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Good Friday, Chief Service from Lutheran Service Book

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Mpcoming

March 30

Saturday Easter Vigil ~ 6:30 PM Divine Service

March 31 ~ Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Children's Program ~ 7:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall Easter Breakfast following Children's Program

Easter Divine Service-Lord's Supper ~ 9:00 AM **Easter Sunday School and Bible Class** ~ 10:30-11:30 AM

Thursday, May 9 ~ Ascension Day 6:30 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion



Good Friday
March 29, 2024

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Our Mission Statement: Learning, Living and Sharing Christ's Love



A LOVING WORD TO THOSE GUESTS WHO WISH TO COMMUNE

We believe, as Scripture teaches, that the Body and Blood of our Lord are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament and those who eat and drink unworthily, that is, not believing these truths, do so to their great harm. Also, Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is professed at this altar. Therefore, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the

Sacrament, you are requested to refrain from the table and speak to the Pastor or Elder to see how you can prepare in the future to also receive this gift of grace.

Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, in Your Holy Supper You give us Your true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. May partakers of this sacred banquet do so in a worthy manner. Grant faith and discernment in accordance with the Holy Scriptures. Let all recipients of this gift be united in the confession and faith as they receive Your gifts at Your altar and leave confessing Your name until You come again. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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Rev. Peter Kolb, Pastor

Rose Tucker, Organist

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Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



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CONCLUDING COLLECT

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P Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

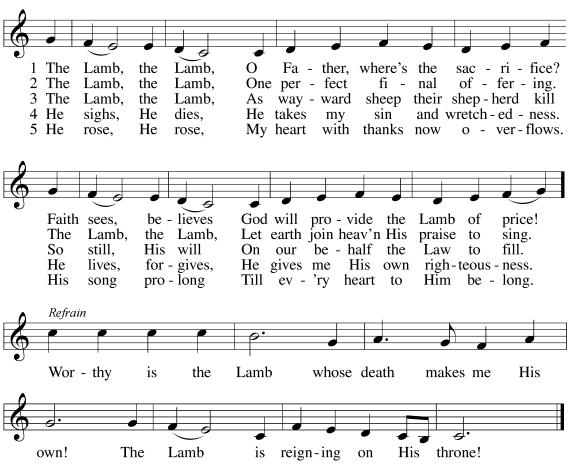
C Amen.



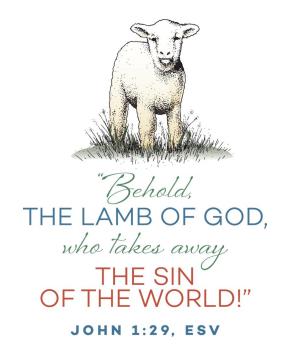
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The Lamb

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Be Gracious to Me!

Nothing could be more natural than seeking revenge against one who has wronged you. Even the youngest child's untrained sense of fairness demands payback. God's children, however, are not to submit to human thinking but to the Word of God. What do the Scriptures say about our desire for revenge? When King David's enemies rose against him, the Holy Spirit inspired him to pray in Psalm 41:10: "But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!" David prays for vengeance, and God ordains vengeance. Yet the Scriptures also tell us not to "resist the one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). What are we to make of this paradox? As with all matters of the faith, we must look to our Lord's crucifixion for the answer. For only by the cross is God gracious to you; only at the cross does He demand payment for every injustice.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters.

Reading

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Silence

P Let us pray

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PSALM Psalm 41

- **P** Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
- **C** In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;
- **P** the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
- C You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- **P** The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.
- As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

- **P** My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"
- And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- **P** All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
- They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."
- P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- **■** But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- **P** By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- **©** But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

P The Epistle is from Hebrews, the fourth and fifth chapters.

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

^{5:7}In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. ⁸Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Silence

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everla

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

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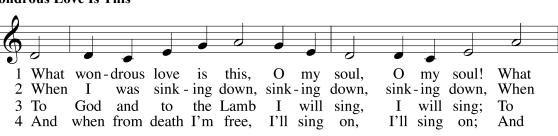
The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

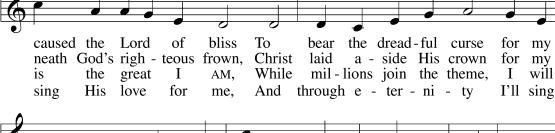
What Wondrous Love Is This

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won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll





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- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.
- A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy st. 3

3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:

Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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ADORATION OF CHRIST

We adore You, O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.

For behold, by the wood of Your cross
joy has come into all the world.

God be merciful to us and bless us,
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

We adore You, O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.

For behold, by the wood of Your cross
joy has come into all the world.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

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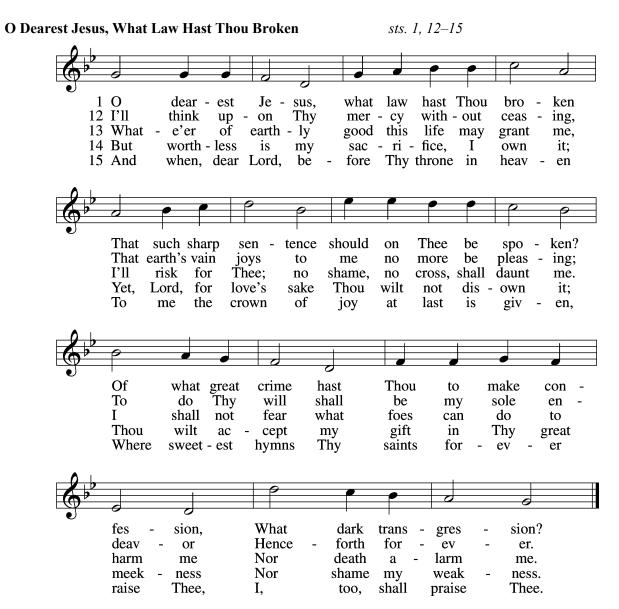
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our 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.

+ The Seven Last Words +

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FIRST WORD

Luke 23:34a

³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."



Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

sts. 1–3

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SECOND WORD

Luke 23:43

⁴³[Jesus] said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

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- 4 Jesus, pitying the sighs
 Of the thief, who near You dies,
 Promising him paradise:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim, Calling humbly on Your name: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 6 May our hearts to You incline
 And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
 Cheer our souls with hope divine:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

THIRD WORD John 19:25–27

²⁵Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Jesus, in Your Dving Woes

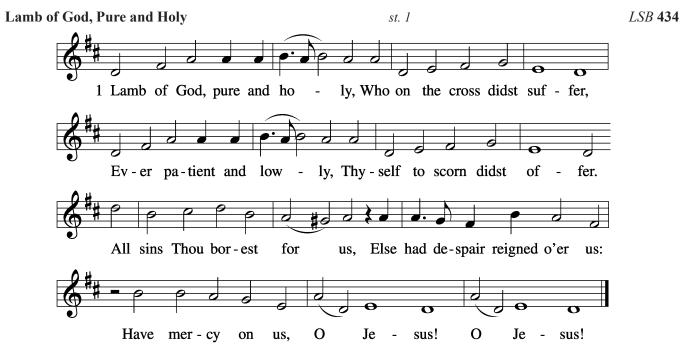
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Jesus, loving to the end
 Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
 And Your dearest human friend:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

- P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.
- O come, let us worship Him.
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- O come, let us worship Him.

+ Reproaches +

- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.
- A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.



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- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.
- A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

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Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

- A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:
- O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Joe Biden, our President; the Congress of the United States; Greg Abbott, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:
- Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:
- Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:
- Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- 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.

- 8 May we in Your sorrows share, For Your sake all peril dare, And enjoy Your tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- May we all Your loved ones be, All one holy family, Loving, since Your love we see: Hear us, holy Jesus.

FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

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10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, With our evil left alone, While no light from heav'n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus.

- 11 When we seem in vain to pray
 And our hope seems far away,
 In the darkness be our stay:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 12 Though no Father seem to hear, Though no light our spirits cheer, May we know that God is near: Hear us, holy Jesus.

FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

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- 13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain, Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 14 Thirst for us in mercy still; All Your holy work fulfill; Satisfy Your loving will: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our sin and woe Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, holy Jesus.

SIXTH WORD John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit

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Jesus, all our ransom paid,All Your Father's will obeyed;By Your suff'rings perfect made:Hear us, holy Jesus.

- 17 Save us in our soul's distress; Be our help to cheer and bless While we grow in holiness: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 18 Brighten all our heav'nward way With an ever holier ray
 Till we pass to perfect day:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

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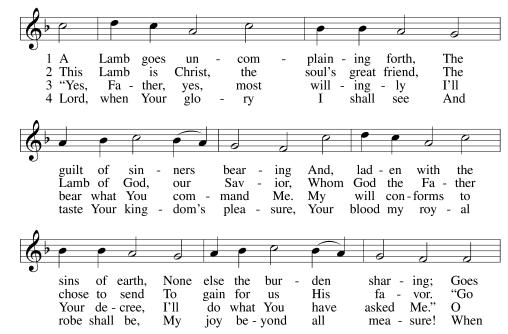
- 19 Jesus, all Your labor vast, All Your woe and conflict past, Yielding up Your soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the tempter's pow'r, Keep us in that trial hour:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 21 May Your life and death supply Grace to live and grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high: Hear us, holy Jesus.

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SERMON Be Gracious to Me! Psalm 41:10

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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BIDDING PRAYER

- Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:
- Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole Body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen
- Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:
- Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.