

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 18, 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: Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace**

For each of us there will be a time when we are engulfed by fire. Because of the resurrection of Christ, we can be confident that the Son of God will be with us, no matter what or where the furnace.

### **Sacrament of Holy Baptism:**

Today at 11:00 a.m. we welcome Marcus Collins into the body of Christ through the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome Marcus into the body of Christ and we are blessed to be a worker with you in God's Kingdom.

### **Welcome to First Communion:**

Today, we welcome Braelyn Kate Revels, Meghan Louise Peterson, and Marcus Dane Collins to the altar for their first Holy Communion. Blessings upon blessings!

## **PARTICIPANTS**

<b>LAY ASSISTANTS:</b>	Wayne Schaumburg, JoAnn Velten
<b>LAY READERS:</b>	Wayne Schaumburg, Nancy Kohlman
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Alayna Diamond, Meghan Collins
<b>USHERS:</b>	Kathy Krause, Irene Ruby Herb Crum, Tom Lehman
<b>JR. USHER (8:30):</b>	Mathias Hieber
<b>JR. USHER (11:00):</b>	Miley Collins
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Merle Vogel, Andrea Zahirsky, JoAnn Velten

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Cantilena in F, *C. Christopher*

**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 339)

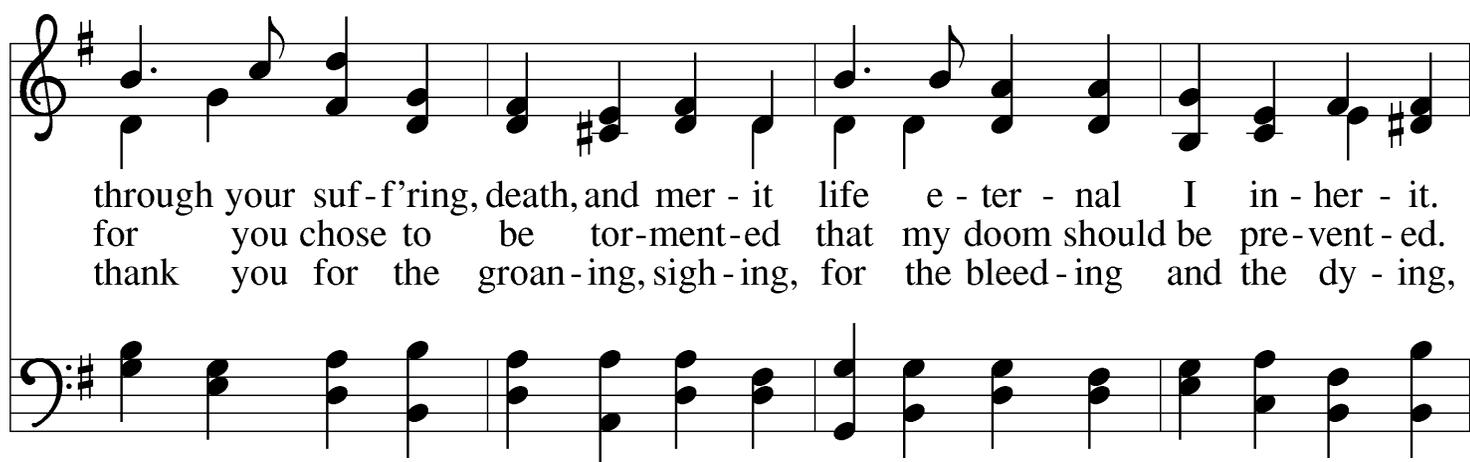
## Christ, the Life of All the Living



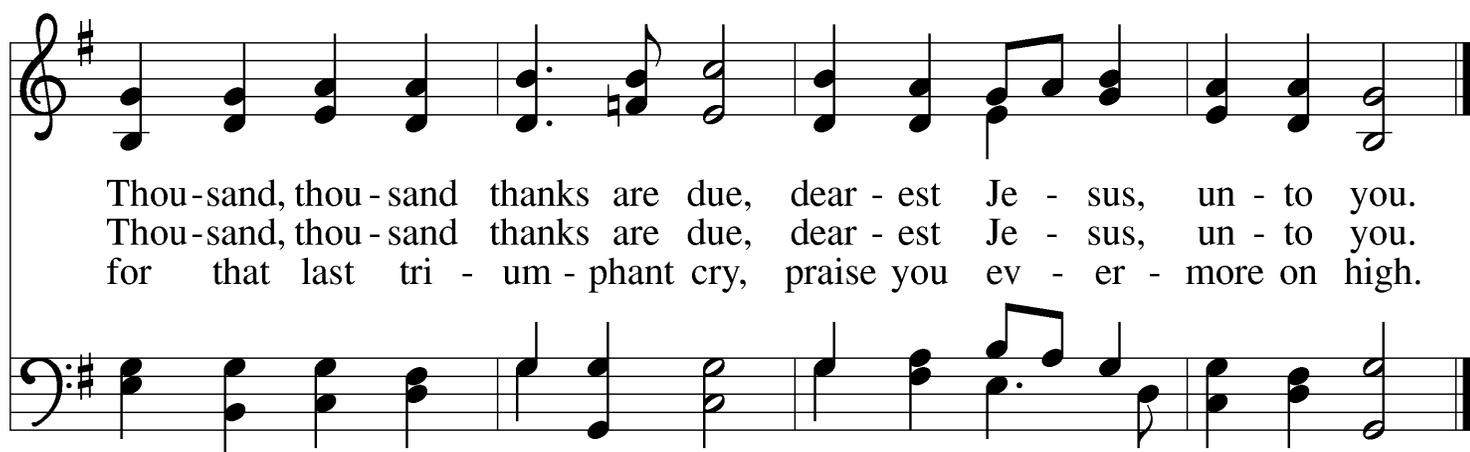
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



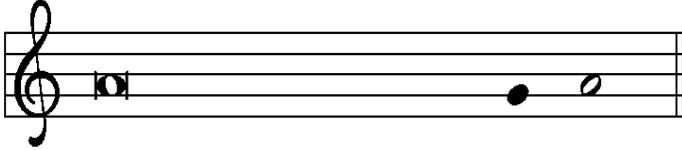
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
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for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

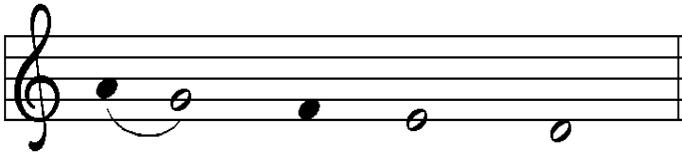
## \*GREETING

**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.**

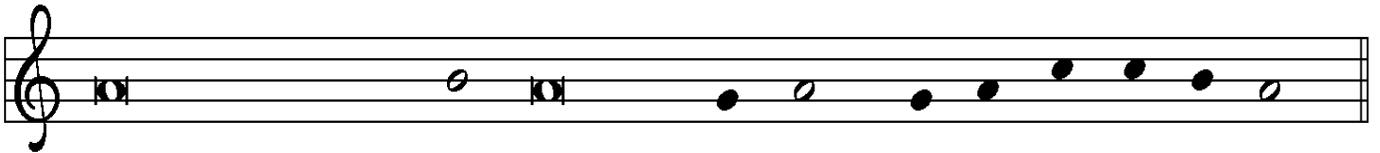
## \*KYRIE



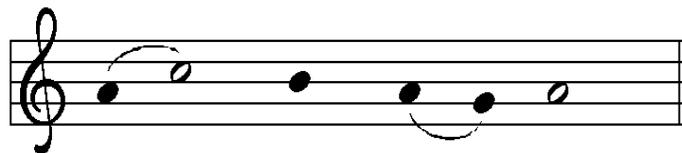
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



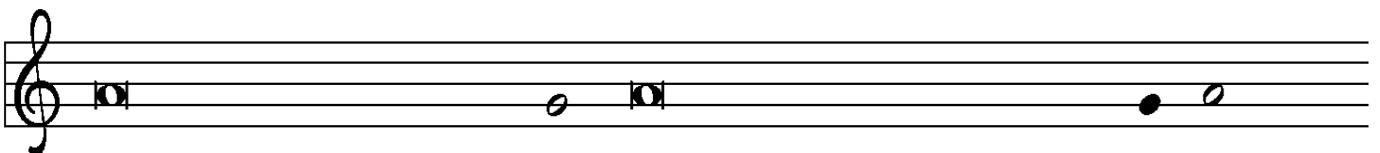
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



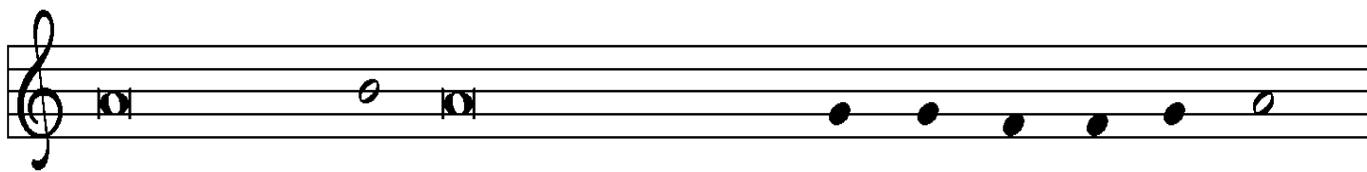
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



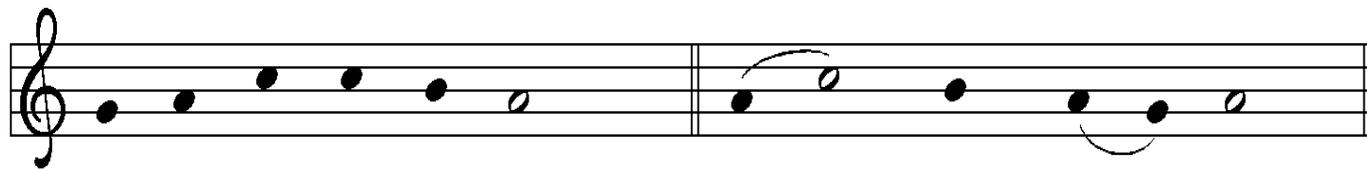
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



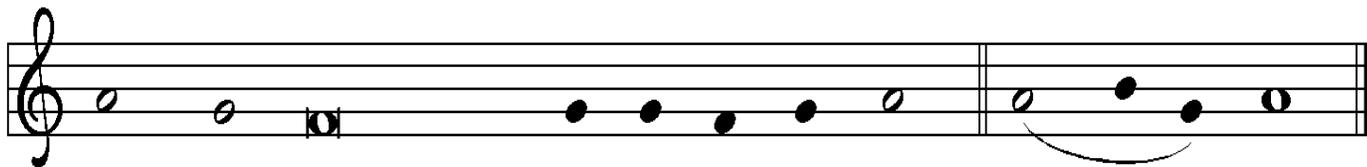
Lord, have mer - cy.



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:

Almighty God, at times we have felt despair. We have felt engulfed by a world of problems in our lives. We have felt tested in our faith and, maybe, weakened by what others would have us do or enticed by the things that may turn us away from you. Yet we know you walk with us, you hurt when we hurt, you feel our stress and our pain. Through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us that you are with us every step of the way. Through his sacrifice may our faith be strengthened by you and in you.

**Amen.**

### **WORD**

## FIRST READING: Daniel 3:1-29

3 King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>3</sup>So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, <sup>4</sup>the herald proclaimed aloud, ‘You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, <sup>5</sup>that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.’ <sup>7</sup>Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

8 Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. <sup>9</sup>They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, ‘O king, live forever! <sup>10</sup>You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, <sup>11</sup>and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. <sup>12</sup>There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.’

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. <sup>14</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said to them, ‘Is it

true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?’

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. <sup>18</sup>But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.’

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace to be heated up seven times more than was customary, <sup>20</sup>and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup>So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>22</sup>Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup>But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counsellors, ‘Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?’ They answered the king, ‘True, O king.’ <sup>25</sup>He replied, ‘But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.’ <sup>26</sup>Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, ‘Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!’ So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup>And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s

counsellors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. <sup>28</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said, ‘Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup>Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.’

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 335)**

# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

# The Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Marcus Dane Collins

## PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

**Sponsors:** I present **Marcus Dane Collins** for baptism.

**Marcus**, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

**I do.**

As you bring **Marcus** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten  
Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Marcus grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Marcus in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Marcus and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

**Marcus Dane Collins**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain **Marcus** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

**Marcus**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **\*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 (*Especially...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, especially Tom Mabry. 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.** Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

# OFFERING

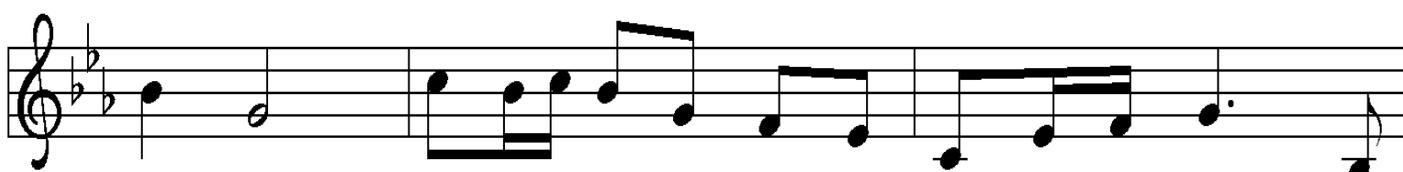
**OFFERTORY (8:30):** Jesus, I Will Ponder Now, *M. Vulpus*

**ANTHEM (11:00):** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, *Richard Billingham*

## 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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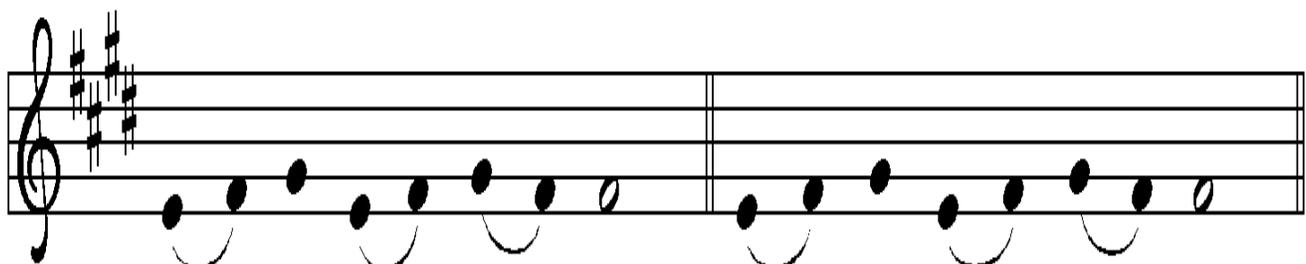
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## \*OFFERING PRAYER

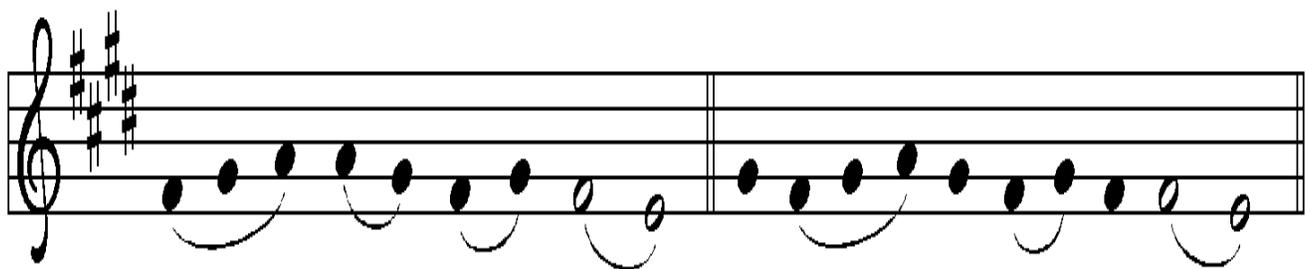
A. Merciful God,  
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving  
and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross,  
we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

### \*DIALOGUE



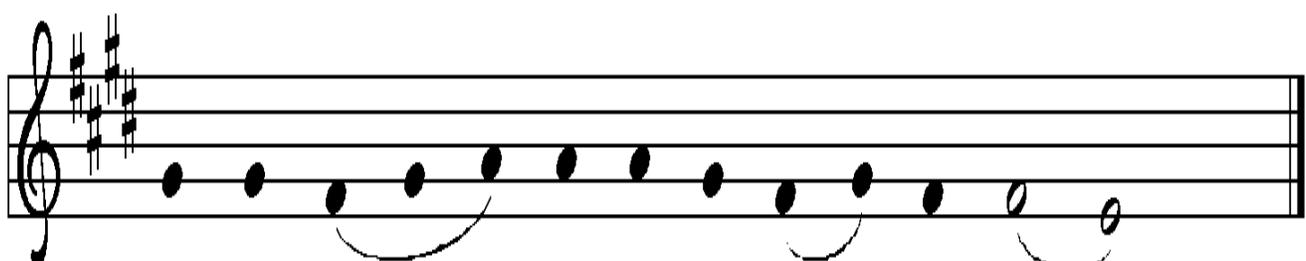
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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

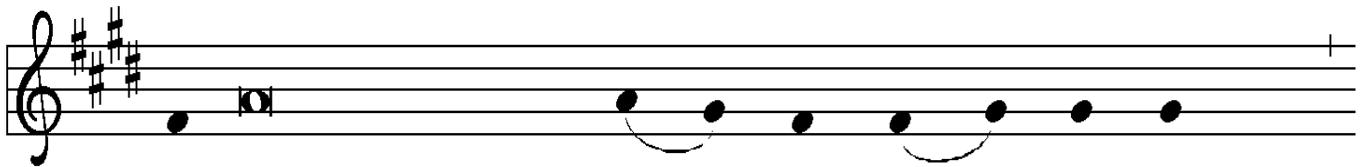


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

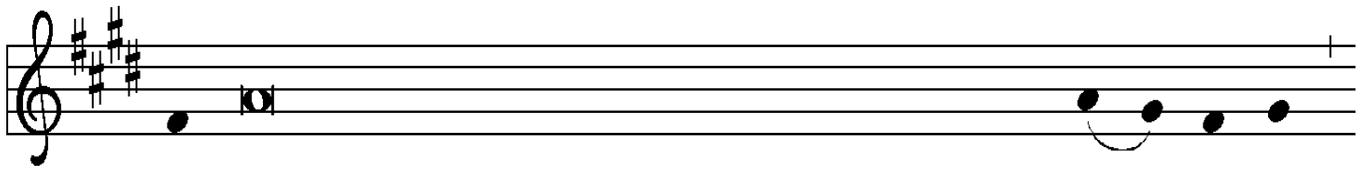


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

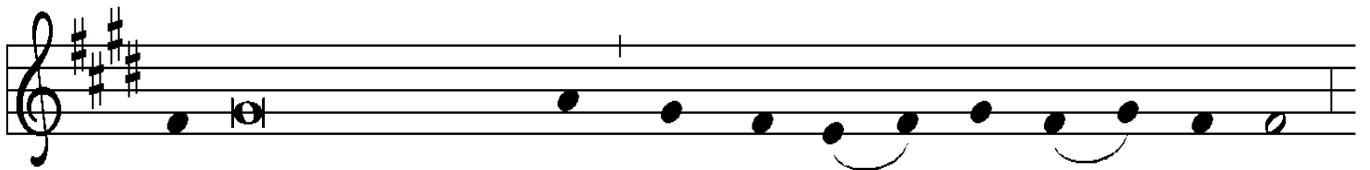
## \*PREFACE



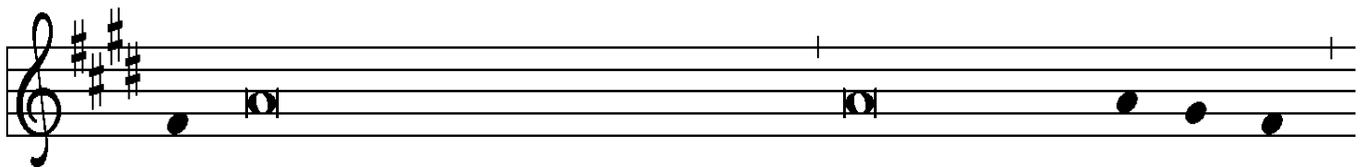
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



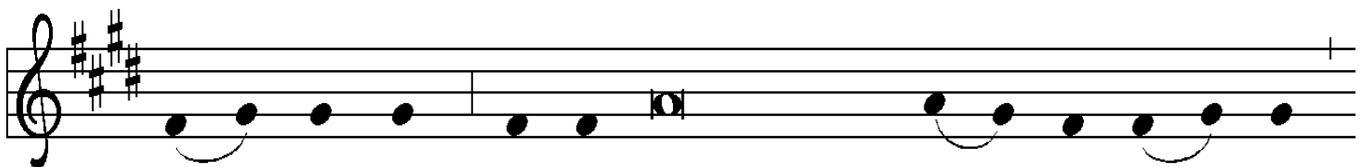
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



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



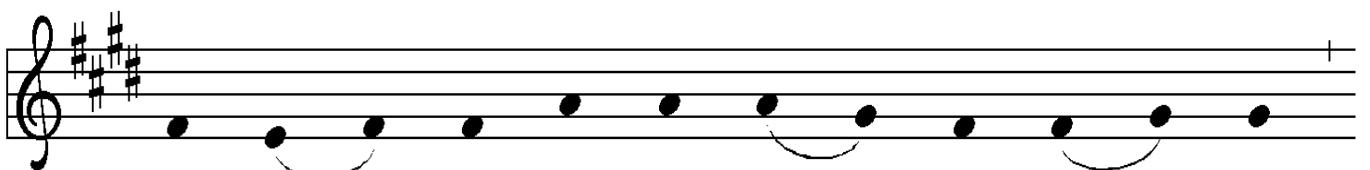
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



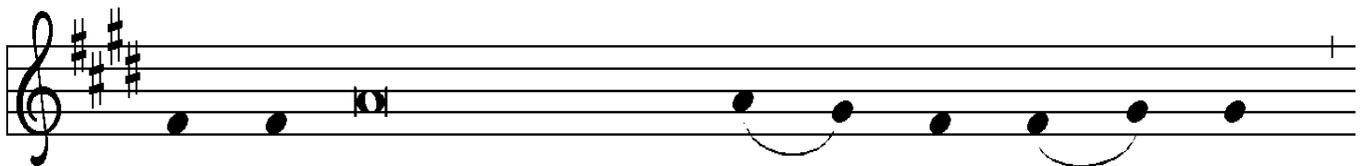
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,



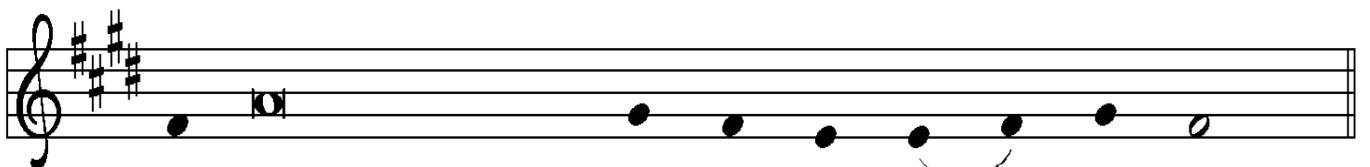
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



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

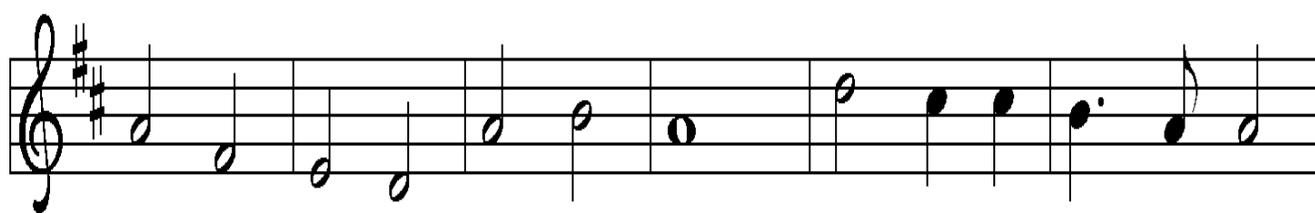


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



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

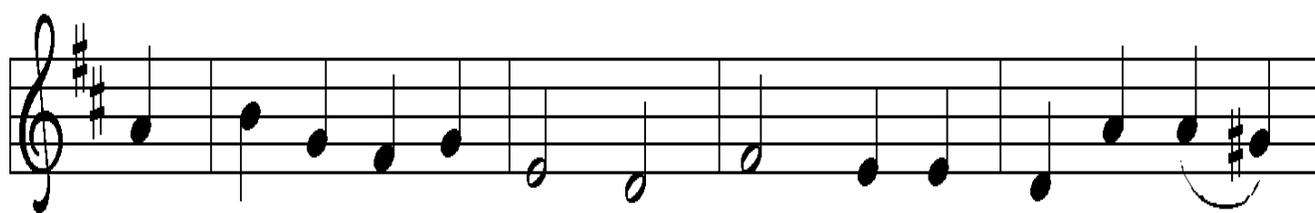
## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

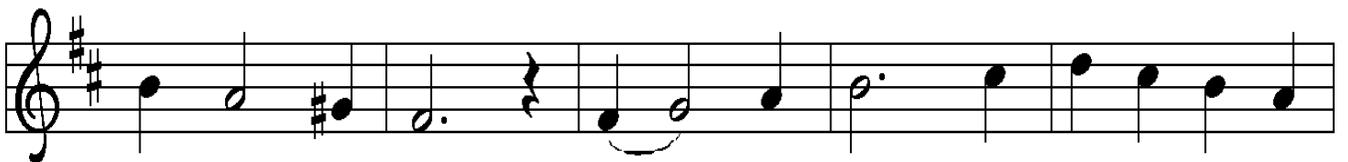
### COMMUNION SONG



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



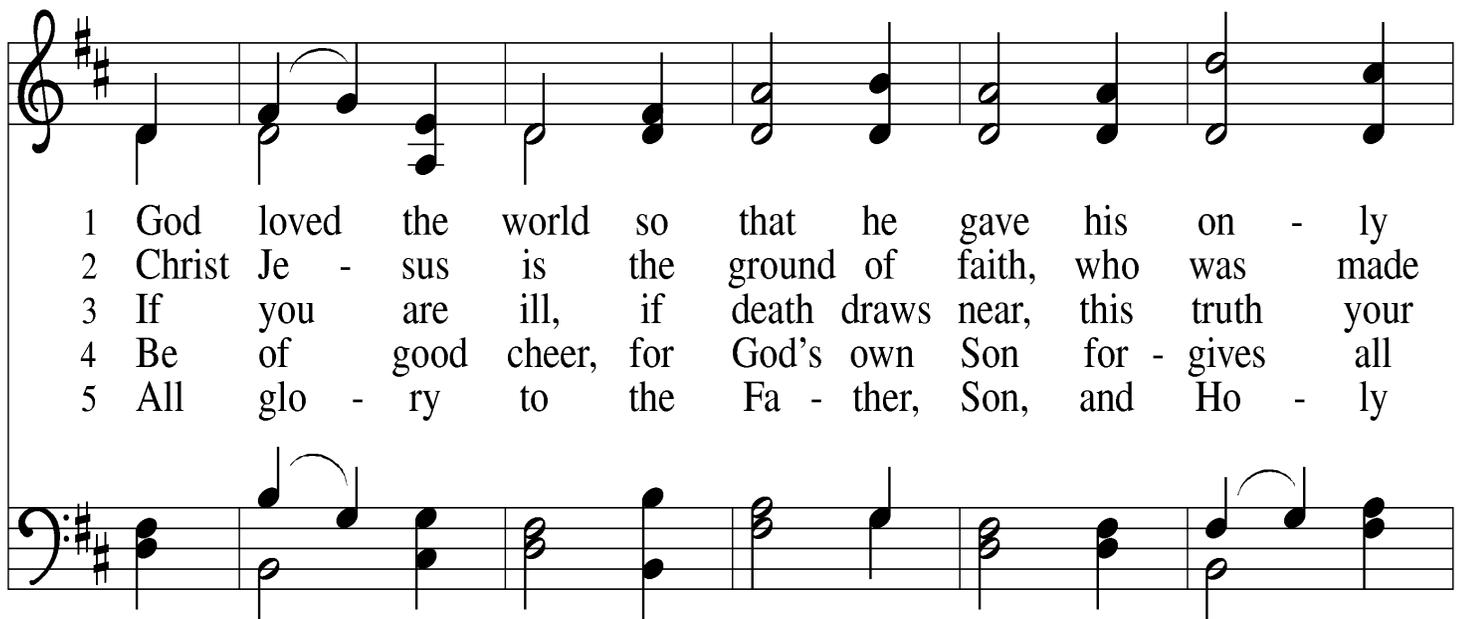
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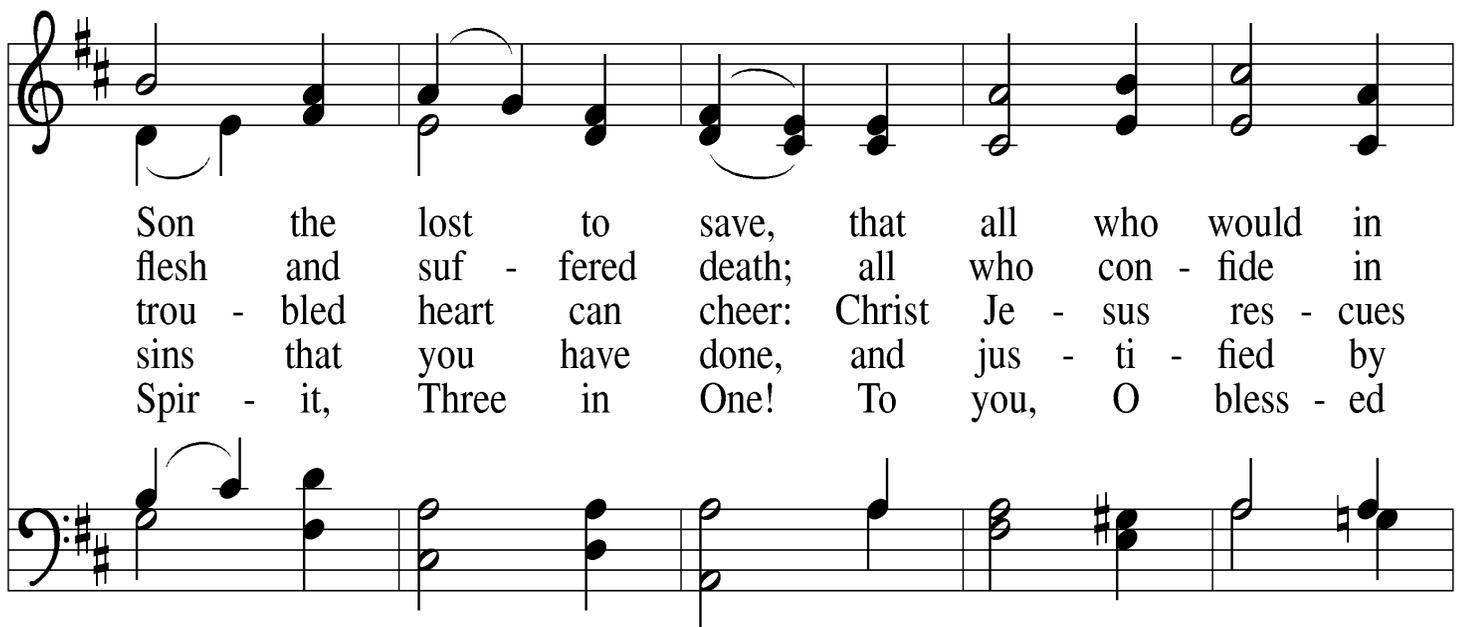
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN (ELW 323)

## God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

**\*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 328)**

## Restore in Us, O God



- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
- 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
- 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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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:** Lamb of God, *T. Paris*

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Larry Brazil	Denise Malloy
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Sid George*	John Ruby*
Marie Greb*	Erica Scarcella
Miriam Keyser*	Dean Toskes
Samantha Kimbler	Sue Treanor
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Family of Tom Mabry*	

\*member of CVLC

Names remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks**. Please contact the Church Office 410.668.8089, or [office@christusvictoronline.org](mailto:office@christusvictoronline.org) to **request a longer listing.**

Homebound Members:

- |                  |                     |                  |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Robert Bryant    | Kay Diggs           | Jean Doty        |
| Gloria Forrester | Betty & Frank Hines | Elizabeth Raines |
| Mildred Taylor   | Linda Walck         | George Warren    |
| Ruby Wilt        |                     |                  |

**Attendance:** 3/11/18: 8:30 – 40; 11:00 - 48

**Count Our Blessings:** 3/11/18 - \$2,374.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Christ Flowers:** None This Week

**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.

**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 [victorstew@gmail.com](mailto:victorstew@gmail.com).

**VICTOR'S VITTLES:**

**March 24** – Teresa Meley, Betty Schumann, Sherry Simpkins (C)

**Driver Pick-up – March 23** – Tom & Ginny McCurdy

**Happy Birthday Wishes:** March 18 – Virginia Mock, Alaina Revels; March 19 – Ruby Wilt, Kay Diggs; March 22 – Barb McCrea; March 24 – Makenna Collins

**Happy Anniversary Wishes:** None this Week

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**

- Mar. 18** – First Holy Communion 11:00 AM/Reception 10:15 AM  
**Mar. 19** – The Good Vibe Tribe Women’s Meeting 6:00 PM  
**Mar. 20** – Pastor – Visitation  
**Mar. 20** – Christus Comforters 9:30 AM  
**Mar. 20** – Worship & Music 7:00 PM  
**Mar. 21** – LMS Pickup  
**Mar. 21** – Coffee, Cake & Commentary 10:00 AM  
**Mar. 21**– Lenten Services 12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM  
**Mar. 22** – Pastor – Office Hours  
**Mar. 23** – Pastor’s Day Off  
**Mar. 23**– New Beginnings 7:00 PM  
**Mar. 24** – Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM  
**Mar. 27** – PCRC 7:00 PM  
**Mar. 29** – Maundy Thursday Services Noon & 7:00 PM  
**Mar. 30** – Good Friday Services Noon & 7:00 PM  
**Apr. 1** – Easter Services 7:00 AM (Sunrise), 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
**Apr. 12** – Lifeline Screening  
**Apr. 28** – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 2:00 – 6:00 PM

### **LifeLine Screening:**

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on **4/12/2018 at Christus Victor Lutheran Church**. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Saturday April 28, 2018:**

**Our 60<sup>th</sup> 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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