

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

OLNEY, MARYLAND

MARCH 22, 2026 | 10:30 AM

## Holy Communion will be continuous today.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available upon request.

### Holy Communion is...

- † The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received “in, with, and under” the bread and wine for God’s People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*
- † Coming to the table believing the words “given and shed FOR YOU.”  
Preparation might involve three questions:
  - Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins?
  - Am I ready to lead a new life?
- † God’s grace in “forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.”  
*Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32*



### Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:4-5

“God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved.”

**Please** turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

**Nursery:** The room located at the back of the sanctuary (with windows into the sanctuary), has been set aside for children to be able to play comfortably during Worship. At this time, we ask a parent to remain with their child while using this space. There is a sound system located on the wall to the right after entering the room which allows you to listen to the service.

Please feel free to ask an Elder to assist you as needed.

Welcome

Prelude

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- 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.**

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

Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- 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.**

Absolution

*LSB 151*

- 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.**



1 In the ver - y midst of life    Snares of death sur - round us;  
 2 In the midst of death's dark vale    Pow'rs of hell o'er - take us.  
 3 In the midst of ut - ter woe    When our sins op - press us,



Who shall help us in the strife    Lest the foe con - found us?  
 Who will help when they as - sail,    Who se - cure will make us?  
 Where shall we for ref - uge go,    Where for grace to bless us?



Thou on - ly, Lord, Thou on - ly!    We mourn that we have great - ly  
 Thou on - ly, Lord, Thou on - ly!    Thy heart is moved with ten - der -  
 To Thee, Lord Je - sus, on - ly!    Thy pre - cious blood was shed to



erred, That our sins Thy wrath have stirred. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!  
 ness, Pit - ies us in our dis - tress. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!  
 win Full a - tone - ment for our sin. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!



Ho - ly and might - y God!    Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful  
 Ho - ly and might - y God!    Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful  
 Ho - ly and might - y God!    Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful



Sav - ior!    E - ter - nal Lord God!    Save us lest we per - ish  
 Sav - ior!    E - ter - nal Lord God!    Save us from the ter - ror  
 Sav - ior!    E - ter - nal Lord God!    Lord, pre - serve and keep us



In the bit - ter pangs of death.    Have mer - cy, O Lord!  
 Of the fi - ery pit of hell.    Have mer - cy, O Lord!  
 In the peace that faith can give.    Have mer - cy, O Lord!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Latin, 13th cent.; adapt. Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter

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## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**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.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Kyrie

*Cantor* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor* Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. *All* Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 37:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

*Psalm 130*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O LORD!

**<sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

**<sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

**<sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**<sup>8</sup>And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.**

**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

*Romans 8:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Lenten Verse

## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; and the

things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace.

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## Holy Gospel

*John 11:1–53*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the

children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

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

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

*Sit*

Children's Message

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

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Sermon

Pastor Timothy Boerger

*Stand*

Nicene Creed

**C** 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 † of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

Offering

*(For mobile giving, please see p. 20.)*

Anthem

When Jesus Wept

*Chancel Choir*

When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
Seized all the guilty world around.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
 a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
 Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.  
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Prayer of the Church

**Service of the Sacrament**

Preface

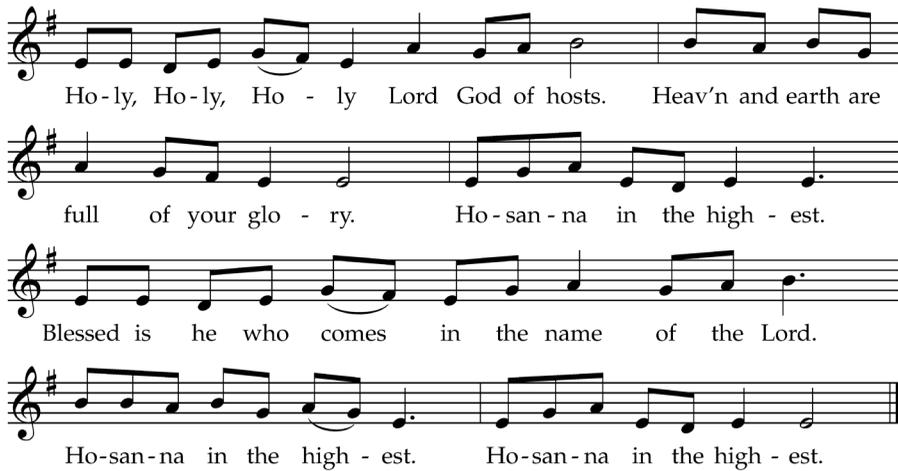
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
  
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
  
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- 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



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- 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 163

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

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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*Sit*

## Distribution (*Continuous*)

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.**

Distribution Hymn

Draw Near

Refrain

Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y

of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you out - poured.

Verses

1. Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
2. Christ our re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
3. Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
4. With heav'n - ly bread makes those who hun - ger whole,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured:  
 Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won:  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here:  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul:

Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With  
 He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -  
 Christ who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives  
 Judge of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In

D.C.

souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
 self the of - 'fring and Him - self the Priest.  
 all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
 this great feast of love is with us now.

Text: *Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite*, 7th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Tune: NEALE, 10 10 10 10 with refrain; Steven R. Janco, b.1961, © 1992, World Library Publications, a division of GIA Publications, Inc.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

**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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 258

*Antiphon*

**L** Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing  
that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**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 prepared  
in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na - tions  
and the glory 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 -

*Antiphon*

ev-er. A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
 and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may  
 watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

*LSB 166*

- 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.**



1 If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
 2 I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood  
 3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, My sun, my light, a - lone;



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
 A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.  
 Were He not my de - fend - er Be - fore God's judg - ment throne,



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,  
 With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;  
 I nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in His sight,



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?  
 The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.  
 But be de - stroyed for - ev - er As dark - ness by the light.

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### **The Exodus**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
Service 7:00 PM: The Plagues

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