

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, April 5th 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 6th 9:00 AM



## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please fill out the **Pew Pads** for registering your attendance and communion participation. If you would like a pastoral call or want to join OSLC, please check those boxes and include contact information.

During the **Offering**, the ushers will pass the traditional offering plates. In addition to placing gifts in the plates, this QR code can be used if you would like to give electronically through **Tithe.ly**. **Please Note:** If you give cash in an envelope, please write your name on the envelope if you want credit for it on your giving statement.



We have an open table for **Holy Communion** with two options to receive communion:

- 1) Come forward, at the direction of the ushers, to receive communion by **Intinction**. You will receive a wafer (gluten free available) and then dip it either in the wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Children and others not wishing to receive communion may come forward with their hands folded to receive a blessing. Otherwise, come forward with you palms open to receive a wafer.

- 2) Stay in your pew and use the **self-contained communion cups** (wafer on the top and grape juice on the bottom). These are located in the rear of the sanctuary as you walk in.

There are portions of the worship service when the **assembly is invited to stand**. Feel free to sit anytime during worship.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude, Welcome, Announcements & Call to Worship

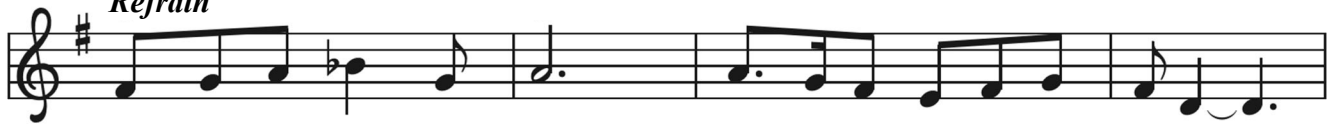
### GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Now Is the Time of Grace"

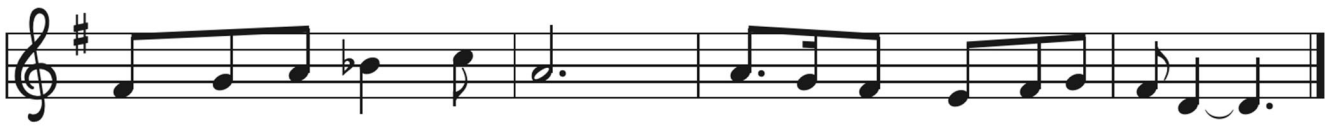
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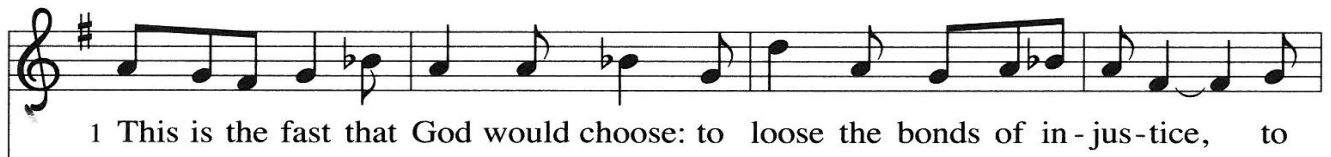
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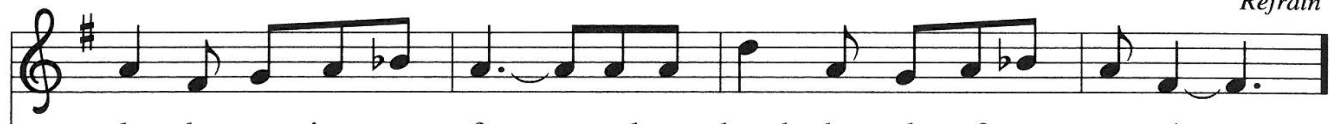
Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.



Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.



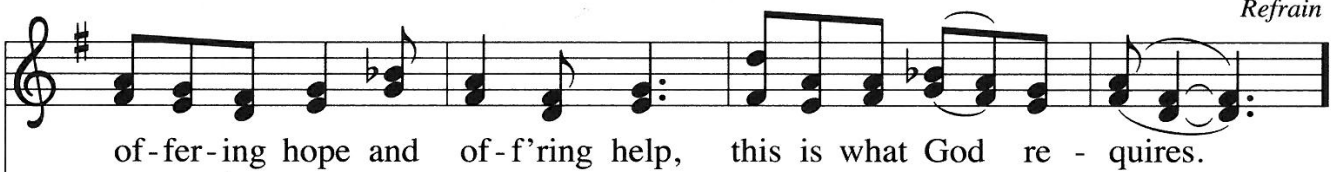
1 This is the fast that God would choose: to loose the bonds of in - jus - tice, to



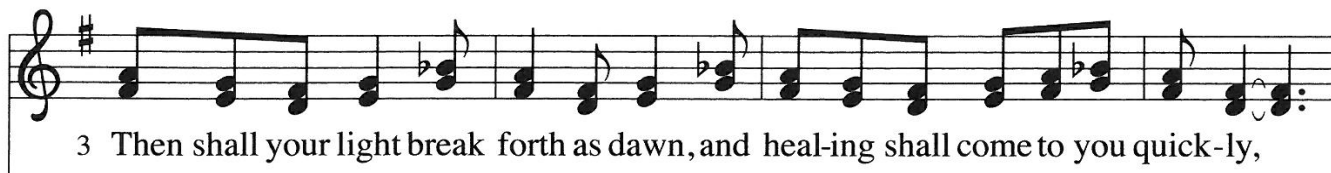
let the cap - tives go free, and to break the yoke of op - pres - sion.



2 Shar - ing your bread with the hun - gry and wel - com - ing home - less in,



of - fer - ing hope and of - f'ring help, this is what God re - quires.



3 Then shall your light break forth as dawn, and heal - ing shall come to you quick - ly,



then you shall call and God shall an - swer, God's love shall go be - fore you.

## Confession and Forgiveness

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

L Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

L Compassionate One,

C **You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.  
We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.  
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.  
We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.  
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
Amen.**

L Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C **Amen.**

## Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

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*Song continues on next page*

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

**Canticle of Praise: "Glory to you, God"**

ACS Setting 12



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

**C Creator God,**

**you prepare a new way in the wilderness,  
and your grace waters our desert.**

**Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing,  
that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love  
given to all through your Son,**

**Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*you may be seated*

## WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down; they cannot rise;  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 126

*Congregation reads the bold verses*

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.  
<sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**  
<sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

ACS Setting 12

*please stand as you are able*



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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## **Gospel: John 12:1-8**

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th Chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*you may be seated*

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dewey Wisner, Retired ELCA Pastor

# Hymn of the Day: "Holy Woman, Graceful Giver"

ACS #1002

*please stand as you are able*



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,  
2 How the fra - grance filled the dwell - ing! How the  
3 Lov - ing - ly Christ stilled the scoff - er who would  
4 Though dis - dained or though con - test - ed, acts of



ser - vant, and be - liev - er, Mar - y with the oint - ment  
act of beau - ty well - ing blest all those with - in the  
grasp - ing guard the cof - fer, point - ing to a hid - den  
love are nev - er wast - ed: beau - ty is a face of



jar, sought by Christ, by scorn un - daunt - ed, knelt in  
place! How the act of pure de - vo - tion, whis - p'ring  
trove: not all trea - sures gain and pro - fit, feed the  
God. Grace - ful Mar - y, by your giv - ing, you have



love, his feet a - noint - ed for his com - ing bur - ial  
of his com - ing pas - sion, blest the heart of Christ with  
poor, and feed the spir - it acts of beau - ty, acts of  
shown a way of liv - ing: acts of beau - ty, love, and



hour, for his com - ing bur - ial hour.  
grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!  
love, acts of beau - ty, acts of love.  
good, acts of beau - ty, love, and good.

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Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

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## **Apostles' Creed**

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

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

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**L God in your mercy,**

**C Receive our prayer.**

**L Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love,  
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.**

**C Amen.**

## **Peace**

**L The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C And also with you.**

*you may be seated*

# MEAL

## The Offering

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to give electronically through **Tithe.ly***



## Offering Song: “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #188

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

## Offering Prayer

*please stand as you are able*

P Let us pray together the Offering Prayer:

**C Gracious Provider,**  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

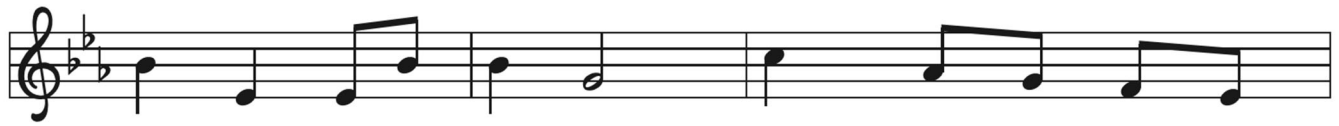
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS Setting 12



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## Communion

*you may be seated*

P All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

## Communion Song: "Lamb of God"

ACS Setting 12



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.



## Communion Song: "In the Singing"

ELW #466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

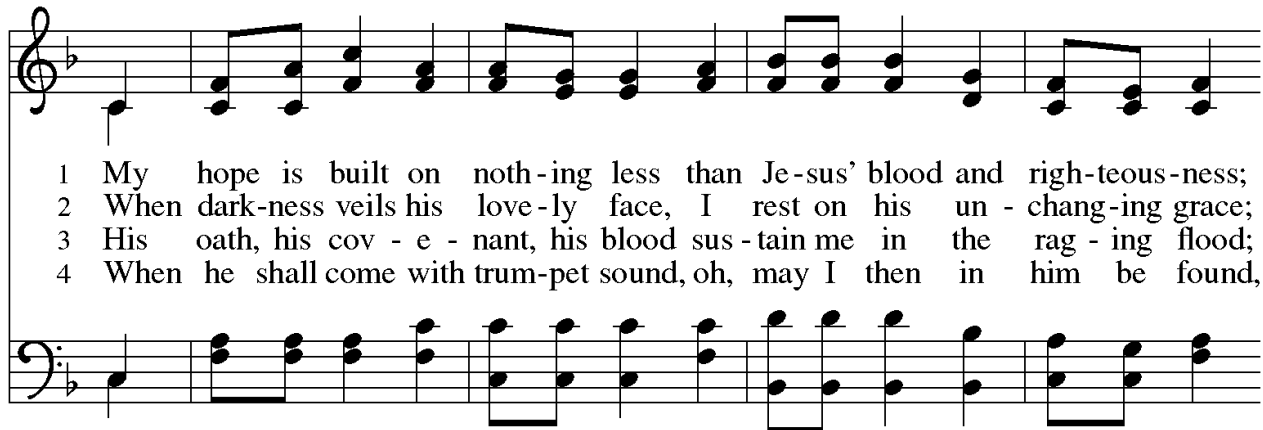
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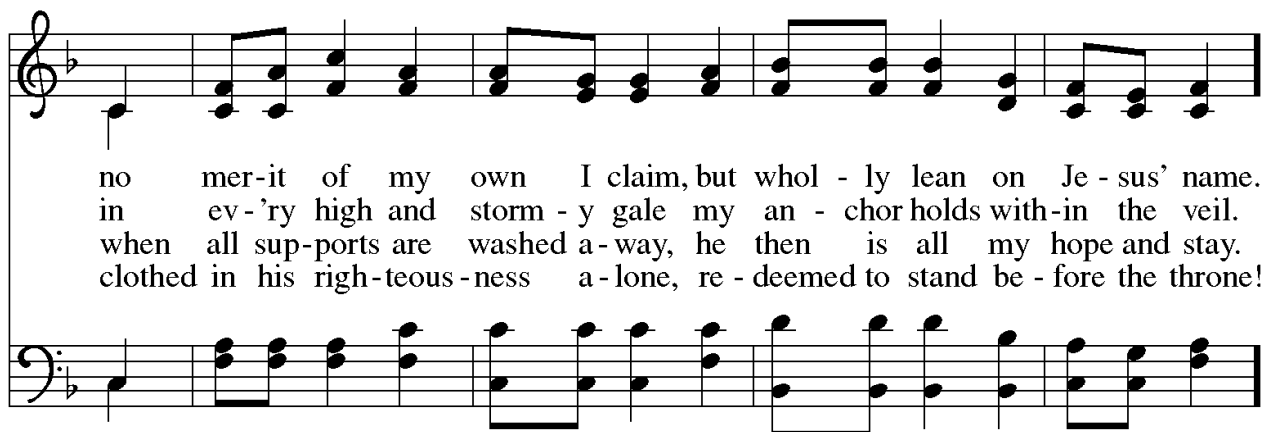
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# Communion Song: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #596



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

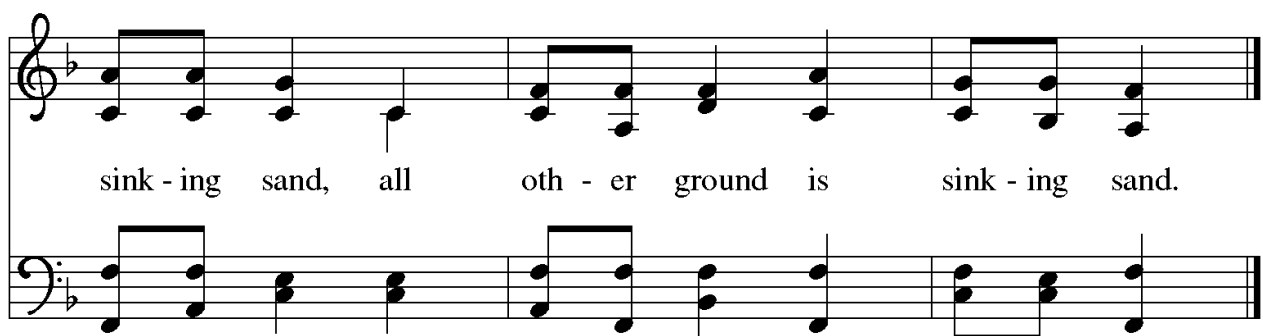


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## **Table Blessing**

*please stand as you are able*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**C** Amen

## **Prayer after Communion**

**P** Let us pray:

**C** **Generous Host,**  
**you have shared your feast with us and made us new.**  
**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,**  
**that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,**  
**in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

**P** God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
Bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sending Song: “As the Sun with Longer Journey”

ELW #329



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,  
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,  
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,  
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.  
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.  
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.