

## Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

### Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

*We stand* OPENING HYMN

#512

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

*vv1-4*

#### ✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

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

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.*

O God, our heavenly Father, **we confess that we have grievously sinned against you in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which we cannot fully understand, but which are known to you. We repent and are sorry for our offenses, and we ask of your great goodness to have mercy upon us, for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive our sins, and graciously to help our infirmities. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on you, and has given his only son to die for you, and for his sake ✠ forgives you all your sins. To all who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on you his Holy Spirit. On the other hand, I declare to the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God has not forgiven your sins, and will surely visit your iniquities upon you if you do not turn from your sinful ways and come to repentance and faith in Christ before the day of grace is ended.<sup>1</sup> **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> Reclaim: Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home, Introductory Edition (Minneapolis: Bronze Bow Publishing, 2006)

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

LITANY *Kyrie Eleison* Lord, Have Mercy 5PM Spoken *2 Corinthians 13:13*



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



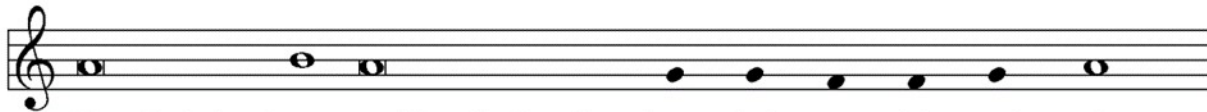
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## WORD

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:14-15

*The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

*We sit* FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup> But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup> He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 27

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

<sup>4</sup>**and though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.**

<sup>5</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

<sup>6</sup>**to behold the fair beauty of the LORD  
and to seek him in his temple.**

<sup>7</sup>For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>8</sup>**Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>**Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.**

<sup>11</sup>You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

<sup>12</sup>**Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

<sup>13</sup>You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

<sup>14</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will sustain me.**

<sup>15</sup>Show me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

<sup>16</sup>**Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**

<sup>17</sup>What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!

<sup>18</sup>**Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your  
heart; wait patiently for the LORD.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17--4:1

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*We stand.* GOSPEL VERSE:

“Let Your Steadfast Love”

9AM ONLY P189



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 13:31-35

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*We sit.* SERMON

*Rev Jared Stillions, STS*

*Christ Our Rock*  
**Rock of Ages**

*We stand.* PROFESSION OF FAITH          Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

\*means whole, entire Christian

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to our Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*A brief silence*

Lord Jesus, thank you for gathering your people beneath your wings. Your mercy covers our sins – and gives us courage to repent. Let us always remember your sacrifice, walk in the pathway you set before us, and stand firm in you, our Savior, Redeemer, and God.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Purify and transform your Church. Make it your lamp, shining in this sin-darkened world. Draw it close to you, so that through it, many who are afar off may also be drawn close to you, their light and their life.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We plead for all who suffer because they name you as Lord. Hide them in the shadow of your wings. Transform their humiliation into your glory. By their patience in suffering, cause their tormentors to repent of their evil deeds.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation with your dear presence. Make us mirror your humble, self-giving love to everyone we encounter. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies and for all who hate you. We pray for the wicked, the spiteful, the violent, the remorseless, and the cruel. Deliver them from the Evil One. Forgive their sins. Give them grace to repent. Heal their spirits, clear their minds, and transform their hearts into thrones worthy of you.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Through our Baptism, we have been made citizens of your heavenly Kingdom, but we still live in this world. Therefore, we pray for our earthly leaders; for all who wield power and authority; and for all who stand in harm's way in defense of life and liberty. Give them wisdom, integrity, humility, a hunger for justice, and a thirst for mercy. And bestow your heavenly peace upon us all.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Savior, gather the sick, sorrowing, suffering, and dying beneath your holy wings. Today we lift before you: {List}. Grant them shelter, healing, and hope. Bestow upon them your strong saving love. Strengthen and encourage everyone who cares for them.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Most holy Jesus, we entrust to you our faithful departed, and all the innocent victims of violence and injustice – especially your precious little ones whose lives were snuffed out before birth. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Shelter them all with your never-failing love. Comfort all who mourn with your never-failing compassion. Guide all who still walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Bring all whom you have redeemed through your passion, death, and resurrection, into your Kingdom, where with your Father and the Holy Spirit, you reign in never-failing joy, peace and love.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us, gracious Father, for the sake of your well-beloved Son, who intercedes for us before your throne of mercy. **Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

*We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."*

OFFERTORY SONG *Giving back to God*



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*We stand #186*

“Create in Me”



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of

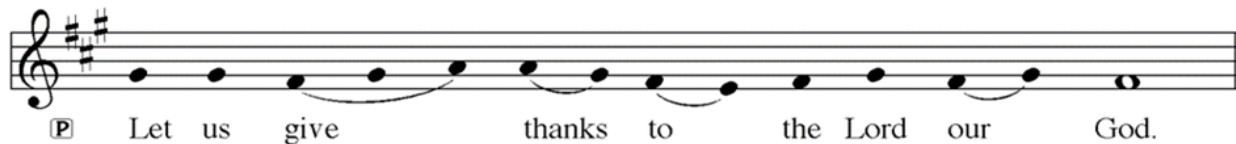


your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**





It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

5PM SPOKEN



#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy...

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

All honor and glory are yours...now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

We sit. INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The mystery of the faith. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.*

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

*Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"

John 1:29

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.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER  
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

“Lord Now You Let Your Servant

9AM ONLY *Luke 2:19-32*



☩ 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 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

Let us pray... Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#327

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

*vv1-4*

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"  
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**Looking for an Usher** for Thursday, Apr 17, Maundy Thursday, Friday, Apr 18 Good Friday (12:15 pm & 7:00 pm). I could also use PowerPoint helpers the same days. Please let Kari know if you can help out. Thank you in advance!

**What an awesome church family we have!** Men in Mission, LYO & LYO Parents as well as the other volunteers your help was greatly appreciated by the Women in Mission. Thank you for making the Pancake & Sausage meal another great success this year!

**Wednesday, Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Service: 6:00 pm Potluck Meal and 7:00 pm Service

**Sunday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** No Youth Christian Learning

**Mar 9-Apr 13** Taking Lily Donations for Easter. Please use the white/green envelopes and designate "Lily Donation" (\$12 ea. lily donation)

**YTD (Feb 2025)** Revenue \$47,181.48; EXPENSES \$36,561.60;  
DIFFERENCE +/- +\$14,380.41

**Openings for:**

**Radio:** Apr 20, May 11, 18, 25; June 16, 8, 22, 29; July 6, 13; Aug 10, 17, 24, 31; Sept 7, 14, 21; Oct 5, 19, 26; Nov 2, 16, 23, 30; Dec 7, 14, 28

**Flowers:** Apr 27; June 1, 8, 15, 22; July 6, 13, 20; Aug 10, 17, 31; Sept 7, 14, 28; Oct 5, 19, 26; Nov 9, 16; Dec 7, 14

**Attendance:**

**Ash Wednesday:** 12:15 pm 29/7PM 72

**Sunday, Mar 9:** 9AM 78/5PM 6

**Sunday, Mar 23 Third Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35

### **Serving This Weekend March 16**

**Sunday AM:** *Assisting* Darlene Stacy

*Communion Set Up:* Linda Smith

*Communion Clean Up:* Barbara Grindeland

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

*Ushers:* Gary Teltschik, Michael Sandelovic, Reagan McAda & Rusty Wallace

*Acolytes:* Caroline Duty and Allie Kocian

*Power Point Sunday:* Sophie Teltschik

*Altar Flowers given by* Warren & Barb Grindeland for gratefulness for family & friends and all God's Blessings

*Radio Ministry given by* Linda Smith in memory of James Smith

**Sunday PM:** *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

*Communion Clean Up:* Daniel Drozd

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

### **This Week @ St. Peter**

**Sun** Mar 16, 9:00 am Worship, 10:00 am Coffee Time,

10:30 am All Ages Christian Learning, 3:00 pm Nursing Home Service,

5:00 pm Worship

**Mon** Mar 17, 1:00 pm Quilting, 6:00 pm Men & Women in Mission Meeting

**Tues** Mar 18, 5:00 pm Benevolence Meeting, 7:00 pm Prayer

**Wed** Mar 19, 6:00 pm Potluck Meal, 7:00 pm Lenten Service

**Thu** Mar 20, 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

**Sat** Mar 22, FH Rental

**Sun** Mar 23, 9:00 am Worship, 10:00 am Coffee Time,

10:30 am Adult only Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship

### **Serving Next Weekend Mar 23**

**Sunday AM:** *Assisting* Sophie Teltschik

*Communion Set Up:* Linda Smith

*Communion Clean Up:* Barbara Grindeland

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

*Ushers:* Gary Teltschik, Michael Sandelovic, Reagan McAda & Rusty Wallace

*Acolytes:* Emilie Hotz & John Stillions

*Power Point Sunday:* Judy Drozd

*Altar Flowers given by* Leonard & Carol Hollas in celebration of our Wedding Anniversary

*Radio Ministry given by* Kay Rother in memory of Steve Rother & Edwin Rother

**Sunday PM:** *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

*Communion Clean Up:* Daniel Drozd

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

**Our Prayer List:** *Requests listed 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

Favorable rain, Michelle Greenwell, Lauren Jarvis, Ruth Goranson, Michelle Goranson, Ronnie Hornisher, Jeanette Litzmann, James Kubecka, Joseph Williams, Bella, Alfred Sralik, Sammy Vera, Leonard J. Phillips, Norma Garcia, Marsha Nolte, John Berndt, Rob & Bonita Yarborough, Tristen Horton

**Extended concerns:** *Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.*

Kim Fowlkes, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett, Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Misty Fletcher Remmers, Cody Rice Jr, William Lane, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

**Other Concerns:** first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*); San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Trump, our country

**Grieving Families of:** Dennis Matula, James Bruton, Doris Krueger, Pr. Michael Gabby, Pr. Ron Warren, James McCord, Peggy Kostelnik, Howard Loewe, Don Tarver, Dean Loewe, Dowlen Adee, Larry Stillions

**SAVE THE DATES IN APRIL:**

Wednesday, Apr 2, 6:00 pm potluck meal and 7:00 pm Lenten Service

Thursday, Apr 3 Noon Women's Bible Study Noon

Wednesday, Apr 9, 6:00 pm meal and 7:00 pm Lenten Service

Sunday, Apr 13, 3:00 pm Community Palm Sunday (*Park Pavillion*)

Sunday, Apr 13 Last Day to Order Easter Lilies

Thursday, Apr 17, 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday (*first communion*)

Friday, Apr 18, 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, Apr 19, 8:00 am-11:30 am Women in Mission Easter Bake Sale (*Fellowship Hall*)

Saturday, Apr 19, 7:00 pm Easter Vigil (*Service of the Light*)

Sunday, Apr 20, 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service, 9:00 am Easter Service, 10:15 Easter Egg Hunt for 0-4<sup>th</sup> Graders, No 5PM Service

**ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) *O Day of Rest and Gladness* (ELW 521)**

Text by Christopher Wordsworth; Musi by X.L. Hartig

1 O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
to the great God triune.

2 On you, at earth's creation,  
the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious  
the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
and thus on you, most glorious,  
a threefold light was giv'n.

3 Today on weary nations  
the heav'nly manna falls;  
to holy convocations  
the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing  
with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing  
with soul-refreshing streams.

4 New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises  
to you, blest Three in One.

**Hymn of the Day (ELW) *Blessing and Honor* (ELW 854)**

Text by Horatius Bonar; Music by Matthias Keller

**1 Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,  
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,  
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,  
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;  
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!**

**2 Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;  
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.**

**3 Ever ascending the song and the joy,  
ever descending the love from on high;  
blessing and honor and glory and praise--  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.**

**4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,  
dying in weakness and rising to reign;  
dying in weakness and rising to reign!**



**Closing Hymn (ELW) *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* (ELW 327)**

Text by Sabine Baring Gould; Music by Richard W. Hillert

**1** Through the night of doubt and sorrow,  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim  
stepping fearless through the night.

**2** One the light of God's own presence  
on the ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
bright'ning all the path we tread.  
One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires.

**3** One the strain that lips of thousands  
lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril,  
one the march in God begun.  
One the gladness of rejoicing  
on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father  
reigns in love forevermore.

**4** Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;  
onward, with the cross our aid.  
Bear its shame, and fight its battle  
till we rest beneath its shade.  
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;  
soon the rending of the tomb!  
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,  
and the end of toil and gloom.