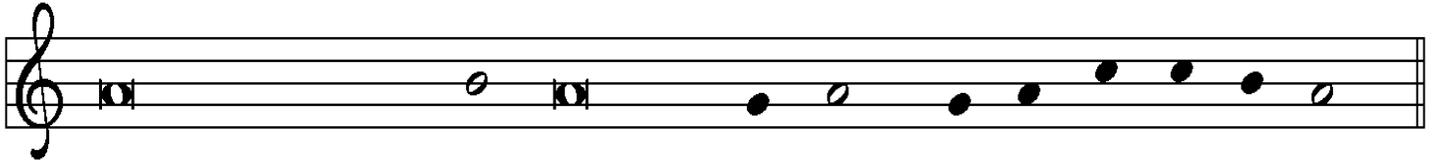
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



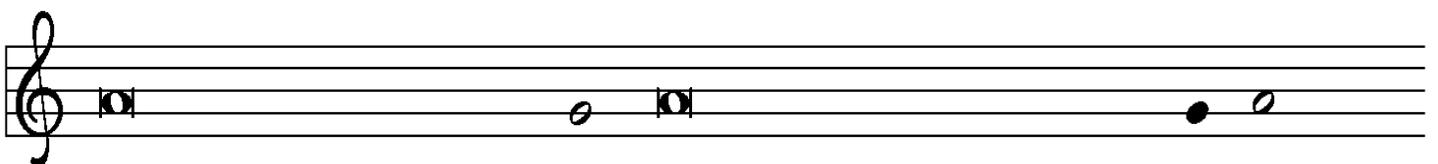
Lord, have mer - cy.



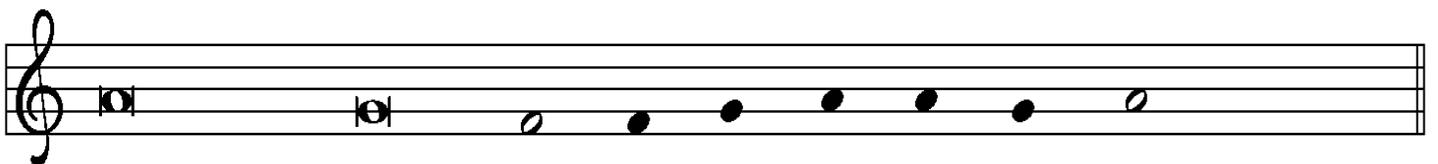
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



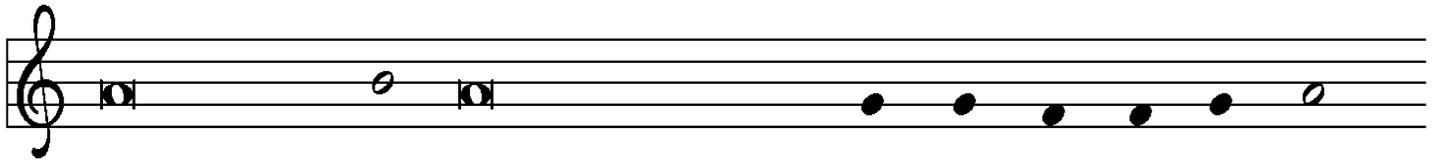
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



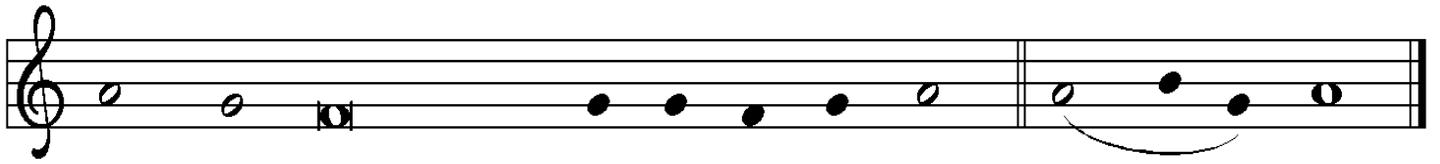
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P. Let us pray:

In the waters of the flood you destroyed all that was evil. So that, new life would spring forth and the world would begin anew. In Baptism you bring us into new life through the water and your word. Continue to claim us in the Baptismal waters and remind us each day of the blessings you have given us. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

⁷Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot

out from the face of the ground.”⁵ And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

11 In the six-hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.¹² The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights.¹³ On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark,¹⁴ they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature.¹⁵ They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.¹⁶ And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

17 The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.¹⁸ The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made⁷ and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth.⁸ Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground;⁹ but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So, he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him.¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark;¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.¹² Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore.

13 In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying.¹⁴ In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.¹⁵ Then God

said to Noah, ¹⁶“Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’ ¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹”As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

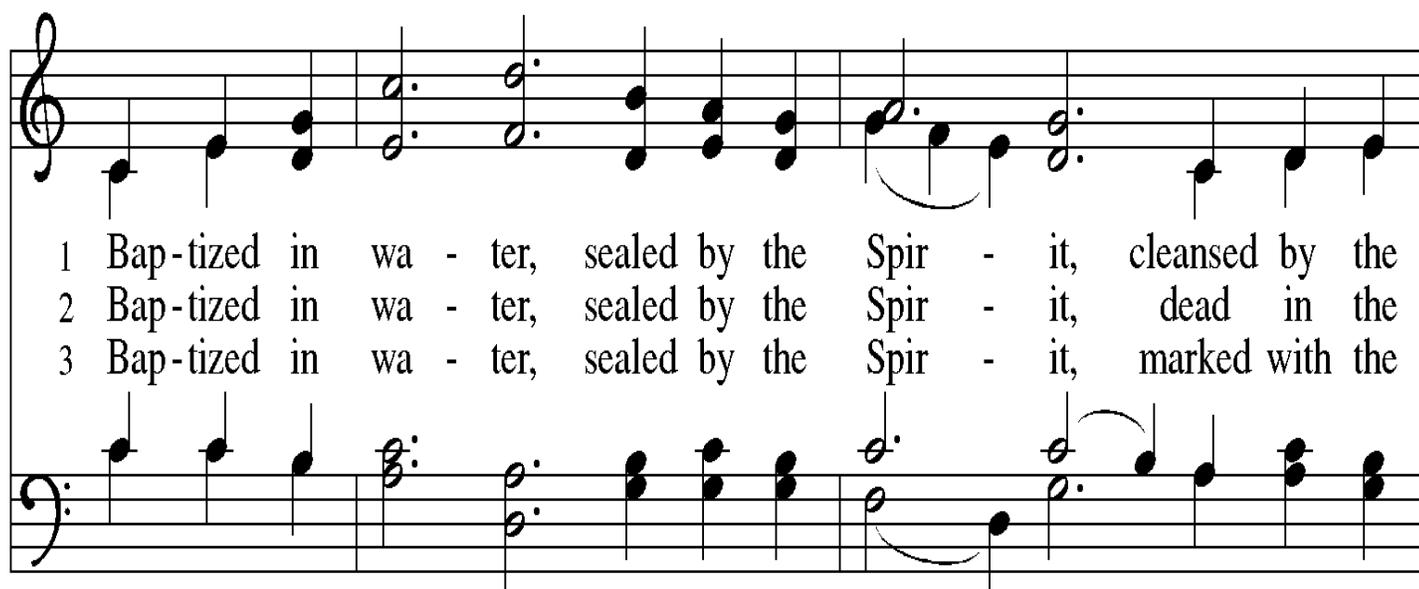
Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 456)**

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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***NICENE CREED**

**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.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
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**

A. Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A. We pray for your creation. All that you have made is good. Help us to be good stewards of the world you created. Help us to care for plants and animals, forests and oceans. Help us to protect all living things that you have created. Let us pray:
Have mercy, O God.

A. We pray for public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place. Let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

A. For those who travel, for those who are in captivity, and for those who are sick and suffering (*Epecially...and those whom we name before you*). May your healing and loving hand guide, protect, and heal. Let us pray:
Have mercy, O God.

A. For all the servants of your church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy. Let us pray:
Have mercy, O God.

A. For all who have gone on in the faith before us. That they have received the gift of everlasting life and may their witness in the faith give us strength and helps sustain us until that time when we are all gathered at the Feast that has no end. Let us pray:
Have mercy, O God.

P. O God, our strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, a wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through the one from whom they first took being, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

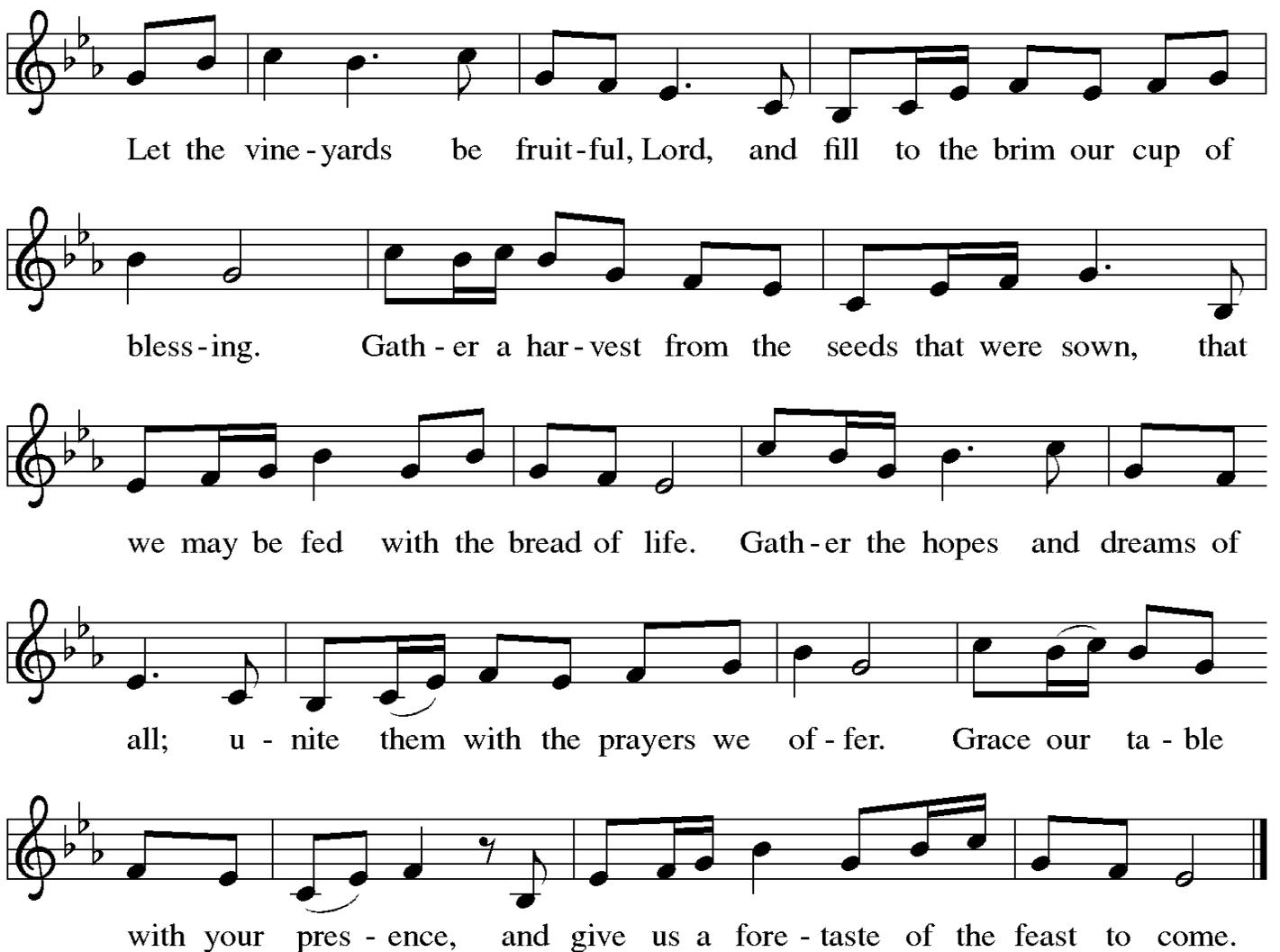
***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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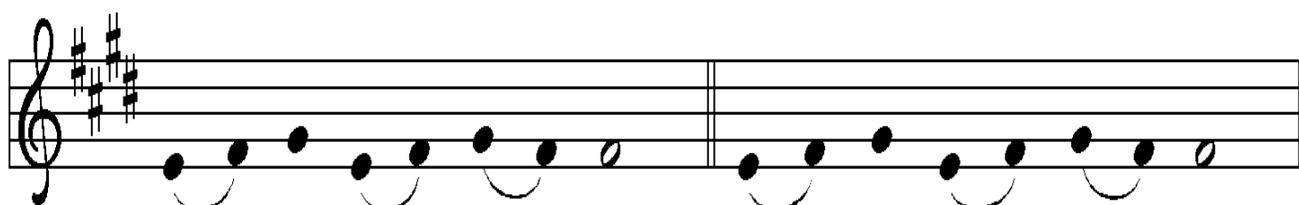
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*OFFERING PRAYER

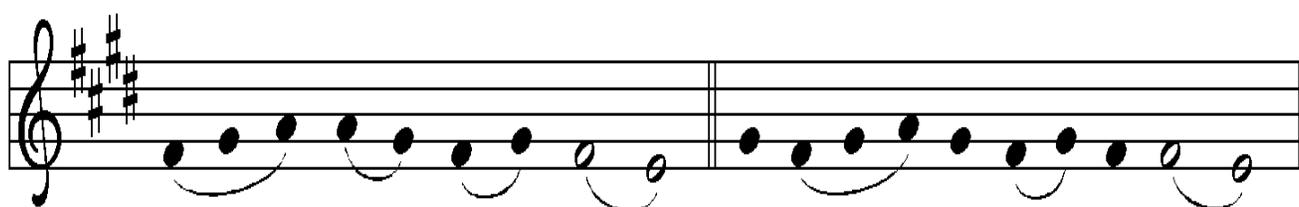
A. Merciful God,
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

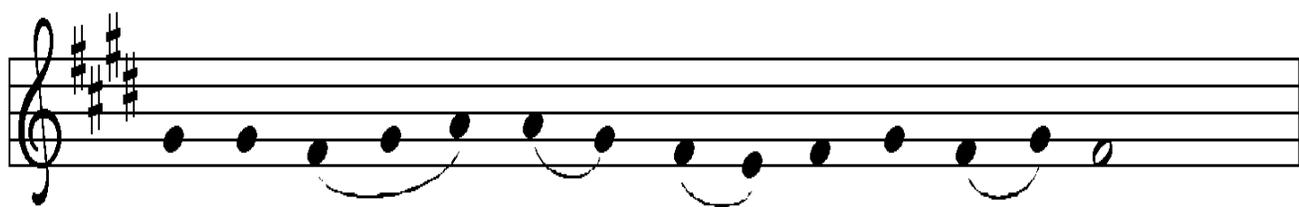
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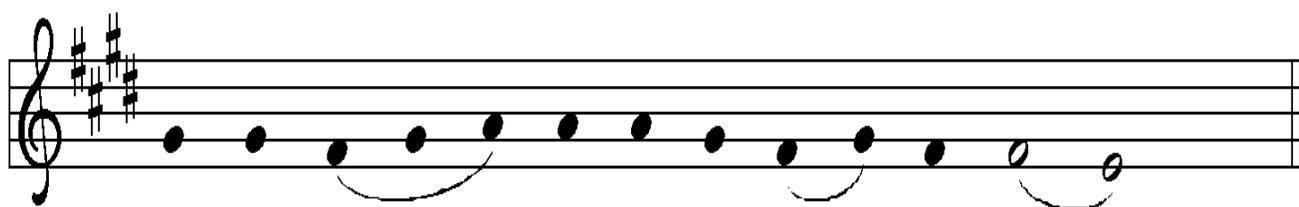
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

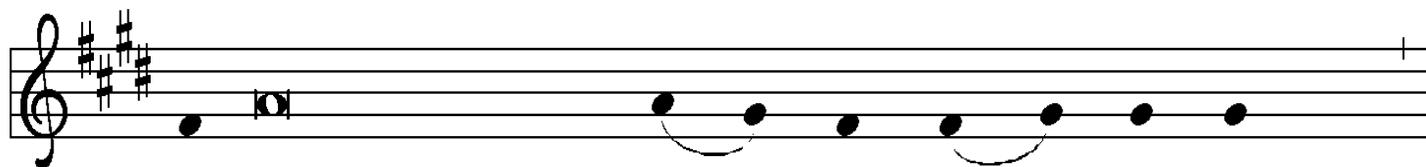


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

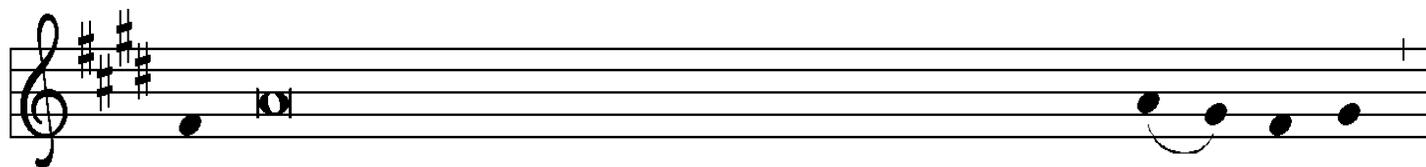


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

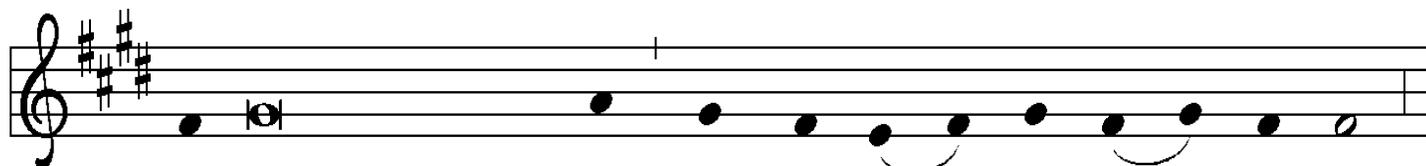
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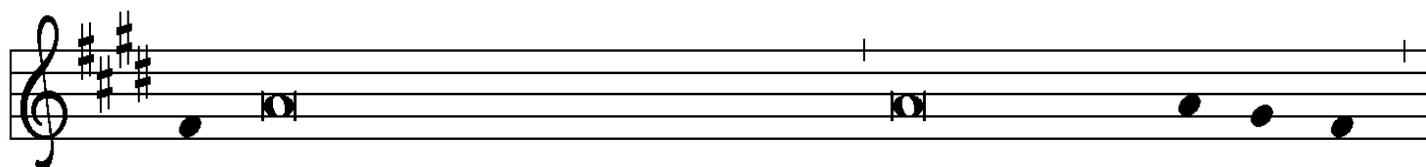
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



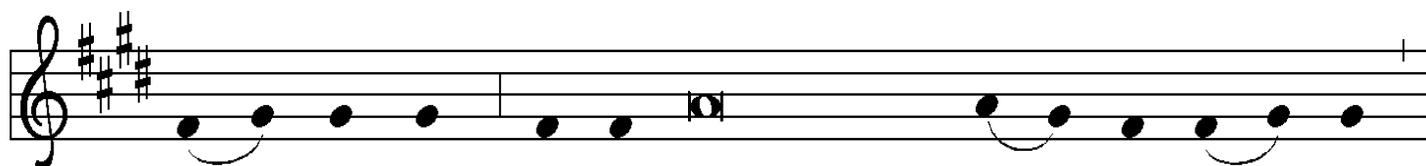
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



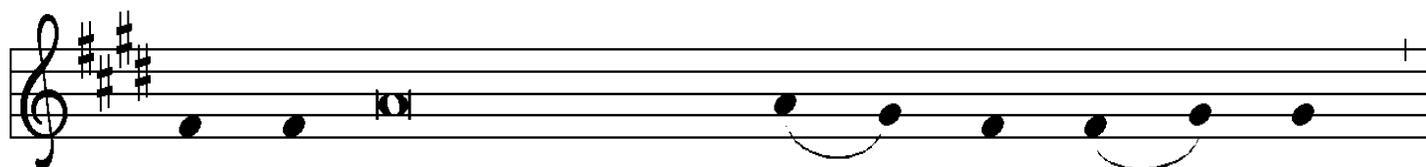
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,



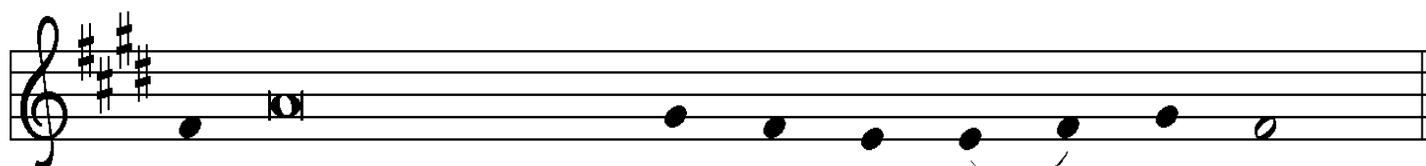
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

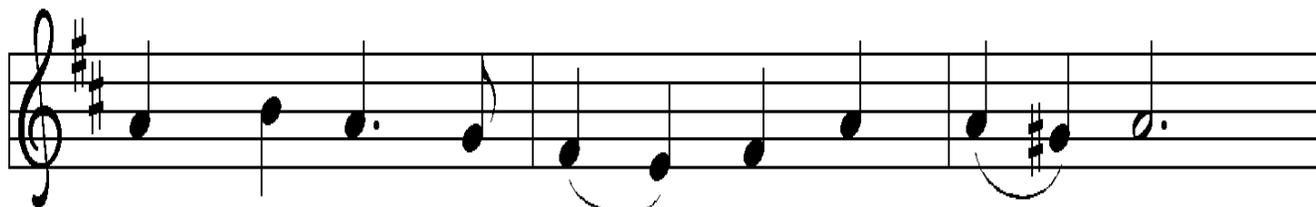


we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

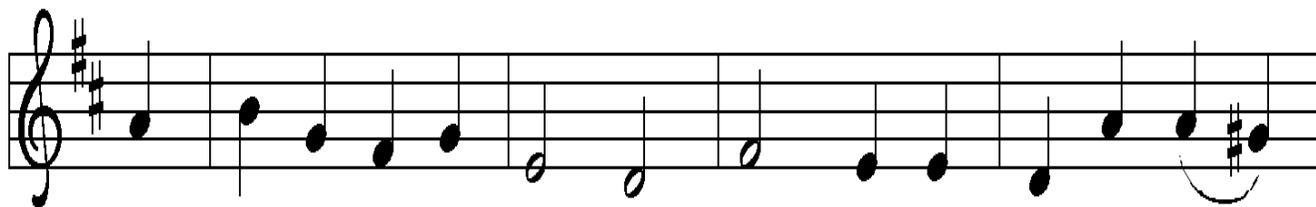
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to God with all your heart.

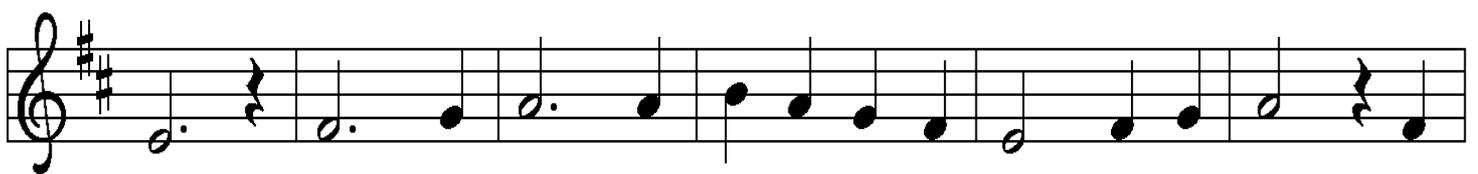
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



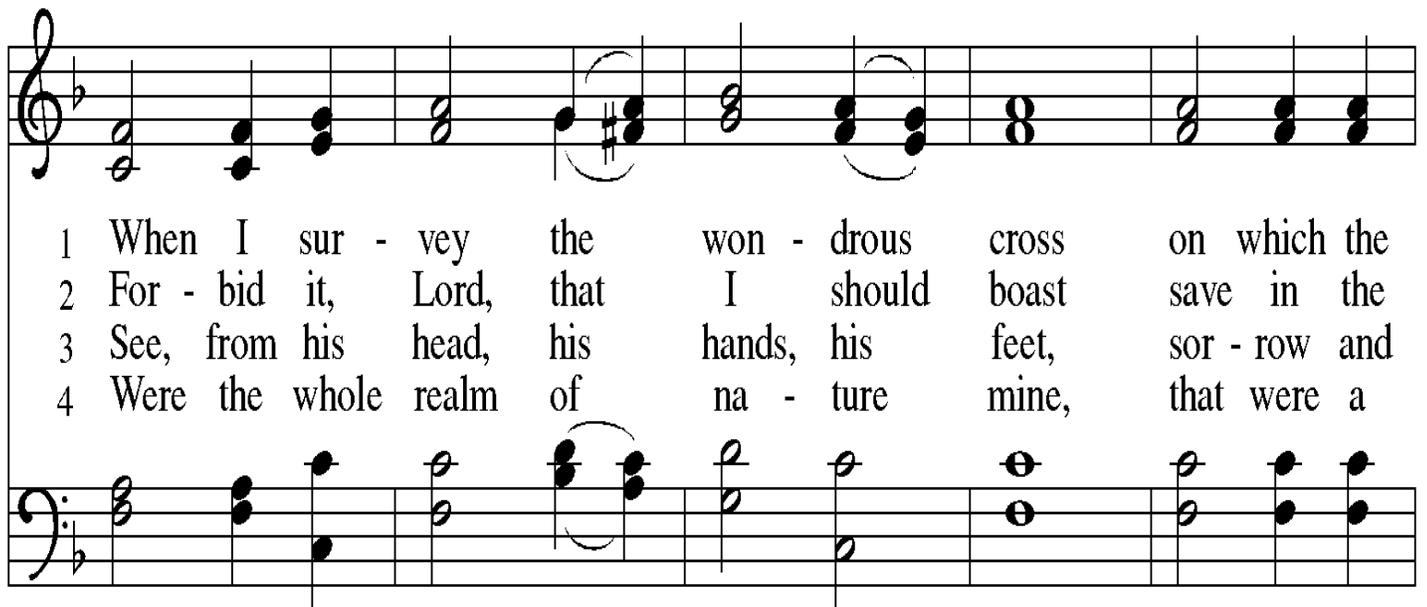
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



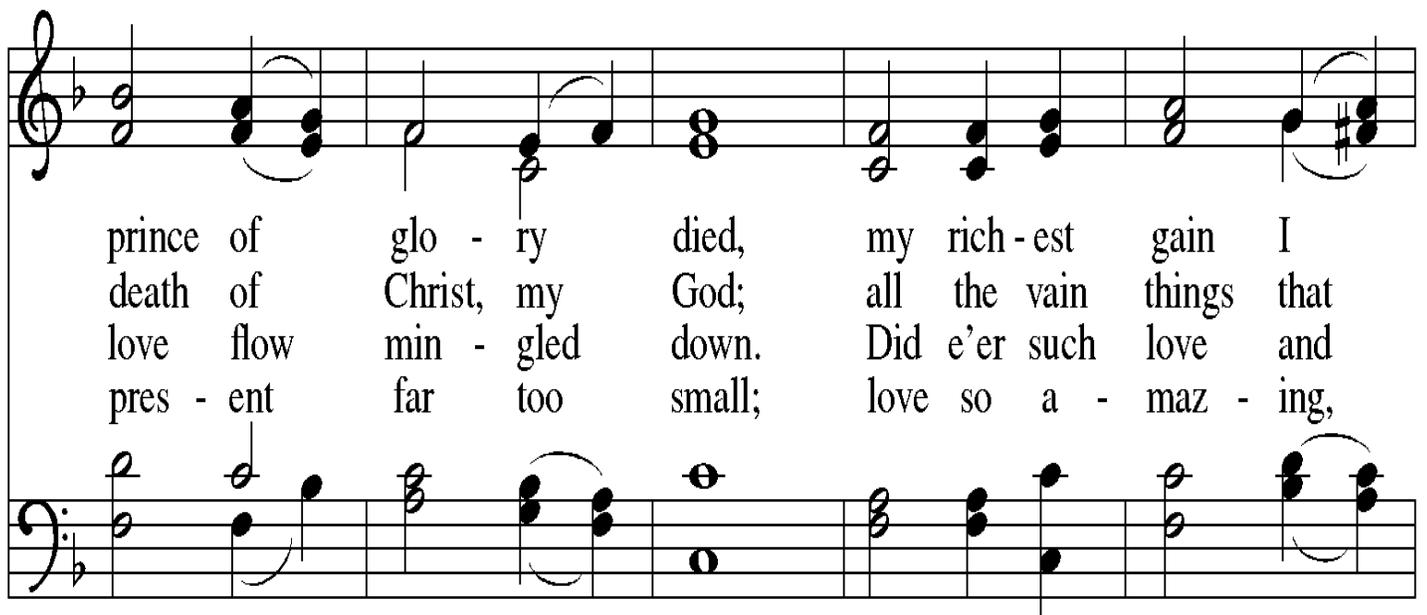
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW 803)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

***P.** The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you ✝ peace.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG (ELW 769)

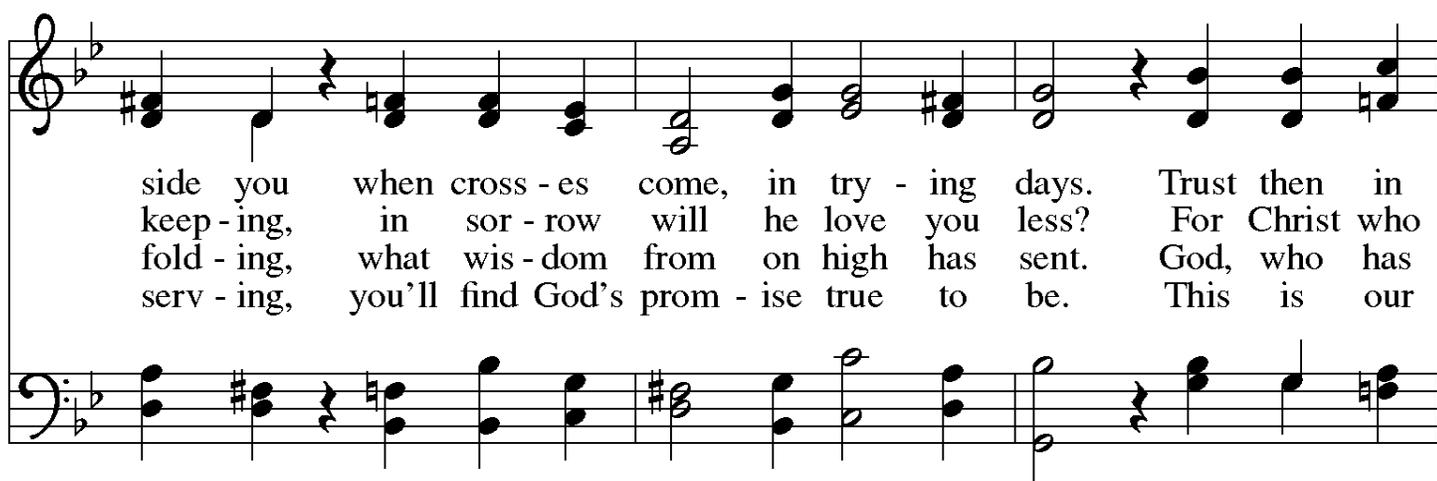
If You But Trust in God to Guide You



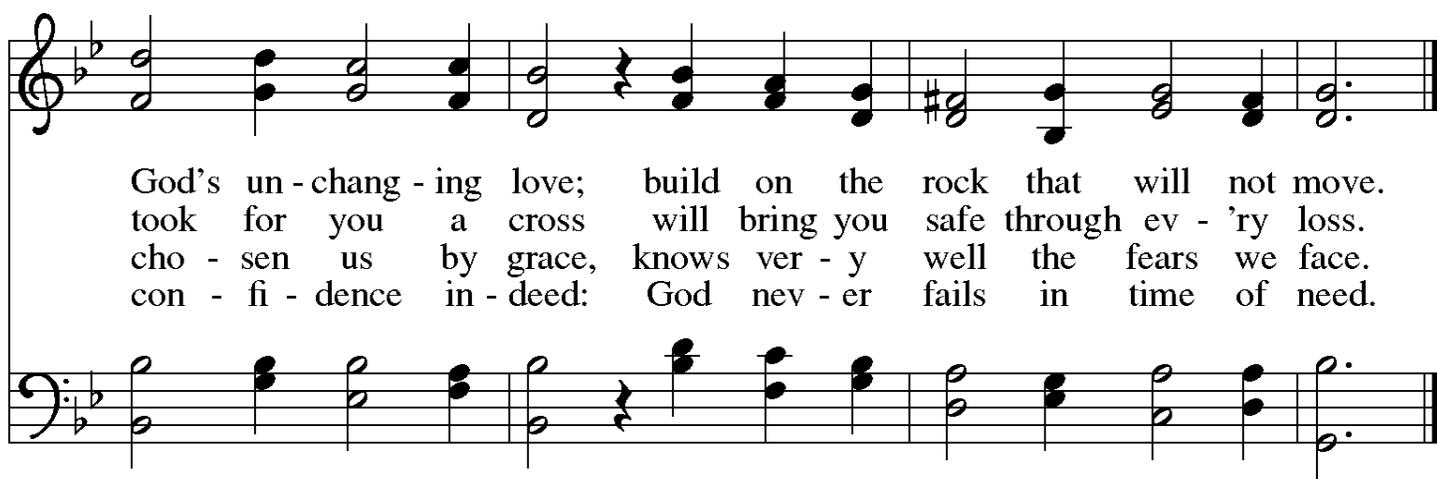
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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*DISMISSAL

A. God calls us to:

Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good News!

A. Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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Care & Concern List

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Diane Frederick*	Joanie Ruby (Pat's sister)
Sid George*	John Ruby*
Marie Greb*	Erica Scarcella
Samantha Kimbler	Dean Toskes
Pam Klank	Rev. Jack Trautwein
Edward Kohlerman	Sue Treanor
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Names remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks**. Please contact the Church Office 410.668.8089, or office@christusvictoronline.org to **request a longer listing.**

Homebound Members:

Robert Bryant	Kay Diggs	Jean Doty
Gloria Forrester	Betty & Frank Hines	Elizabeth Raines
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Ruby Wilt		

Attendance: 2/18/18: 8:30 – 28; 11:00 - 55

Count Our Blessings: 2/18/18 - \$3,599.71

Thank you for your generous support!

Christ Flowers (2): In Memory of my mom, Martha Sheppard, on her birthday are given by Irene Ruby

Chancel Flowers: None This Week

The **2018 Flower Book** is available in the Narthex. In order to defray the cost of flowers, we are increasing the price to \$20.00. Once again, we will offer Chancel flowers for \$20.00.

Thank you to Barbara Skillman, our guest organist today while Tate is away.

Please remember Christus Victor Lutheran Church in your will.

Congregation Council meeting minutes for January are available in the Narthex & on the Council bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Have ideas to help show God's love? Please E-mail them to victorsstew@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday Wishes: February 25 – Joey Falloni; February 27 – Beth Jester; March 1 – Ella Aus

Happy Anniversary Wishes: February 26 – Sandy and Len Petrovich

On the third Wednesday of every month, the LMS comes to Christus Victor to pick up any donations from the congregation. Please leave any donations in the fellowship hall behind the coat rack and label your items **LMS**. The next pickup date is **Mar. 21**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 26 – Pastor – Office Hours

Feb. 26– The Good Vibe Tribe Women’s Meeting 6:00 PM

Feb. 26 – Evangelism Meeting 7:00 PM

Feb. 27 – Pastor – Visitation

Feb. 27 – Christus Comforters 9:30 AM

Feb. 27 – PCRC 7:00 PM

Feb. 28 – Pastor – Teleconference

Feb. 28 – Coffee, Cake & Commentary 10:00 AM

Feb. 28 – Lenten Services 12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

Mar. 1 – Pastor – Office Hours

Mar. 2– Pastor’s Day Off

Mar. 2 – World Day of Prayer – St. Michael’s Lutheran Church on Belair Road – 10:00 AM

Mar. 2 – New Beginnings 7:00 PM

Mar. 11 – First Holy Communion Class after 11:00 Service

Mar. 21 – LMS Pickup

Apr. 12 – Lifeline Screening

Apr. 28 – 60th Anniversary Celebration 2:00 – 6:00 PM

VICTOR’S VITTLES:

March 3 – Diane Hopple, Marie Greb, Sandy Petrovich (C)

Driver Pick-up – March 2 – Tom & Ginny McCurdy



SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday April 28, 2018:

Our 60th Anniversary Celebration!

2:00-6:00 PM

**Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue
Nottingham, MD 21236**

**Adult Ticket \$25, Children ages 6-12 \$12.50,
Children under 6 FREE.**

**Tickets will be available for purchase in the Narthex between
services February 18 - April 1**

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