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Experiencing Christ's Love

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Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship lent

Pastor: Lift up your voice and call out to our Lord God.

Congregation: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

P: Come together and wait for God.

C: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

P: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

C: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

P: Come, worship the Lord.

C: We celebrate the power of God in Christ that restores us.

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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Confession of Sins

P This year our season of Lent is focused on growing more in the likeness of our Lord Jesus. As we explore and implement principles that Jesus taught, we pray our lives will be more faithful and fruitful for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Before we gather around God's word though, we recognize how far we have yet to go in our quest. We have failed more often than succeeded and yet, our loving Lord welcomes us to return him again. Let us bring our whole selves to this time of prayer, as we confess our shortcomings and sins.

Prayer

P Let us pray:

C Father in heaven, you have promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. We are guilty of more than we even realize and confess that we have sinned against you, and against one another. We have walked in darkness far too long. We need the light of your Spirit to lead us. Father, thank you for hearing our prayer and answering with mercy and forgiveness. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Faith

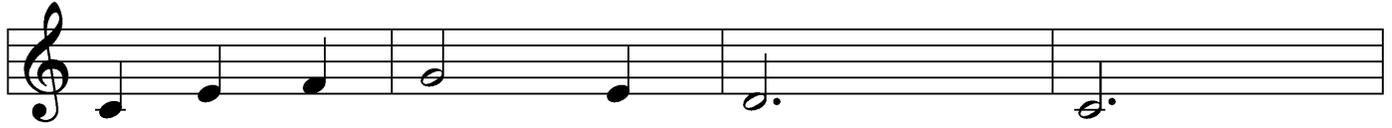
P Brothers and sisters, God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Believe the good news we have in Jesus Christ: our sins are forgiven, and by Him we are made into new people. Thanks be to God!

C Amen.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading

John 8:2–11

Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 7:1–5, 12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

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

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

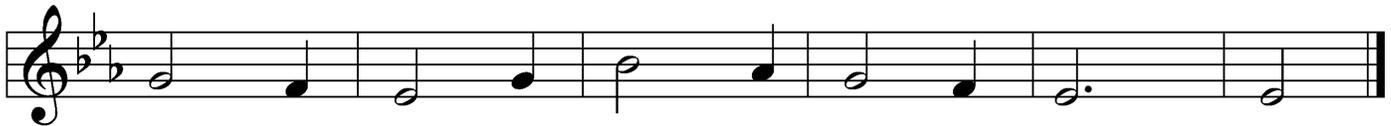
sts. 1–3, 6



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
6 And so through all the length of days Thy good - ness



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er!

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Homily: Forgiving

Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: God of Eternal Love, we have made our commitment to you, and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. But, we know that if we are to remain faithful we need your help and your strength each day.

So, we ask that you would...

Teach us to pray with faith and read your word with understanding.

Teach us to worship with passion and gather together with love.

And Lord, we ask that you would also...

Teach us to know that we have our being in you, to forgive just as we have been forgiven, to serve humbly and compassionately, to give generously with our resources and use our time mindfully, and may we go in your name joyfully, reflecting your goodness so that others will discover your grace through our lives and example. In Jesus' name and for his sake we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

sts. 1, 4



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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Blessing

P May you pursue Jesus with all your heart, may God use you to do mighty things for his kingdom, and after all is said and done in this world, may you hear God say to you, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Dismissal

P Go in Peace, serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

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