

**MID-WEEK 4 LENT  
SERVICE**

**MARCH 6, 2024  
IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

*Missouri Synod*



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**Sunday Worship  
Service  
9:00 AM**

**Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School  
10:30 am**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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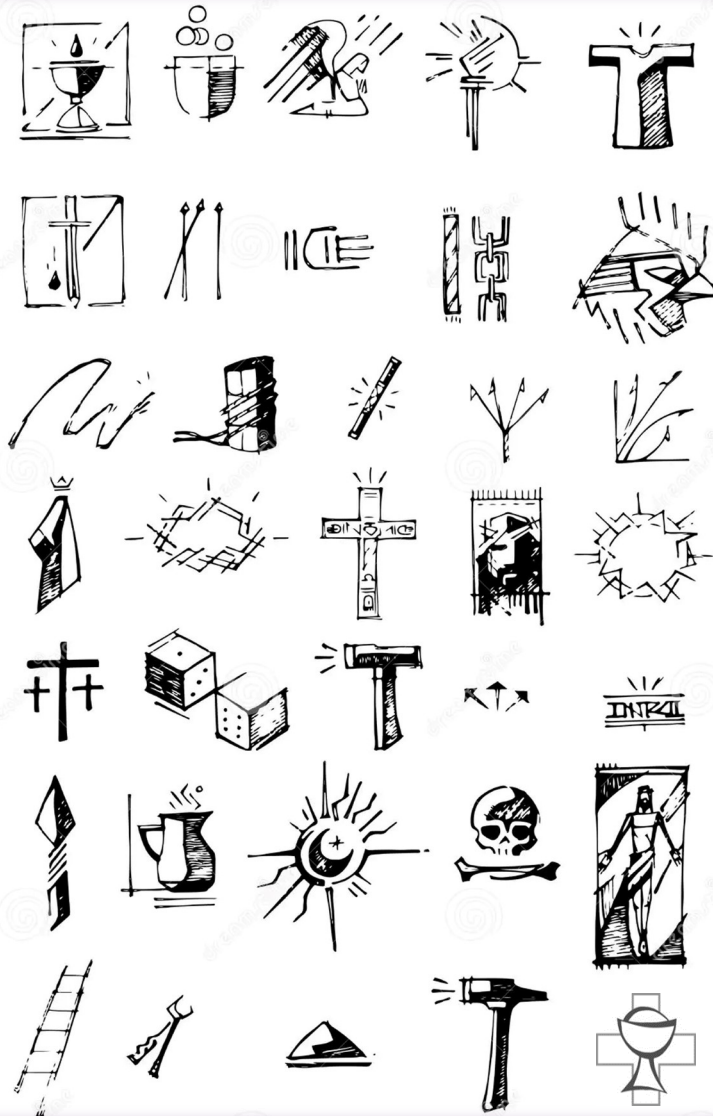
**8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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*FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN*

*Lent*

# Objects of the Passion of Christ



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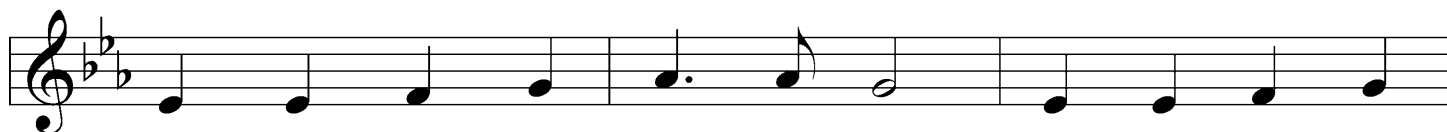
## WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors here today. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

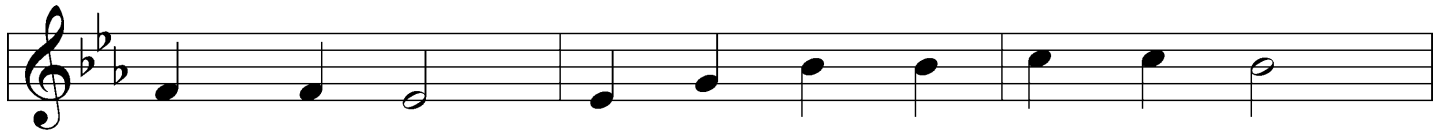
**AS WE GATHER** From earliest days the Christian Church employed the weeks before Easter—what came to be called the season of Lent—as the time of the year to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the catechumenate. Paul wrote, “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Our midweek Lenten services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. It is in that understanding that we are enabled to take up our cross and follow Him through the struggles of this life to the glorious deliverance of eternal life.

**PRELUDE** *(A Quiet Time for Prayer and Meditation)*

**OPENING HYMN** *Go to Dark Gethsemane* **LSB 436**



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne,	All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall,	View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb;	There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb	Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r;      Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar-raigned;      Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!  
 at His feet,      Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay;      All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;      Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained!      Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.      "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way?      Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way;      Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss;      Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry;      Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes.      Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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## VESPERS

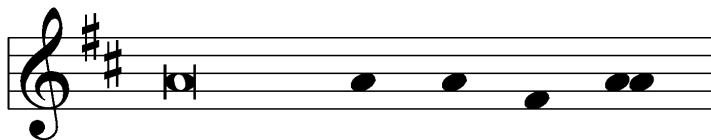
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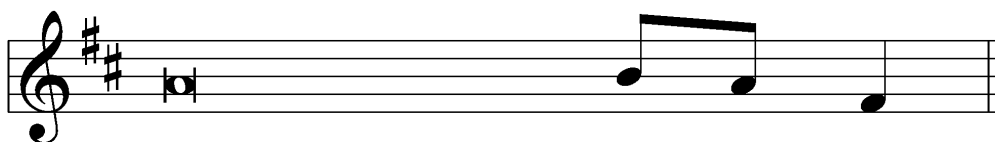
**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**C** Amen.

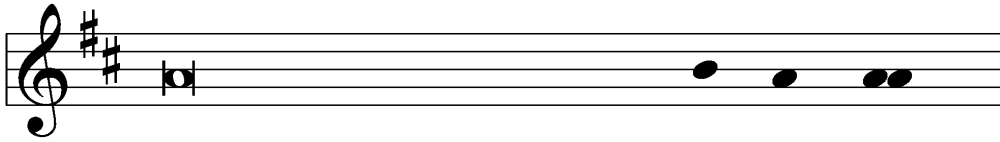
### RESPONSE



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



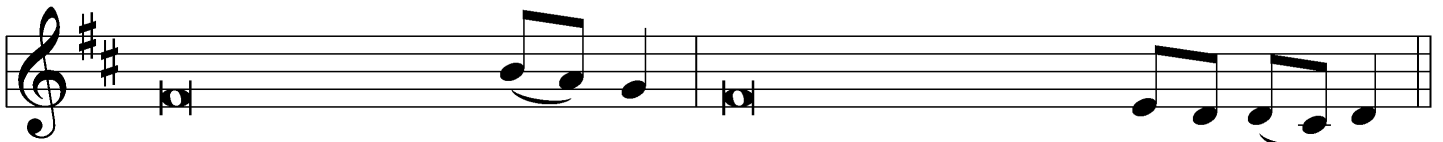
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



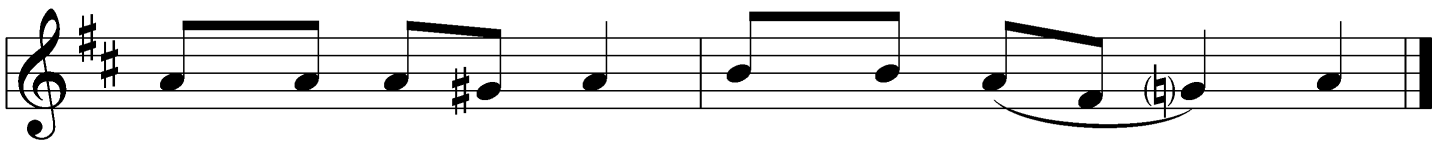
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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



Praise to You, O Christ. Lamb of our sal—va—tion.

## PSALM *Psalm 2*

P Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

**C The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,**

P “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.”

**C He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.**

P Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

**C “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”**

P “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

**C Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

P You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' ”

**C Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.**

P Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**C Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.**

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**FIRST READING**     *Isaiah 50:4-10*

4 “The Lord God has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.

5 The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 “For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord God will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up. 10 “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**     *1 Peter 4:12-19*

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now

“If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

**P**    O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**

**THIRD READING**     *Luke 22:66-23:12*

66 As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, 67 “If You are the Christ, tell us.” But He said to them, “If I tell you, you will by no means believe. 68 And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go. 69 Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God.”

70 Then they all said, “Are You then the Son of God?” So He said to them, “You rightly say that I am.”

71 And they said, “What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth.”

1 Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is

Christ, a King.”

3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

He answered him and said, “It is as you say.”

4 So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no fault in this Man.”

5 But they were the more fierce, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.”

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a

Galilean. 7 And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s

jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that

time. 8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he

had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many

things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by

Him. 9 Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered

him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and

vehemently accused Him. 11 Then Herod, with his men of war, treated

Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe,

and sent Him back to Pilate. 12 That very day Pilate and Herod became

friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with

each other.

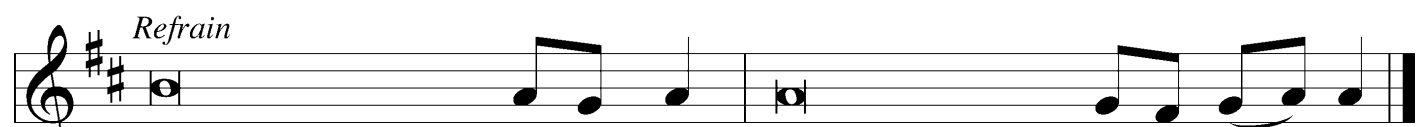
P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

# HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ, the Life of All the Living* LSB 420; vs. 1-4



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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**SERMON**

***“Test the Limits”***

**(Luke 22:63-65)**

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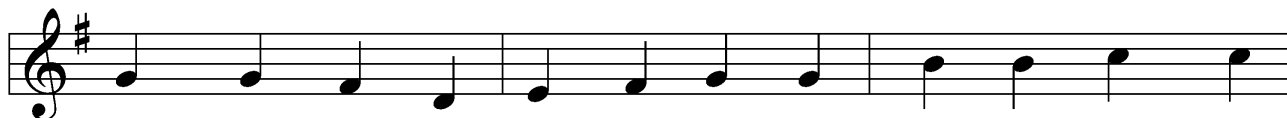


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## OFFERTORY

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

**LSB 420; vs. 5-7**



5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I  
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:  
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy  
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to  
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.  
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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## KYRIE



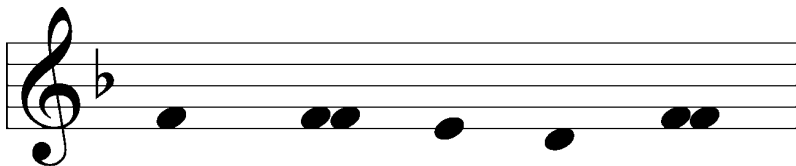
**☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

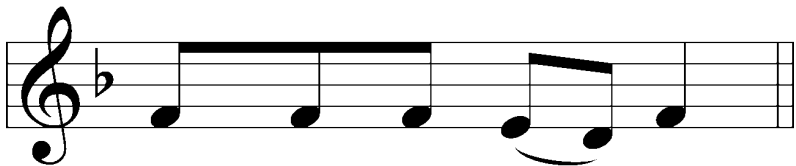
**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,**

**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.**

## **COLLECTS**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your divine Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and

all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

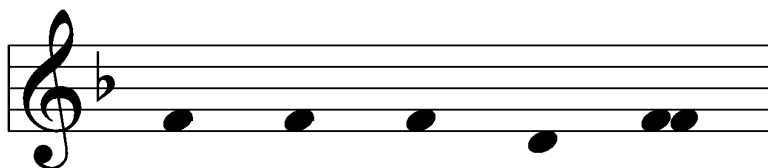
**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS



**L** Let us bless the Lord.

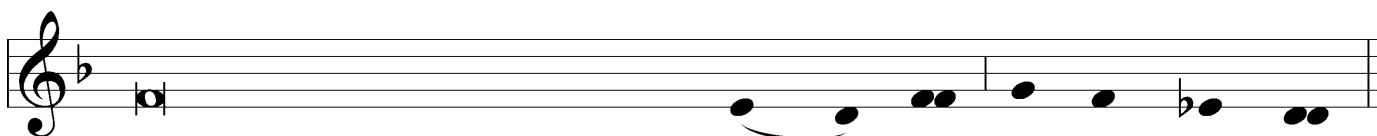


**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

*Please sit*

## SENDING HYMN

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

**LSB 842**



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  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life 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,  
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



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  
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



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  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



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.  
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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