

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday February 28, 2021**

# Holy Eucharist

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## Liturgy of the Word

Opening Meditation

Cn. Jeffrey H. Rickard, organ

Welcome

Fr. Paul

Penitential Order

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*People* Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Decalogue

*Officiant*  
Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

*People*  
You shall have no other gods but me. A - men. Lord have mer - - cy.

*Officiant*  
You shall not make for yourself any idol. A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

*Officiant*  
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People*  
A - men. Lord have mer - - cy.

*Officiant* *People*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

*Officiant* *People*

Honor your father and your mother. A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

*Officiant* *People*

You shall not commit murder. A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

*Officiant* *People*

You shall not commit adultery. A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

*Officiant* *People*

You shall not steal. A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

*Officiant* *People*

You shall not be a false witness. A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

*Officiant* *People*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

*Cantor* *Congregation*

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* *Congregation*

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* *Congregation*

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

*The Celebrant says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

### Psalm 22:22-30

*Deus, Deus meus*

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*

Hymnal 675



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save

it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

**Fr. Paul**

### **Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

We believe in one God,  
    the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
    the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

*All remain standing.*

Give praise all you who fear the Lord; proclaim God's greatness! With thankful hearts, let us pray, O Righteous God,

***Increase our faith.***

Lord Jesus, you invite us to follow you; give your Church the courage and will to risk any and everything for the sake of the gospel. May we be bold in witness and resolute in discipleship. O Righteous God,

***Increase our faith.***

God the King, you rule over the nations; hear the cries of those living in poverty. Give the leaders of nations a heart for the poor. O Righteous God,

***Increase our faith.***

God of Sarah, you bring life out of barren places; renew the creation. Forgive us for our misuse and neglects of your gifts. Help us to live as good stewards. O Righteous God,

***Increase our faith.***

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy; be gracious to the Church in this city. Strengthen your parishes as we make our Lenten journey. May we faithfully make known your saving deeds. O Righteous God,

***Increase our faith.***

Gracious Lord, you hide not your face from those in need; we trust in your faithfulness. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress exhausted. O Righteous God,

***Increase our faith.***

Everliving God, you give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist; hoping against hope, we trust in your eternal promises and look for the day of resurrection. O Righteous God,

***Increase our faith.***

Holy God, give grace and wisdom to the Episcopal Church and its leadership, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop John, our Suffragan Bishop Diane; for our church and its leadership—our clergy, our wardens and vestry. O Righteous God,

***Increase our faith.***

*A Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality*

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Oppressed*

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All remain standing.*

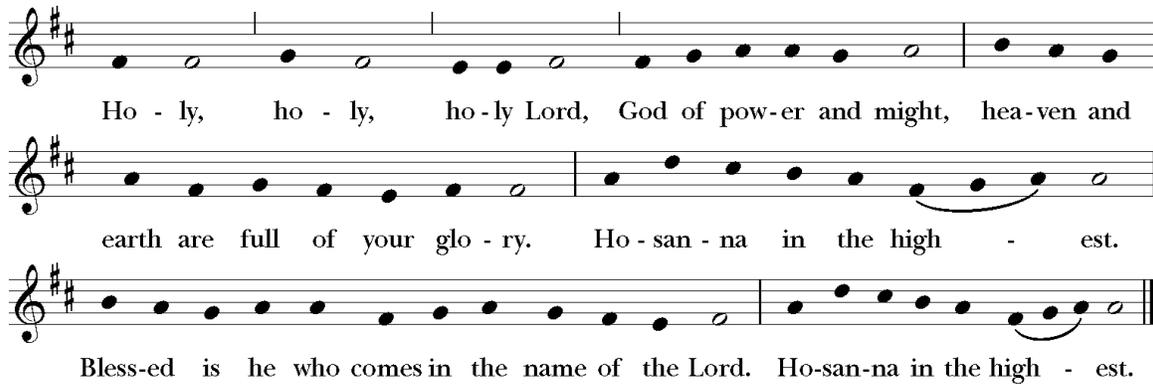
Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Peace**

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

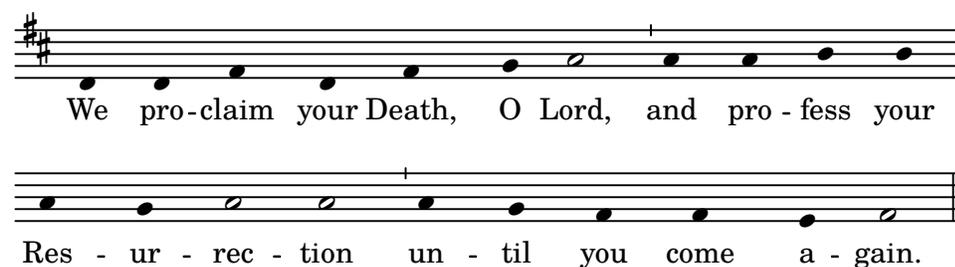
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People together sing*



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Margaret of Cortona, Polycarp, St. Matthias, Photini, George Herbert, all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*The Celebrant then continues*

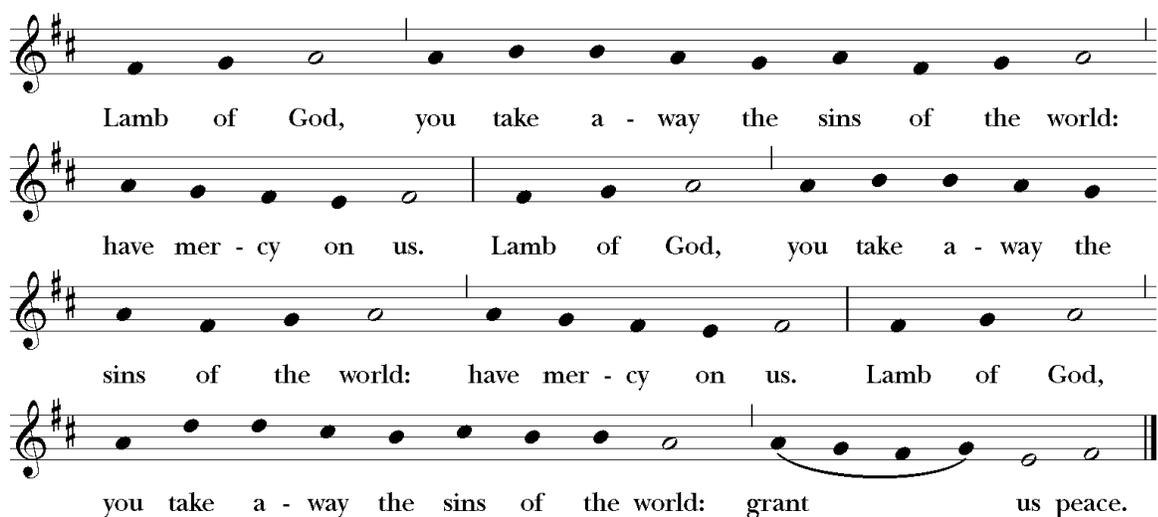
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Communion Voluntary

Diane Jennings, soprano

### *Courage, My Heart*

Attr. To Georg Böhm, 1661-1733  
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Courage, my heart, the love of God embracing.  
 Jesus will never leave my soul forsaking.  
 Though to a cross my way should lead.

When in your pain for help your heart is sighing,  
 Yet wait in peace: when you are faint and dying,  
 Jesus shall then be at your side,  
 For Christ shall then be at your side.

*Author unknown  
 para. K. Lee Scott*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Lord God and Father of all,  
we have come to you in sorrow for our sins  
and you have assured us of your forgiveness.  
You have comforted our hearts in love  
and given us the joy of salvation.  
We give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
through the body and blood of our Lord.  
Now, as you send us out to live to your praise and glory,  
may our whole lives resound with the love of your Son  
who gave himself up for our sake,  
that we may live no longer to sin,  
but be alive to you in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
who reigns for ever and ever. Amen..

### **Blessing**

Bow down before the Lord.

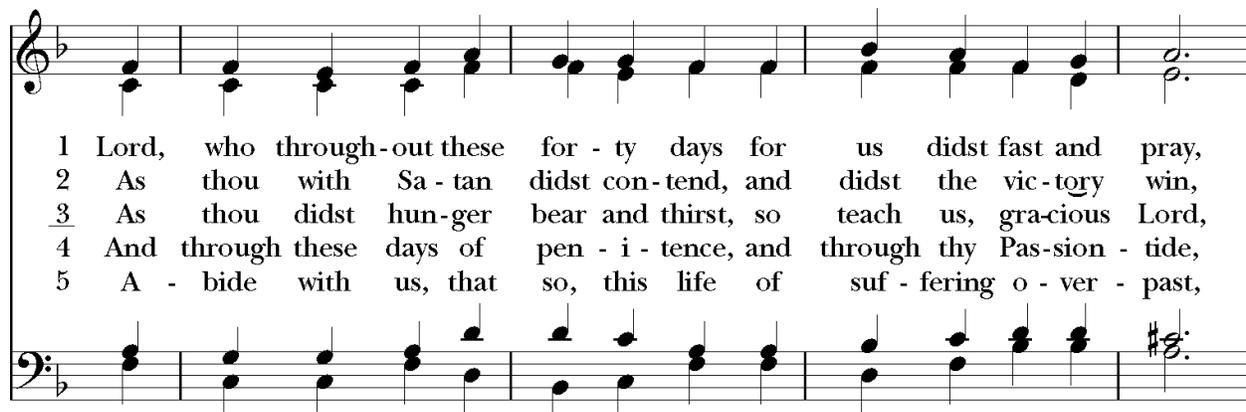
*The people kneel and the Celebrant says*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

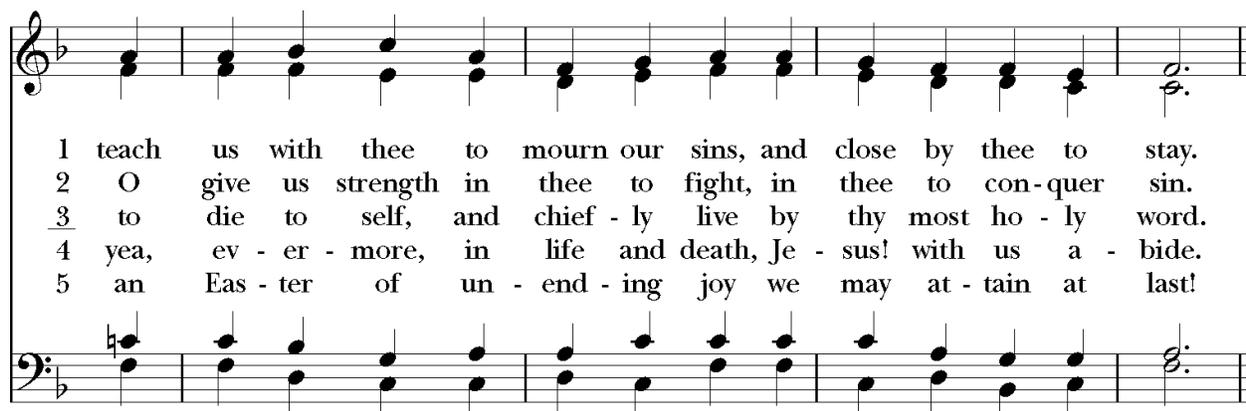
## Postcommunion Hymn

*Lord, who throughout these forty days*

Hymnal 142



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

## Announcements

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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