



# Wednesday *Lenten Services*

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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!**

## 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

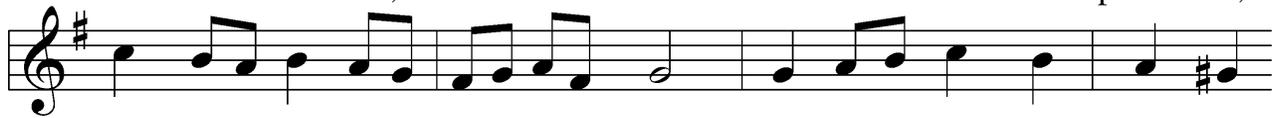
*sts. 1-3*



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.

## 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 to 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

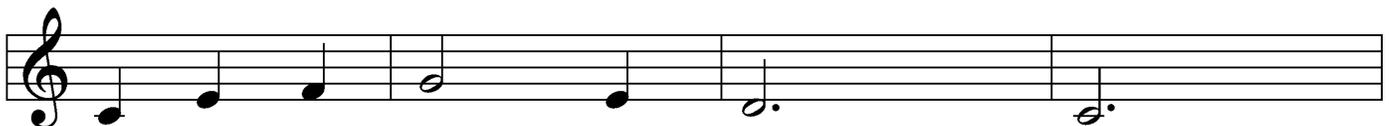
P Brothers and sisters, God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Believe the good news we have in Jesus Christ: our sins are forgiven, and by Him we are made into new people. Thanks be to God!

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 Righteousness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with patience 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.

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**Prayer of the Day**

**Scripture Reading**

**Mark 6:30-44**

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there

ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34**

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

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

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not

of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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## Homily: Giving

### 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

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

## 783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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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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