



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 17th, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

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## Order of Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent

*God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.*

### Key to hymnals in the pews:

*ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back*

*WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back*

*STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)*

### Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

*ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)*

*LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)*

*\* = Please rise*

## GATHERING

Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

*We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to [redeemer@gvtel.com](mailto:redeemer@gvtel.com) to let us know from where you are worshipping.*

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.)*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others.  
We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Lift High the Cross*


ELW #660

*All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*


**\*Greeting**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.*


## \*Kyrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## \*Canticle of Praise



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

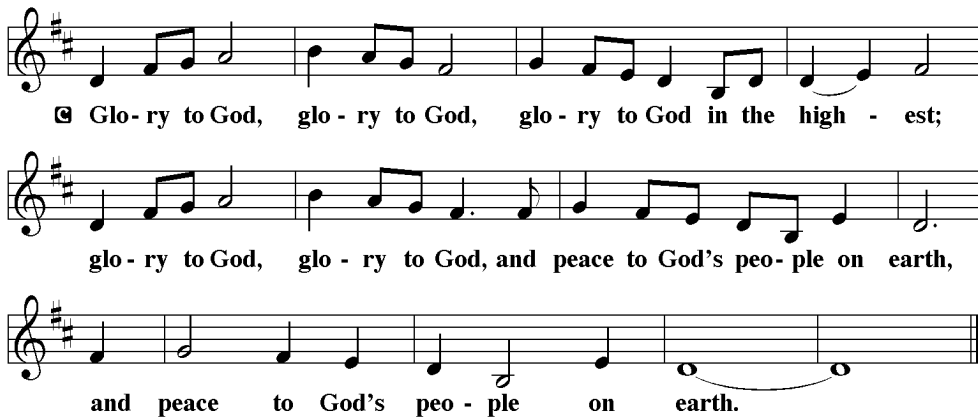


wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;





### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

*First Reading: The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 51:1-12**

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Second Reading: Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

### **Hebrews 5:5-10**

- <sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

WOV #740

*The congregation sings “Jesus, Remember Me” once; the cantor sings the verse for the day; then the congregation sings “Jesus, Remember Me” once more.*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.' written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the left hand, supporting the vocal lines. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line.

Text: Luke 23:42  
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

REMEMBER ME  
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*Gospel: Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

**\*Gospel: John 12-20-33**

*The holy gospel according to John...*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.  
<sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Stephanie White

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Seed that in Earth is Dying*

ELW #330

## **\*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 the Church**

*...Hear us, O God.*  
**Your mercy is great.**

## **\*Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of the peace with one another.*

## **Offering**

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.*

## \*Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*Offertory Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.  
Amen.

## \*Thanksgiving at the Table

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

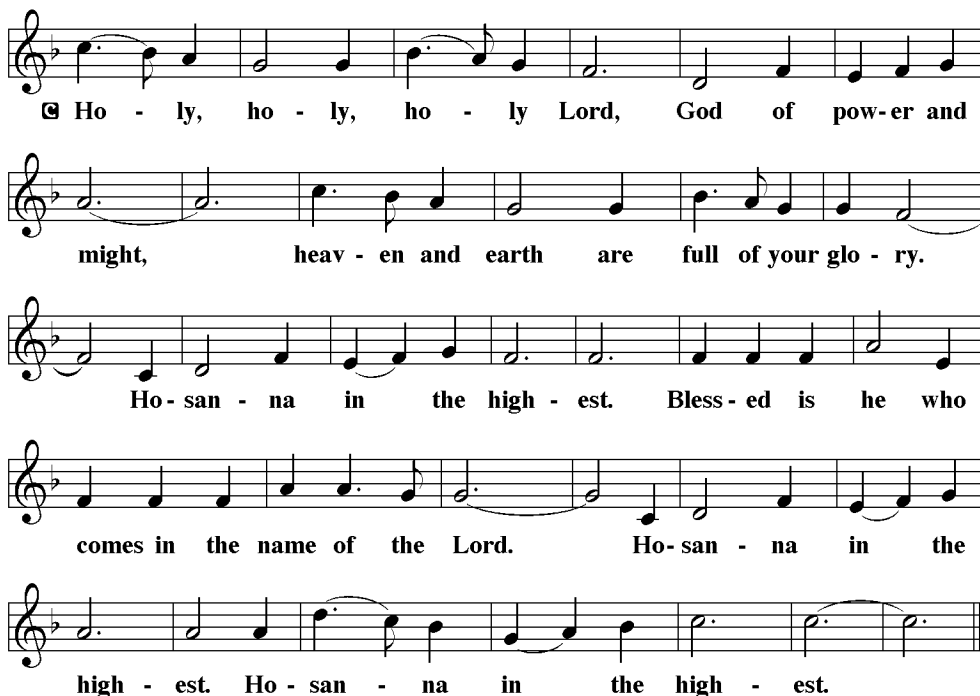
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.*

*You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.*

*And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## \*Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*Words of Institution**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ*

**who is the host at this meal,**

*on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,*

**unleavened bread from the Passover meal.**

*And when he had given thanks,*

**rightly so, he thanks the Father.**

*He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body."*

**He shares himself – his true, victorious body.**

*"This is given for you."*

**He gave his life and victory for me.**

*"This do in remembrance of me."*

**I always remember his sacrificial death and resurrection.**

*In the same way, he took the cup after supper—*

**the cup filled with the Passover wine.**

*And when he had given thanks,*

**his thanksgiving overflowed.**

*He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament—"*

**his very blood—**

*"Which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."*

**I am washed clean through his forgiving blood.**

*"This do, as often as you drink it."*

**How often? How often do I need forgiveness and strength for my faith?**

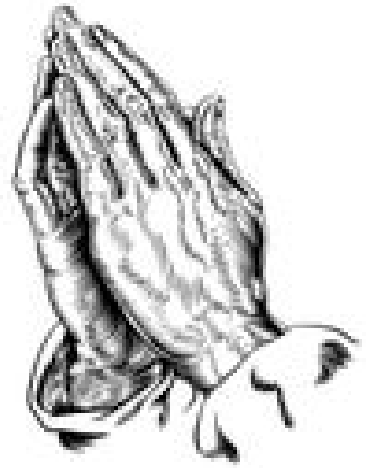
**Constantly!**

*"This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*


**I will never forget that he remembered me when he went to the cross. And I look forward to the day when I drink again of the fruit of the vine, with all the believers, and Christ himself, when the Kingdom of God comes.**


## \*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.




## \*Agnus Dei

  
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.

## **Distribution**

*If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)*

*If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. After receiving the Bread of Life, please take an empty cup; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.*

*Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.*

## **Hymn during Distribution**

*As the Grains of Wheat  
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW #465

ELW #335

## **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**Amen.**

## **\*Post-Communion Prayer**

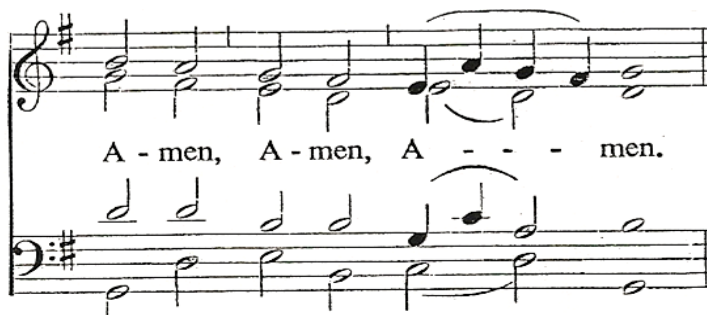
**Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
Amen.**

# **SENDING**

## **\*Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ☩ give you peace.



## **\*Sending Hymn**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

ELW #545

*All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.*

## **\*Dismissal**

*Go in peace. Share your bread.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolyte: Emmy and Eva Eickman

Ushers: Myron and Juneal Peterson

Lector: Jan Anderson

Communion Assistants: Scott Pream and Wenda Sumrall

Serving at the Altar: Polly Gustafson and Kathy Carlson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chis Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolyte: Claire Schuster

Ushers: Jason and Mandy Schuster

Serving at the Altar: Becky Smith

Musicians: Reid Froiland, Nicole Peterson, Chis Cuppett, Jan and Diedre Nordin

Video: Dave Ulrich

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Hal Kelley, Enid Sande, Linda Ulrich, Neil Erickson, Imogene Helle, Leanna Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Barry and Sue Froiland Family, Shari Safranski, Sandy Parker family, Carter and Leslie Rogalla, Trevor Sorter, Jamie Elleson, Ken Froschheiser, Leona Bugge, Travis Forsberg, Bob and Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Rick and Tami Hanson, r, Dale Folger, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, and Jeremy Johnson.

**Altar flowers are given by Dolly Kainz-Ault in loving memory of her mother's birthday. Altar flowers are also given by Dave & Bev Thompson in memory of grandson, Zack Adams and in honor of all their grand and great-grandchildren.**

March Attendance

March 3 – 38  
March 6 – 60  
March 10 – 34  
March 13 – 62  
March 17 -  
March 20 -  
March 24 –  
March 28 -      March 29 -  
March 31 -      March 31 -

**Financial stewardship 2024  
Week Ending–March 3  
\$4,617.53  
February 2024 Income –  
\$4,617.53**

**Quarterly  
statements** are  
available upon  
request; please  
contact Marit at the  
church office.

**The Looking Ahead and Church Contact pages have been moved to our website: [redeemertrf.org](http://redeemertrf.org). Also look for the Assisting in Ministry Schedule to be posted there as well in the coming weeks.**



# *Birthday Blessings*

## **March Birthdays –**

**2** – Nikolas Barry **3** – Chris Bjerklie, Aaron Sjaaheim **4** – Haylie Bayne, Sarah Castle **5** – Rev. Eric Miller **6** – Brian Bugge, Mariah Bugge, Kendra Carlson **7** – Briggs Anderson, Carlie Rogalla **8** – Molly Halsa, Jonah Nordby **9** – Leona Bugge, Laurie Wilson **10** – Nancy Harbott **11** – Tucker Kruchowski **13** – Susan Brekke, David Houske **14** – Tyler Richards **15** – Jack Milender, Cecil Anderson Kyle Goethe, Blaine Olson **16** – Michelle Kempert, Parker Hanson, Alexa Grindeland **17** – Harper Bakken **18** – Mike Nelson **19** – Carole Krogstad, Haley Bruggeman **20** – Chelsey Johnson, Emily Meyer, Brenden Vigen **21** – Christine Halsa, Zane Anderson, Tiffany Lofberg, Gerry Seim **22** – Aiden Bakken, Hailey Leatherwood **23** - Dane Froiland **24** – Cindy Sele **25** – Derek Suronen **26** – Brian Kays, Dean Dalen, Sunny Wilde, Michelle Anderson **27** – Kailee Vigen **28** – Tatum Fay, Shelby Norlin, **29** – Cali Green, Elaine Grovum, Rick Hanson **30** – Lisa Cullen, Molly Dahlin, Joe Borchardt **31** – Rosemary Voecks, Kylee Little, Ayden Davis, Maura Efteland, Kyla Davis

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# Lift High the Cross

## Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

## Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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## Seed That in Earth Is Dying



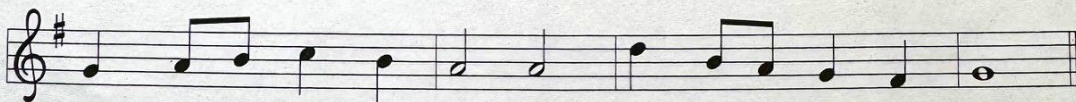
1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of  
 2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and  
 3 Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much



grain. Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel  
 grave, to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise:  
 fruit. Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,



turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us  
 praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here  
 give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!



faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.  
 where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.  
 Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.