

## MARCH 20, 2022 - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**Prelude** - “*Christ Is Our Life And Stay*” by Pergolesi, arranged by Troutman

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

# 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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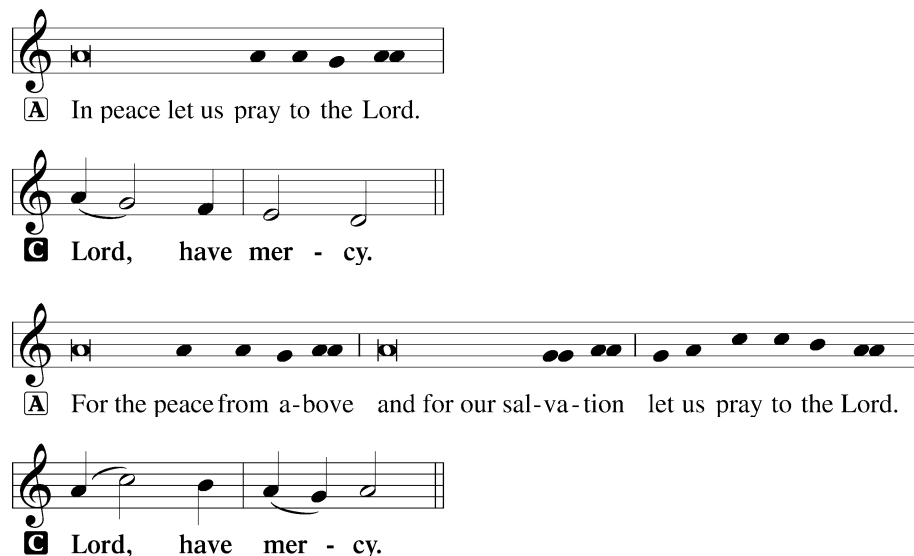


1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,  
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;  
Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,  
As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!  
*Refrain*  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!  
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;  
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## Kyrie

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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.  
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



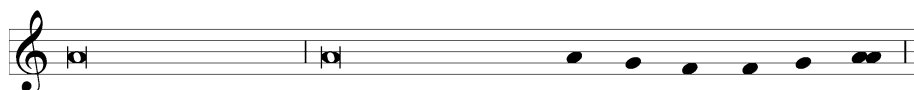
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



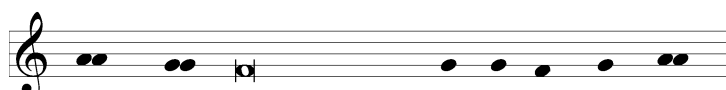
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7–20*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalms 85

“Lord, You Have Lavished On Your Land” by John Dykes – CCLI# 6015400

1 LORD, you have lav-ished on your land a - maz-ing bless-ings  
 2 LORD, bring us back to grace a - gain; blot out your an - ger  
 3 To all his saints, the LORD speaks peace; his faith-ful love and  
 4 Then love will meet with faith - ful - ness; God's right-eous-ness and

from your hand, re - stored us from cap - tiv - i - ty  
 at our sin. Re - vive us, LORD, that we may raise  
 care in - crease. He shares his grace with o - pen hand  
 peace will kiss. As right - eous-ness smiles down from heaven,

and par - doned our in - iq - ui - ty. In grace you caused  
 our thank - ful hymns and psalms of praise. In mer - cy, LORD,  
 to spread his glo - ry through our land. Sal - va - tion from  
 great har - vests to our land are given. With God all right -

your wrath to turn; you did not let your an - ger burn.  
 your peo - ple bless with sav - ing love and faith - ful - ness.  
 the LORD is near to all who trust the LORD in fear.  
 eous - ness a - bides; his truth and jus - tice are our guides.

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

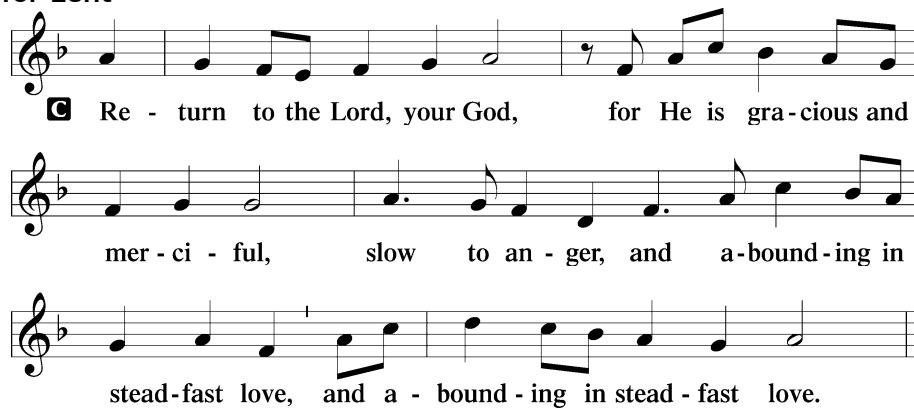
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Verse for Lent

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**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

# 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

sts. 1-2, 5-6



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let  
 6 Now my con - science is at peace; From the Law I

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow  
 stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease

And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I  
 And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Kneel*

## Prayer of the Church

*Each petition ends:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer!

*Sit*

## 762 There Is a Time for Everything

*sts. 1–3*

1 There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A  
2 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A  
3 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And

time for all that life may bring: A time to plant, a  
time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A time to break, a  
fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You know our grief, You

time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,  
time to mend, A time to search and then to end,  
hear our sighs— In mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes.

A time to heal, a time to slay, A  
A time to keep, then throw a - way, A  
From e - vil times, You bring great good; Be -

time to build where rub - ble lay, A time to die, a  
time to speak, then noth - ing say, A time for war till  
neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood. Though dim - ly now life's

time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born,  
ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.  
path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: Stephen R. Johnson, 1966

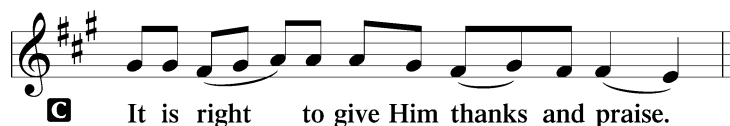
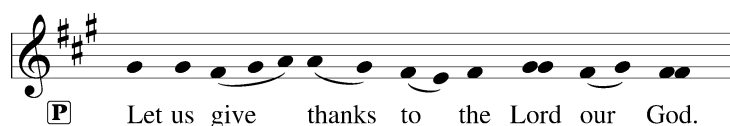
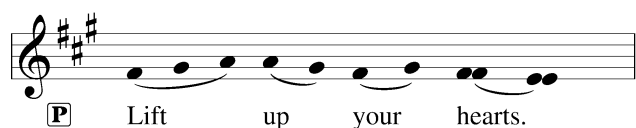
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## Preface

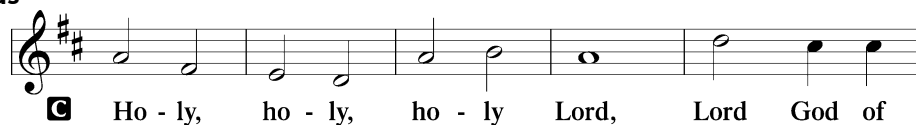
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**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 178



## Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB 180

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**C** 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.

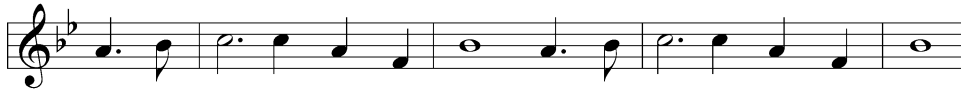
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## Distribution

## 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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## 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow-ing, May we rip - en  
 2 Lad - en branch-es free - ly bear-ing Gifts the Giv - er  
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern  
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend-ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow-ing,  
 loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,  
 and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,  
 har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.  
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.  
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.  
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
 Depart ☩ in peace.  
**C** Amen.

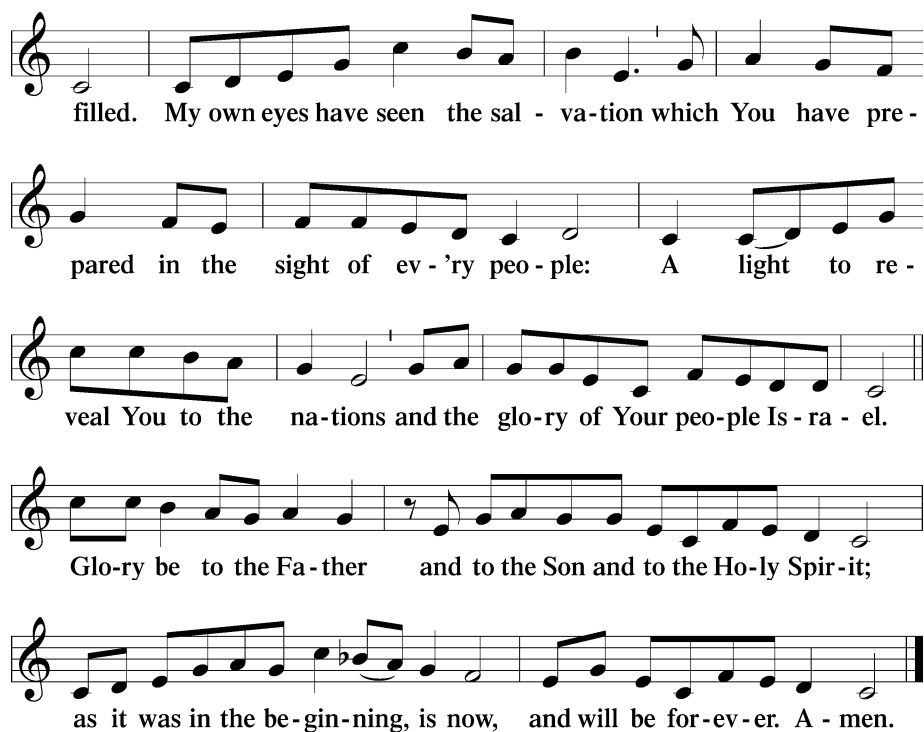
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## Nunc Dimittis

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**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

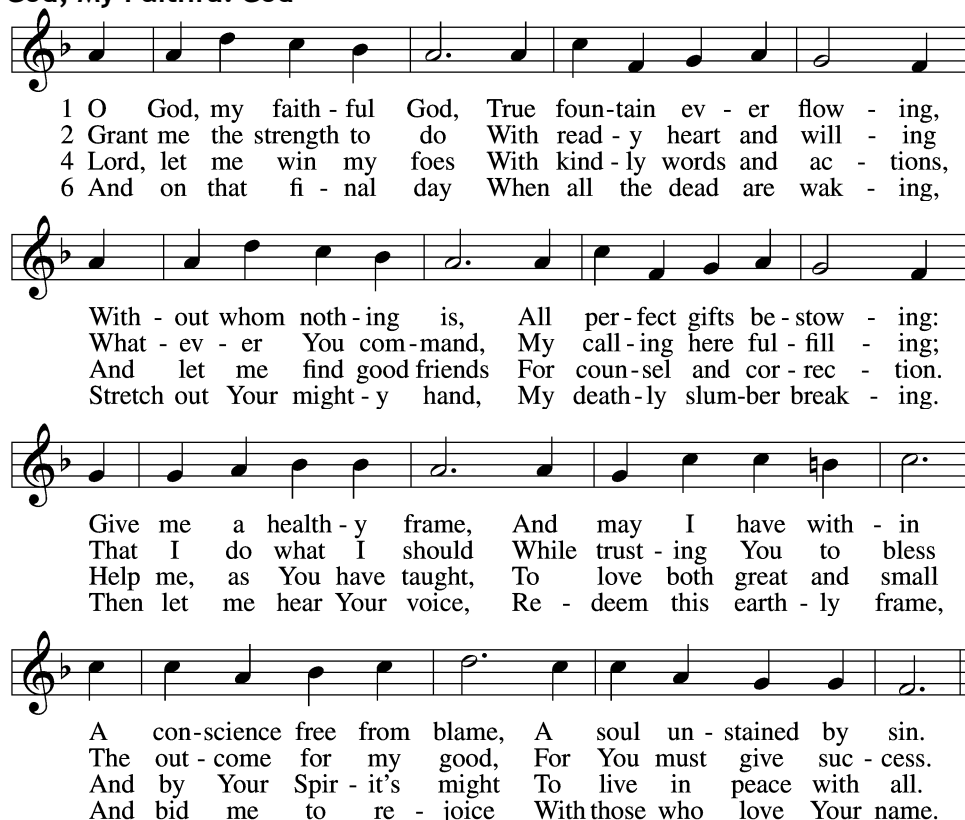
## Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## 696 O God, My Faithful God

sts. 1-2, 4, 6



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,  
6 And on that fi - nal day When all the dead are wak - ing,

With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.  
Stretch out Your might - y hand, My death - ly slum - ber break - ing.

Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small  
Then let me hear Your voice, Re - deem this earth - ly frame,

A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.  
And bid me to re - joice With those who love Your name.

**Postlude** - “*There Is A Green Hill Far Away*” arranged by Fuller

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