



Mid-week Lenten Worship at Zion

Wednesdays
March 12 through April 9

Join us in the Fellowship Hall

Around the Table

with ESUS

Take time this Lent

to follow Jesus through scripture as he meets with people over meals.

5:00 pm- Light meal

6:15 pm- Lenten worship

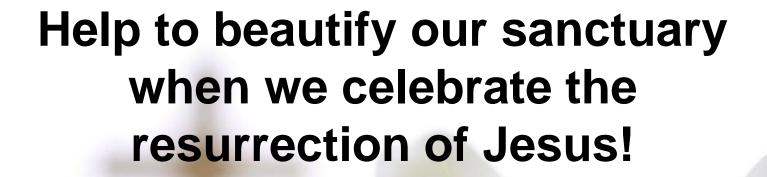


5:00 to 6:00 pm-Lenten meal served by the Jr & Sr High Youth Team and the Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation families: sloppy joes with chips and assorted bars.

April 9 Lenten worship

In the Breaking of the Bread

6:15 pm-Lenten worship in the Fellowship Hall



Order forms are available in the Gathering Space or by clicking on the link below.

Orders are due Sunday, April 13.

The cost is \$10 per lily.

Sicilar State BREAKFAST

Serving from 8:00 to 8:45 am

Scrambled eggs with ham, muffins, fruit, milk/juice/coffee

← Volunteer opportunities → Help serve and/or bring supplies

Sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Space.

Holy Week and Easter

April 13: Palm Sunday 9:00 am– Worship service

April 16: Wednesday

No worship service, classes, or meal

April 17: Maundy Thursday

6:15 pm- Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion

April 18: Good Friday

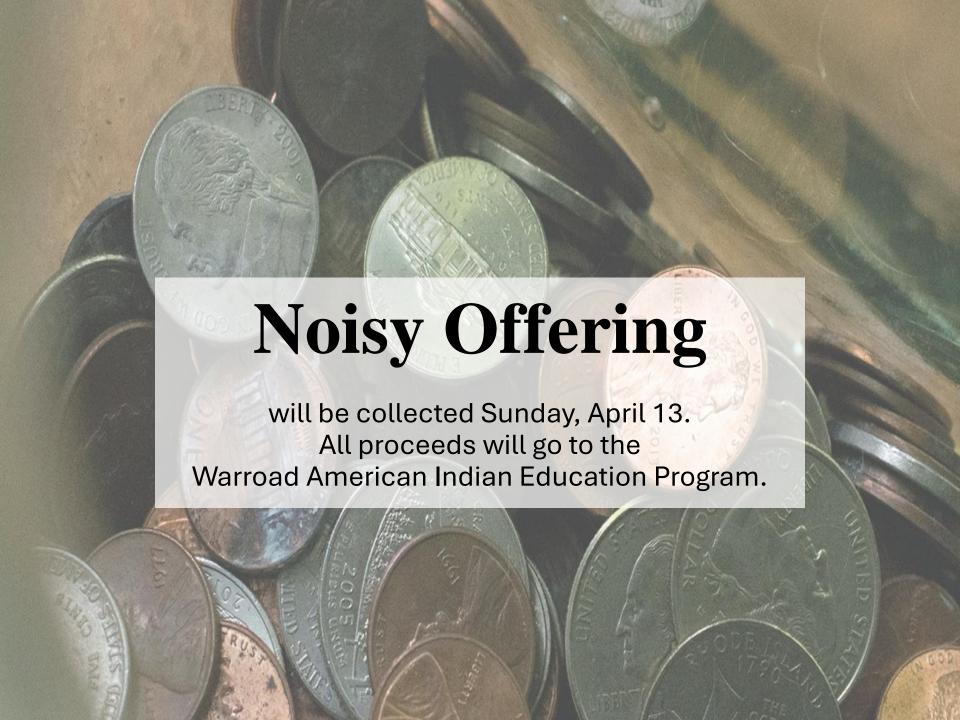
6:15 pm- Good Friday worship service

April 20: Easter

7:00 am- Sunrise Easter worship service with Holy Communion

8:00-8:45 am- Easter Breakfast

9:00 am- Easter worship service with Holy Communion



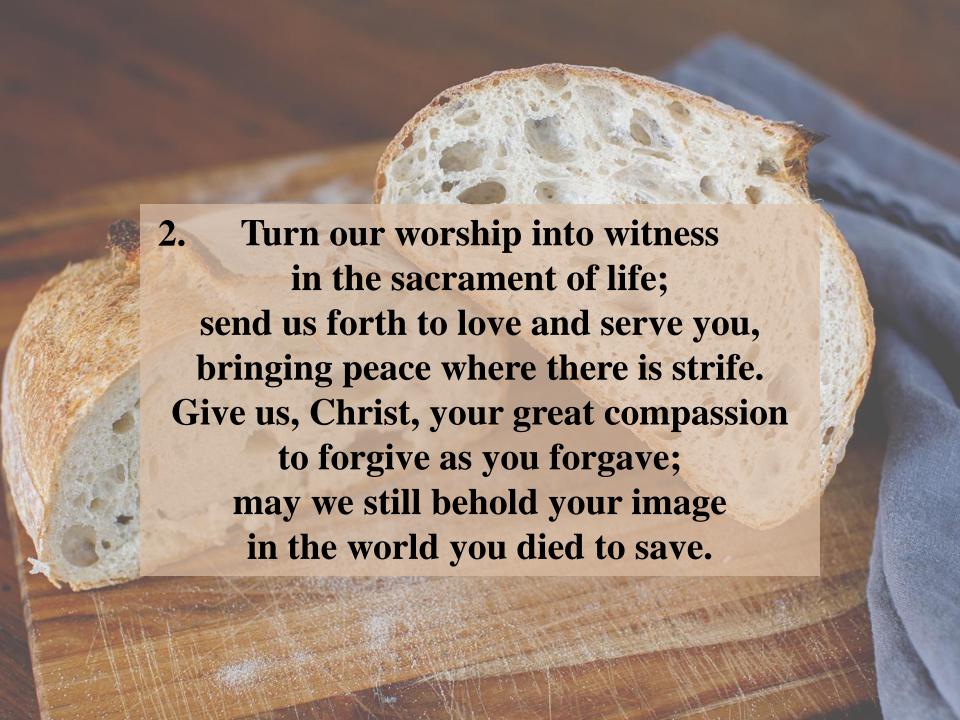


As We Gather at Your Table

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As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

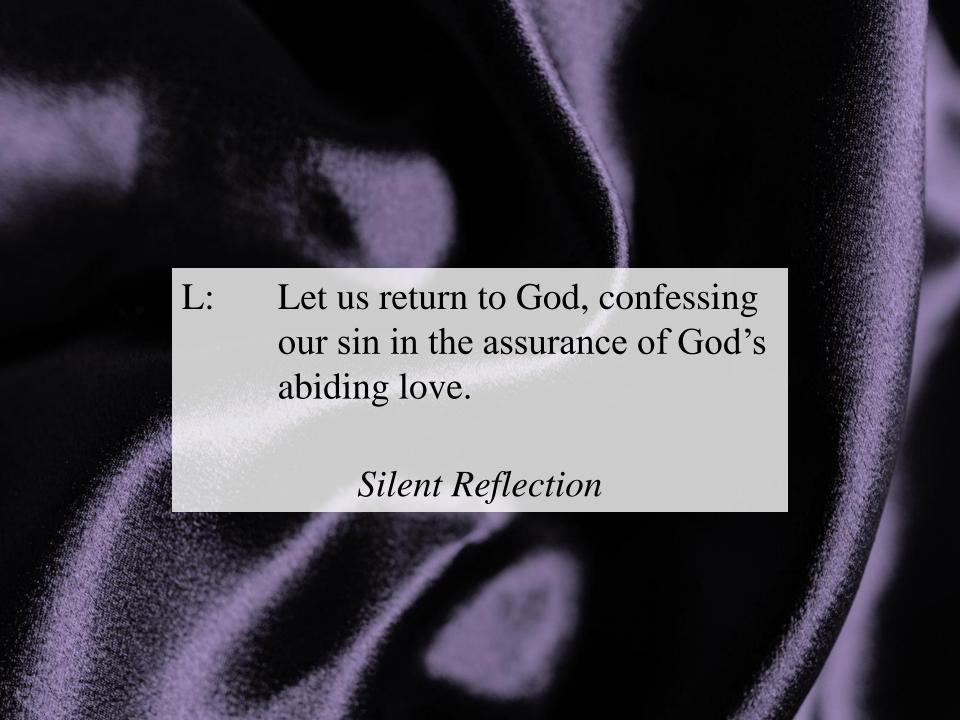






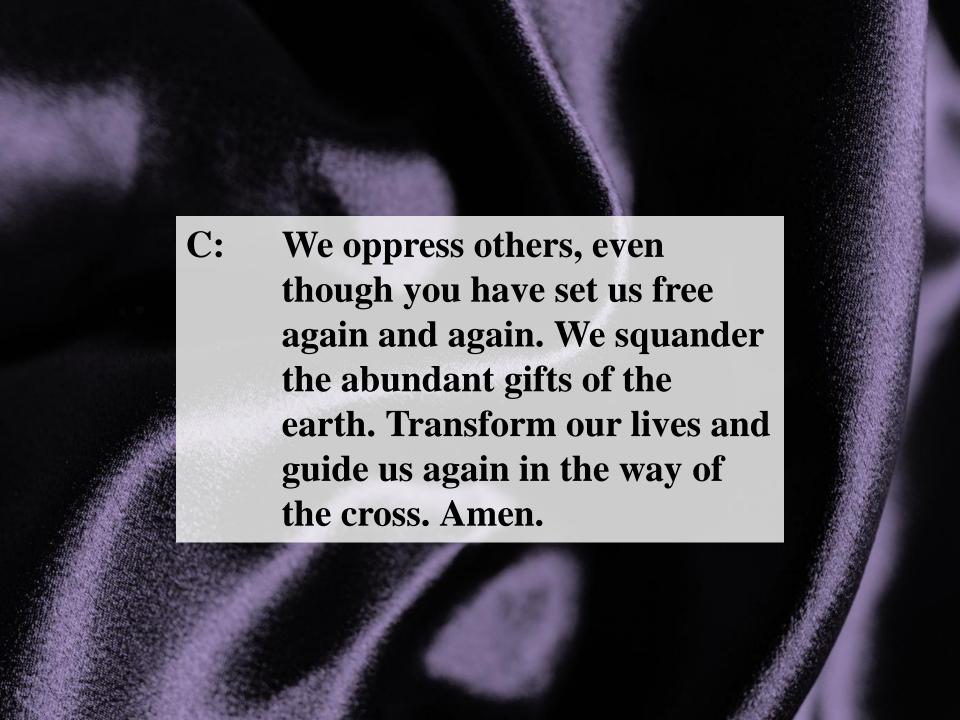
L: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

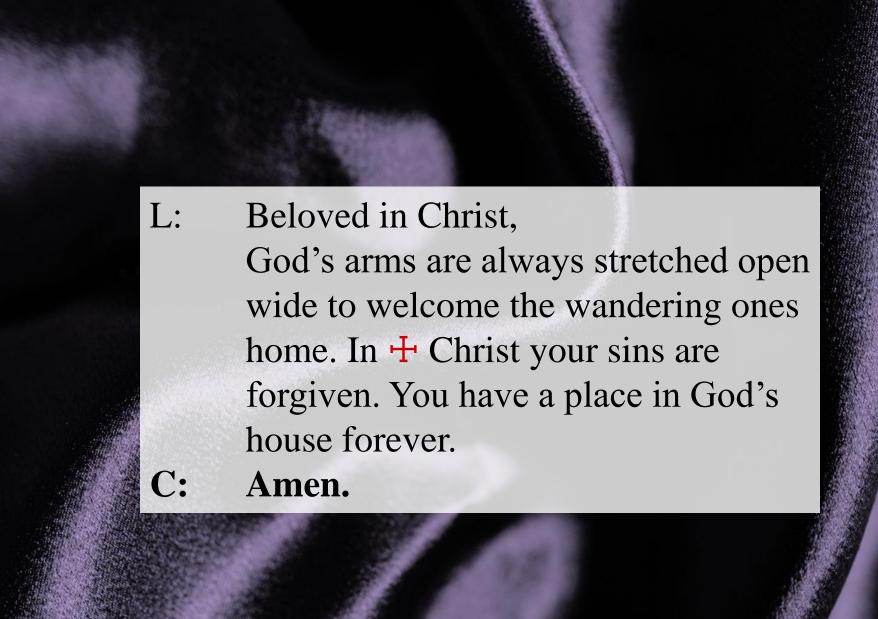
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.



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.





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.

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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word: it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

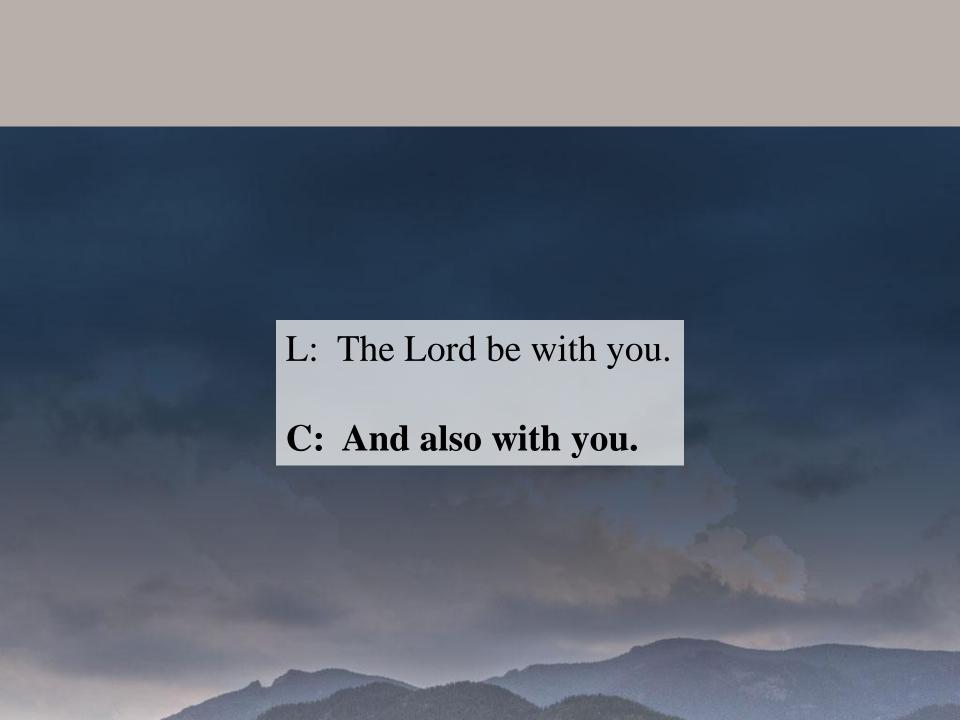
Have mercy on us, Lord;
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

- 16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
- ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
 - they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
- ¹⁹ 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.

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,
the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

L: ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

C: ² 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."

L: ³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

C: ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

L: ⁵ Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

C: ⁶ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values. [Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸ 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 ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

We are turning, Lord, to hear you; You are merciful and kind Slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined. Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 12:1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (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.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Take My Life, That I May Be

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1.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect,
and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Apostles' Creed

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 Intercession

Response after each petition:

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.



Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me your free spirit.

Offering Prayer

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.



Eucharistic Prayer

- L: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- L: O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.
 Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The 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. 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.





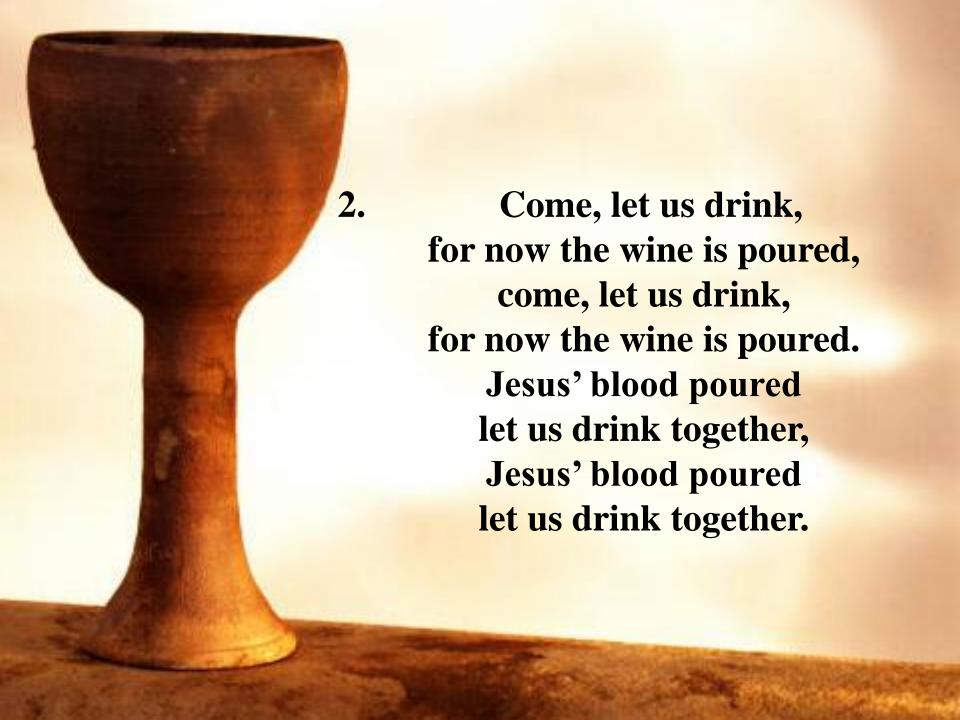
Come, Let Us Eat

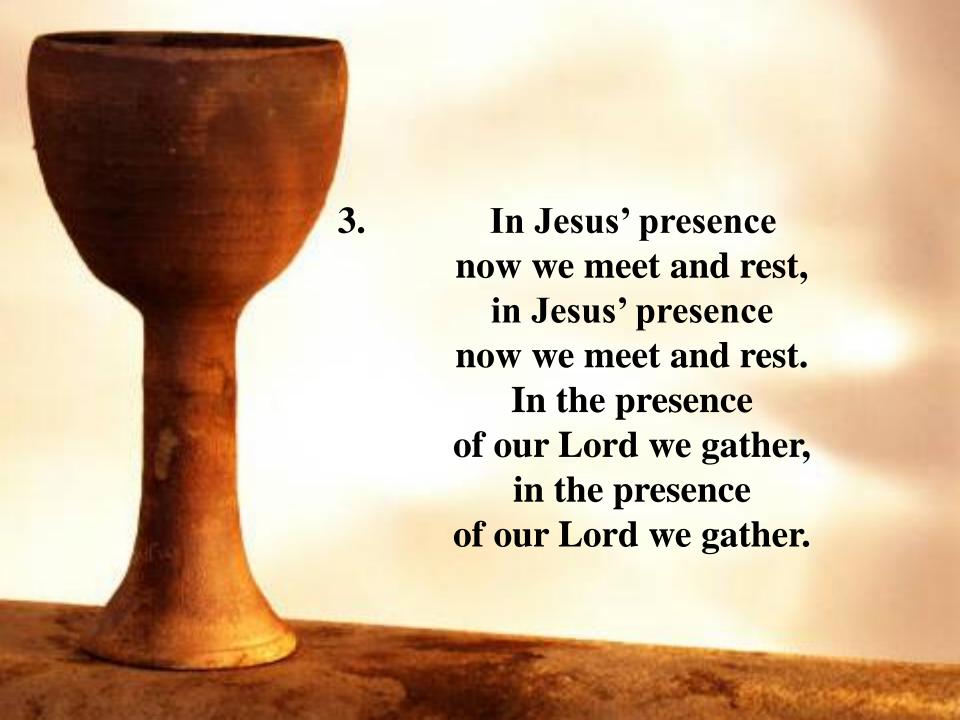
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Come, let us eat,
for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat,
for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body
let us take together,
our Lord's body
let us take together.







In the Singing

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1. In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace. 2. In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people,

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.



Prayer after Communion

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Christ, the Life of All the Living

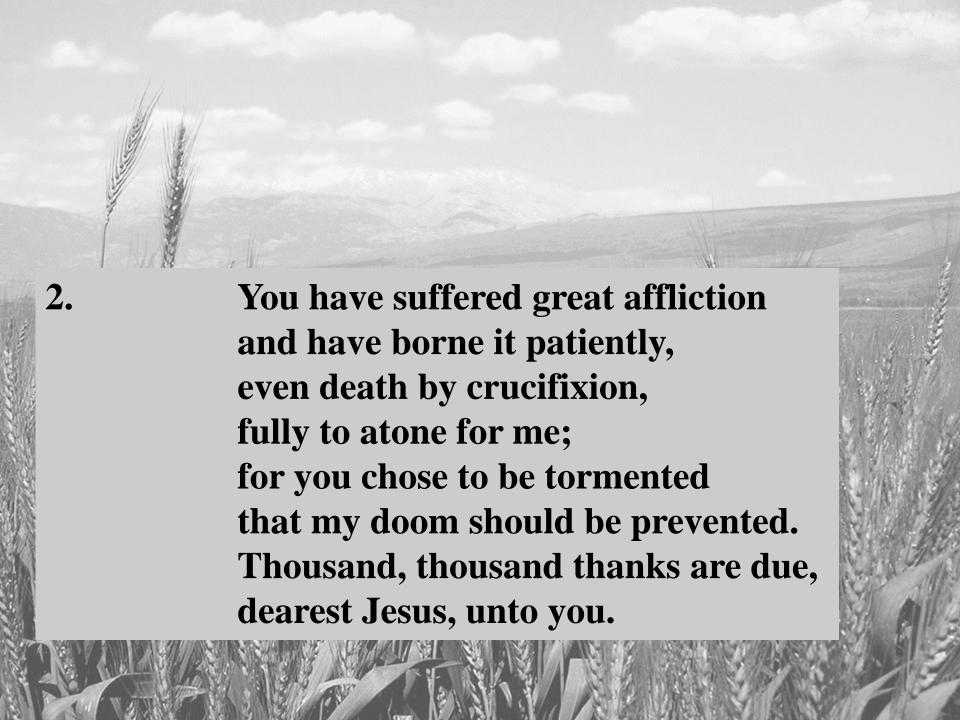
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Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit

life eternal I inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.



Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore, for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore; thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying, for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God!



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