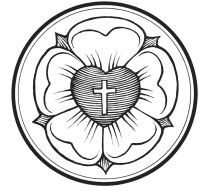


**CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**DIVINE SERVICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
**MARCH 5, 2025**



✠ **SERVICE OF THE ASHES** ✠

*Stand*

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**ASH WEDNESDAY ADDRESS**

- 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 Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

*Kneel. If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.*

*Silence for reflection.*

**LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

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|--|--|
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> hear us.                              |
| <b>P</b> God the Father in heaven,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>P</b> God the Son, Redeemer of the world,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>P</b> God the Holy Spirit,  | <b>C</b> have mercy.                           |
| <b>P</b> Be gracious to us.  | <b>C</b> Spare us, good Lord.                  |
| <b>P</b> Be gracious to us.  | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.                   |
| <b>P</b> 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: | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.                   |
| <b>P</b> In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:  | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.                   |
| <b>P</b> We poor sinners implore You   | <b>C</b> to hear us, O Lord.                   |
| <b>P</b> 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:   | <b>C</b> 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 our need of 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 to graciously 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.**

#### **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**P** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

#### **BLESSING OF THE ASHES**

**P** Dear friends in Christ, I invite you to receive these ashes as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father, You create us from the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by Your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*Those who wish to be marked with ashes as a sign of penitence and a symbol of human mortality will come to the steps of the chancel, as they are ushered to do so.*



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -  
 dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode  
 Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to  
 pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
 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 a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

*After those who desire to receive ashes have returned to their pews, all will kneel and receive the declaration of grace.*

**DECLARATION OF GRACE**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

*Stand*

**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12–19

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. The LORD answered and said to his people “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51:1–13

(sung as indicated)



- I** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love; \* according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
- C** Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity, \* and cleanse me | from my sin!
- I** For I know my trans- | gressions, \* and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
- C** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,\* so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.
- I** Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity, \* and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
- C** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being, \* and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
- I** Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; \* wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
- C** Let me hear joy and | gladness; \* let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.
- I** Hide your face | from my sins, \* and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- C** Create in me a clean heart, | O God, \* and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- I** Cast me not away from your | presence, \* and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
- C** Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation, \* and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
- I** Then I will teach transgressors | your ways, \* and sinners will re- | turn to you.

## EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE FOR LENT



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter:



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you....

"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

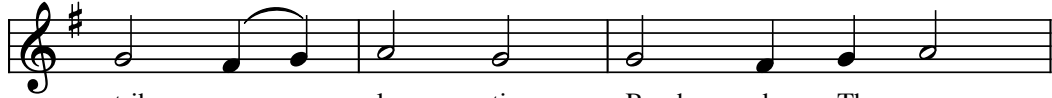
Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee



1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and  
 2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out  
 3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in  
 4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the  
 5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra -  
 my trans - gres - sion; The best and hol -  
 mine own mer - it; It rests up - on  
 morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev -  
 bund - dant fav - or; His hand of mer -



cious ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 iest deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.  
 His faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it  
 er doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.  
 cy nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev' - ry sin, Who then could heav -  
 Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear  
 That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com -  
 O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir -  
 Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last



en ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?  
 Thy strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.  
 fort and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.  
 it and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.  
 His Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - ow.

SERMON

Stand

**NICENE CREED**

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

*Worshippers may leave offerings in the plates near the sanctuary doors.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

*Jesus, Refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above,  
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended,  
Gaze upon the sinners fall!  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
Thou didst bear the pain of all.*

*Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for Thee!  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To Thy Cross of agony  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the Cross, the Crucified!*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠


### PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.




**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

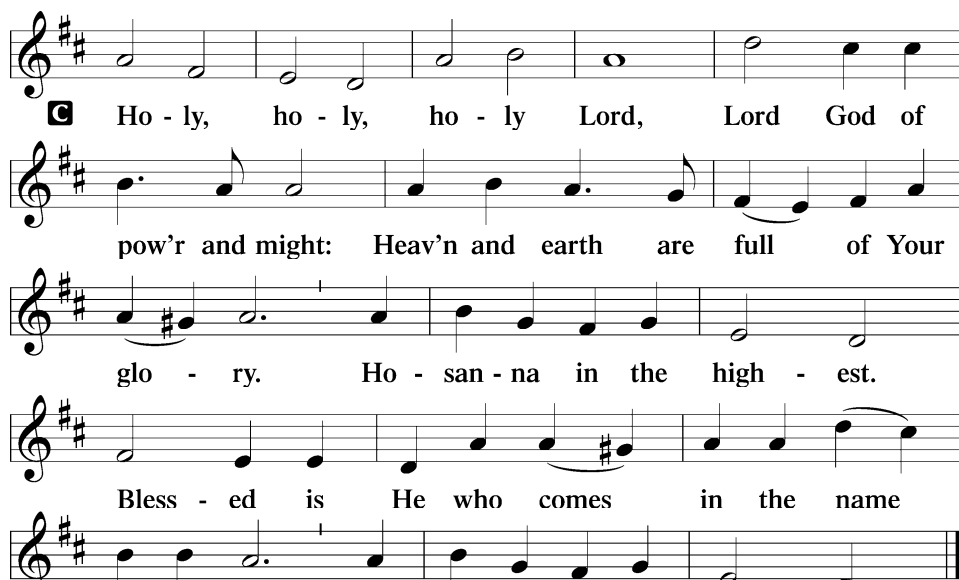


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



**C** 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.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



**THE WORDS OF THE LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

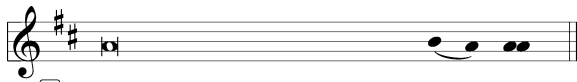
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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.

**PAX DOMINI**



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



**C** A - men.

**AGNUS DEI**

*(sung by cantors)*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

Carl Schalk

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Follow the instructions of the ushers to approach the communion rail.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

610



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.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

Baptismal Waters Cover Me

616



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -  
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y  
 3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing  
 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd  
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy  
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him  
 to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can  
 speak, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now  
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
 all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
 form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.  
 stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
 strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

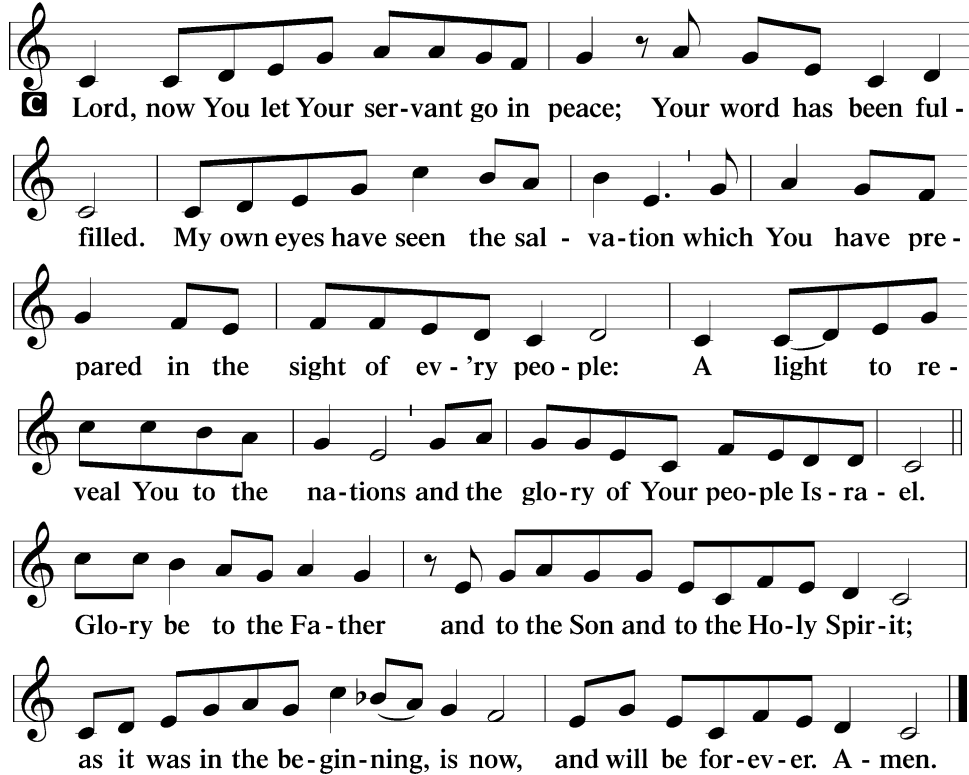
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**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

**NUNC DIMITTIS**



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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