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Season of Lent

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Good name in man and woman, dear my lord,
Is the immediate jewel of their souls.
Who steals my purse steals trash.
'Tis something, nothing;
Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands.
But he that filches from me my good name,
Robs me of that which not enriches him,
And makes me poor indeed.
—William Shakespeare

We are made in the image and likeness of God, that we may be the sons of God. But false accusations make us, who are the sons of God, to be the sons of the devil. —Henry Bullinger

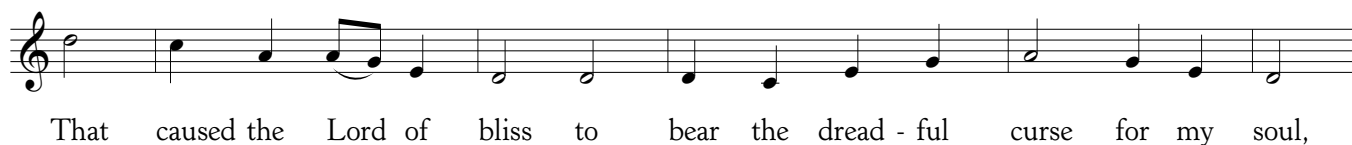
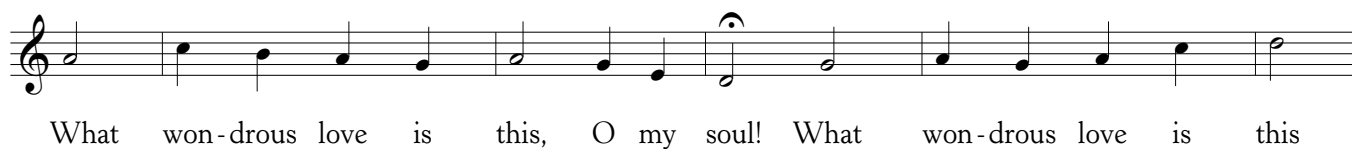
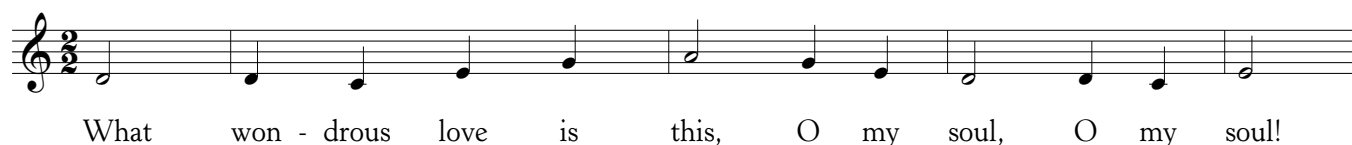
GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—John 14:6

Jesus said... “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Sung Response—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1



Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 25:1-5

Pastor: To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

All: O God, in You we trust.

Reader 1: Let us not be put to shame; let not our enemies exult over us.

Reader 2: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths.

All: Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation.

Pastor: For You we wait all the day long.

Congregational Psalm—O Lord, Teach Me To Follow You (Psalm 27)

O— Lord, teach me to fol - low You, in - struct me in Your way,
Give me not to my foes' de - sire; false wit - ness - es a - rise
Oh! What if I had not be - lieved! I am by faith as - sured
With pa - tience wait up - on the Lord, O let your strength be great;


And lead me on a le - vel path be - cause of foes, I pray!
A - gainst me breath - ing vi - o - lence and seek - ing my de - mise.
That in the land of life I'll see the good - ness of the Lord.
And so let cour - age fill your heart as on the Lord you wait.

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Text: Psalm 27:11-14; Music: LOUISE, Robert M. Copland, 1972.


GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—Lord, Hear My Voice (Psalm 61)




Lord, hear my voice, my prayer at - tend, from earth's re - mot - est bound I send
In You my soul has shel - ter found, and You have been from foes a - round
For You, O Lord, my vows have heard, on me their her - i - tage con - ferred,
Be - fore the Lord shall he a - bide; oh, give him truth, and grace pro - vide



My bro - ken heart - ed cry. When trou - bles fill my faint - ing breast,
The tow'r of my de - fense. My home shall your pa - vil - ion be;
That fear Your ho - ly name. Long life You to Your ser - vant give,
To guard him in the way. So I Your prais - es will make known,

Vs. 1 & 2, then Chorus



Then lead me on the rock to rest, the rock high - er than I.
And un - der - neath Your wings I'll flee, to find de - liv - er - ance.
Through gen - er - a - tions he shall live, from age to age the same.
And hum - bly bend - ing at Your throne, my vows will dai - ly pay.

Chorus



When trou - bles fill my faint - ing breast, then lead me on



The rock to rest, the rock high - er than I.

Text: Psalm 61:1-8, *The Psalter with Music*, 1900, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2022;
Music: TRAVELLER, Henry C. Haffner, 2022.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 15:1-5

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Psalm—Blest Be The Lord, My Rock, My Might (Psalm 144)



Blest be the Lord, my rock, my might, who trains my fin - gers for the fight
Lord, bow Your heav'ns, in might de - scend, come touch the hills the moun - tains rend
O You to whom in trust I flee, stretch forth your hand and res - cue me
Now I will sing a glad new song, Your praise, O God, I will pro - long



My shield, my righ - teous - ness, — My shield, my righ - teous - ness. —
And they shall smoke and flame, — And they shall smoke and flame. —
From all the for - eign throng, From all the for - eign throng. —
For You have heard my prayer, For You have heard my prayer. —



My strong high tow'r, my Sa - vior true, who keeps my en - e - mies sub - dued
As ar - rows send Your light - ning out, to put Your en - e - mies to - rout
Their mouths are false for lies they speak, their hands of strength a - gainst the weak,
You give the vic - to - ry to kings, Your own You keep with shel - t'ring wings



My shel - ter in dis - tress, — My shel - ter in dis - tress.
And fill Your foes with shame, — And fill Your foes with shame.
Are filled with craft and wrong, — Are filled with craft and wrong.
From cru - el sword and snare, — From cru - el sword and snare.

Text: Psalm 144:1-2, 5-10, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;

Music: POLK COUNTY, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

Reading of the Word—from Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain... Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100), Vs. 4

Be - cause the Lord our God is good, His mer-cy is for ev - er sure;

His truth at all times firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Text: from Psalm 100:5, William Kethe, 1561; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Sermon—*The 9th Commandment: Truth for Life*

—Assistant Pastor, James Crampton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Isaiah 55:8; Exodus 20:1-17

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We acknowledge that our thoughts are not Your thoughts, neither are our ways Your ways. You spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

All: **“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”**

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart. Lord, have mercy.

All: **“Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. “**

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart and drives us to Christ. Lord, have mercy.

All: **“You shall not bear false witness. You shall not covet.”**

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart and drives us to Christ. Lord, have mercy upon us, for we are foolish, poor, and rebellious sinners in need of Your grace, Your favor, and Your love.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Lamb Of God

UNISON

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

Slightly faster WOMEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 6:4-6; Mark 12:30

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

Sung Response—Twofold Amen

A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18th Century.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God: the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

UNISON



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN



We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

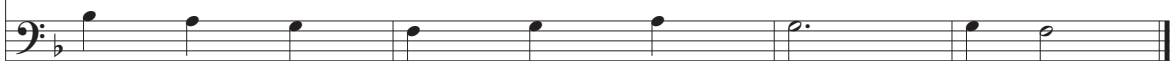
MEN



We praise You, we bless— You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Psalm—O Lord My God (Psalm 43)



O Lord my God, prove and de - fend my cause; save me from the lies of god - less men.
 Why, O_ my God, have You re - jec - ted me? Should I mourn be - cause my foes op - press?
 Then I_ will go un - to_ my God with joy. I_ will praise You once a - gain O_ God.



Res - cue me, O God; rise_ and_ save! You are my God; in_ You I_ take my com - fort and re - fuge.
 Send_ forth Your light! Send forth truth! Let them now lead, and bring me un - to Your ho - ly dwell - ing.
 Why are you cast down O_ my_ soul? "Hope in your God!" For I_ will praise my God and sal - va - tion.



A - - - men.

Text: based on Psalm 43:1-5, Nathan George, 2015; Music: Nathan George, 2015.

Congregational Hymn—Speak, O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness,
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty.
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



That the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the Earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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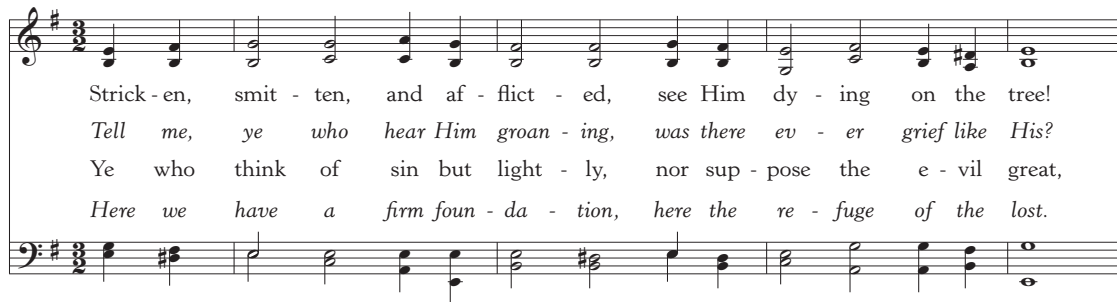
GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

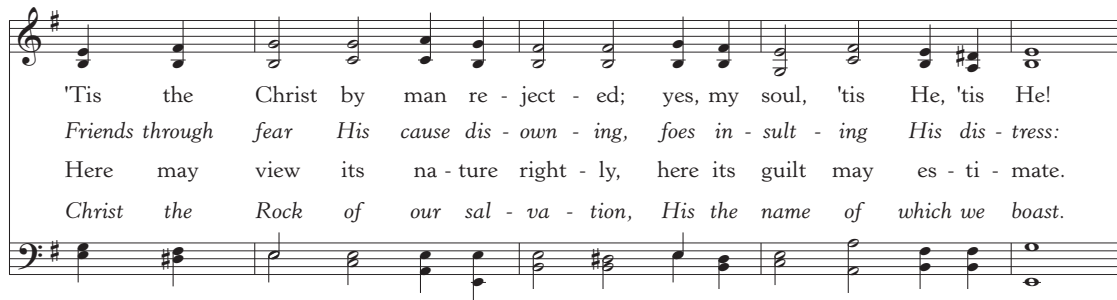
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

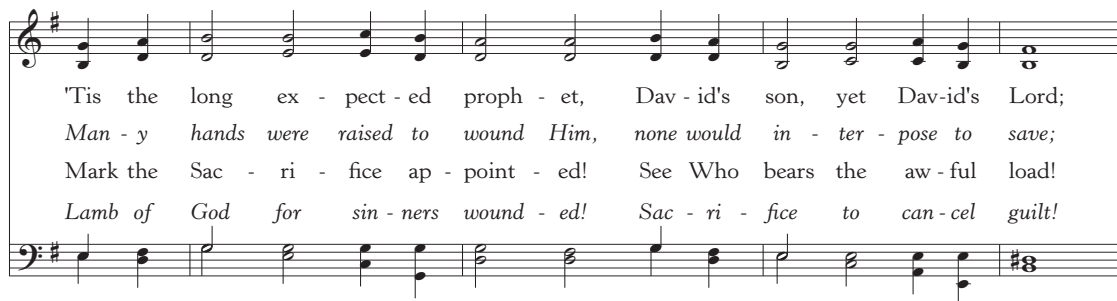
Congregational Hymn—Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted



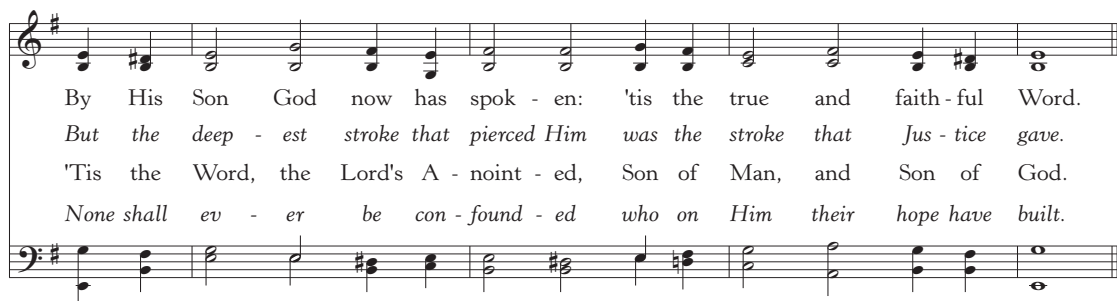
Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see Him dy - ing on the tree!
Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like His?
Ye who think of sin but light - ly, nor sup - pose the e - vil great,
Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the re - fuge of the lost.



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing His dis - tress:
Here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
Christ the Rock of our sal - va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long ex - pect - ed proph - et, Dav - id's son, yet Dav - id's Lord;
Man - y hands were raised to wound Him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
Mark the Sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed! See Who bears the aw - ful load!
Lamb of God for sin - ners wound - ed! Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



By His Son God now has spok - en: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
But the deep - est stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
'Tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man, and Son of God.
None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1804; Music: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN,
Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,



Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: attr. St. Patrick, 5th Century, tr. C. F. Alexander, 1889; Music: CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Richard Terry, *The Westminster Hymnal*, 1912.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

While the Pharisees were accusing Him of giving false testimony (John 8:13), Jesus told His own followers, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32). This morning’s service is built around this contrast between truth and lies. We ask the Lord to “lead us in Your truth” (the Call to Worship from Psalm 25), and not to give us over to our foes because “false witnesses arise against [us]” (*O Lord, Teach Me To Follow You—Psalm 27*). We ask Him to “give us truth” (*Lord, Hear My Voice—Psalm 61*), since only the one who “speaks truth in his heart” (Psalm 15:2) can dwell on His holy hill. We look for protection from those whose “mouths are false, for lies they speak” (*Blest Be The Lord, My Rock, My Might—Psalm 144*), crying out “save me from the lies of godless men” (*O Lord, My God—Psalm 43*). We ask for God to plant His truth deep within us, and we look forward to the day when “truth [will] prevail over unbelief” and “truths ... will echo down through eternity” (*Speak, O Lord*). We go out secure in the knowledge that our “firm foundation” is Christ Himself, the “true and faithful Word” (*Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted*), praying that this true Word, “the way, the truth, and the life,” would be found on the lips of “friend and stranger” (*Christ Be With Me*). —Henry C. Haffner

Keystone Verse: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16)



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