



"...For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20b

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4th Lenten Wednesday

March 11, 2026

AS WE GATHER – DUTY OF A BYSTANDER

As we gather for the 4th Lenten Midweek service, we meet Simon of Cyrene on the road to Golgotha, a man pulled from the crowd and given a burden he did not choose. Yet in that moment of compelled duty, Simon was drawn into the service of Christ, bearing the very cross our Lord would carry for the salvation of the world. Tonight, we reflect on the call to serve, not always in ways we expect or prefer, but in humble faithfulness to the One who first bore our sins. May God open our hearts to see that in lives of quiet duty and willing service as we walk the very path of discipleship marked out by the cross.

+PREPARATION+

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- L** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!
- L** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;
C I ponder the work of Your hands.
- L** Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!
C Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

857 LORD, HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY

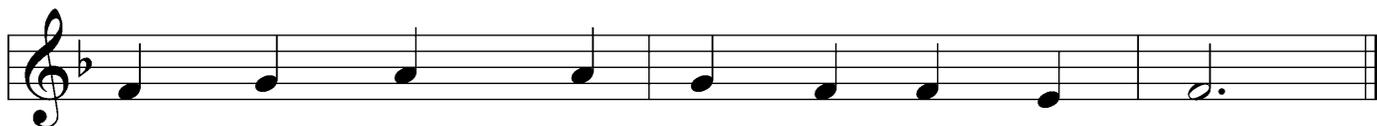
sts. 1–3



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.

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PSALM 89:35–52

³⁵Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. ³⁶His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me. ³⁷Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies.” ³⁸But now you have cast off and rejected; you are full of wrath against your anointed. ³⁹You have renounced the covenant with your servant; you have defiled his crown in the dust. ⁴⁰You have breached all his walls; you have laid his strongholds in ruins. ⁴¹All who pass by plunder him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors. ⁴²You have exalted the right hand of his foes; you have made all his enemies rejoice. ⁴³You have also turned back the edge of his sword, and you have not made him stand in battle. ⁴⁴You have made his splendor to cease and cast his throne to the ground. ⁴⁵You have cut short the days of his youth; you have covered him with shame. ⁴⁶How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath burn like fire? ⁴⁷Remember how short my time is! For what vanity you have created all the children of man! ⁴⁸What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? ⁴⁹Lord, where is your steadfast love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David?

⁵⁰Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked, and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations, ⁵¹with which your enemies mock, O LORD, with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed. ⁵²Blessèd be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

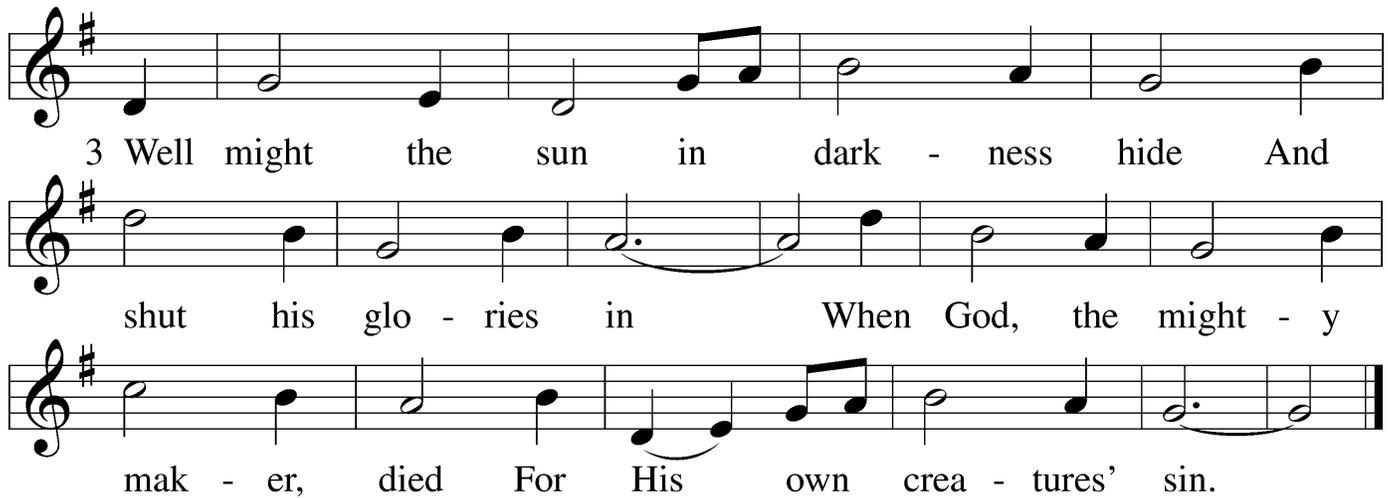
COLLECT OF THE DAY

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

437 ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

st. 3



3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.

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FIRST READING

Mark 8:34–38

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Luke 23:26–34

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

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DRAMA INTRODUCTION

DRAMA PRESENTATION: SIMON, THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER

854 FORTH IN THY NAME, O LORD, I GO

sts. 1–3

(TUNE: 461 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*)

- 1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task Thy wisdom has assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- L** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- L** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit so that we affirm with St. Paul, “I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want” (Phil 4:12); through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

NICENE CREED

The 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.

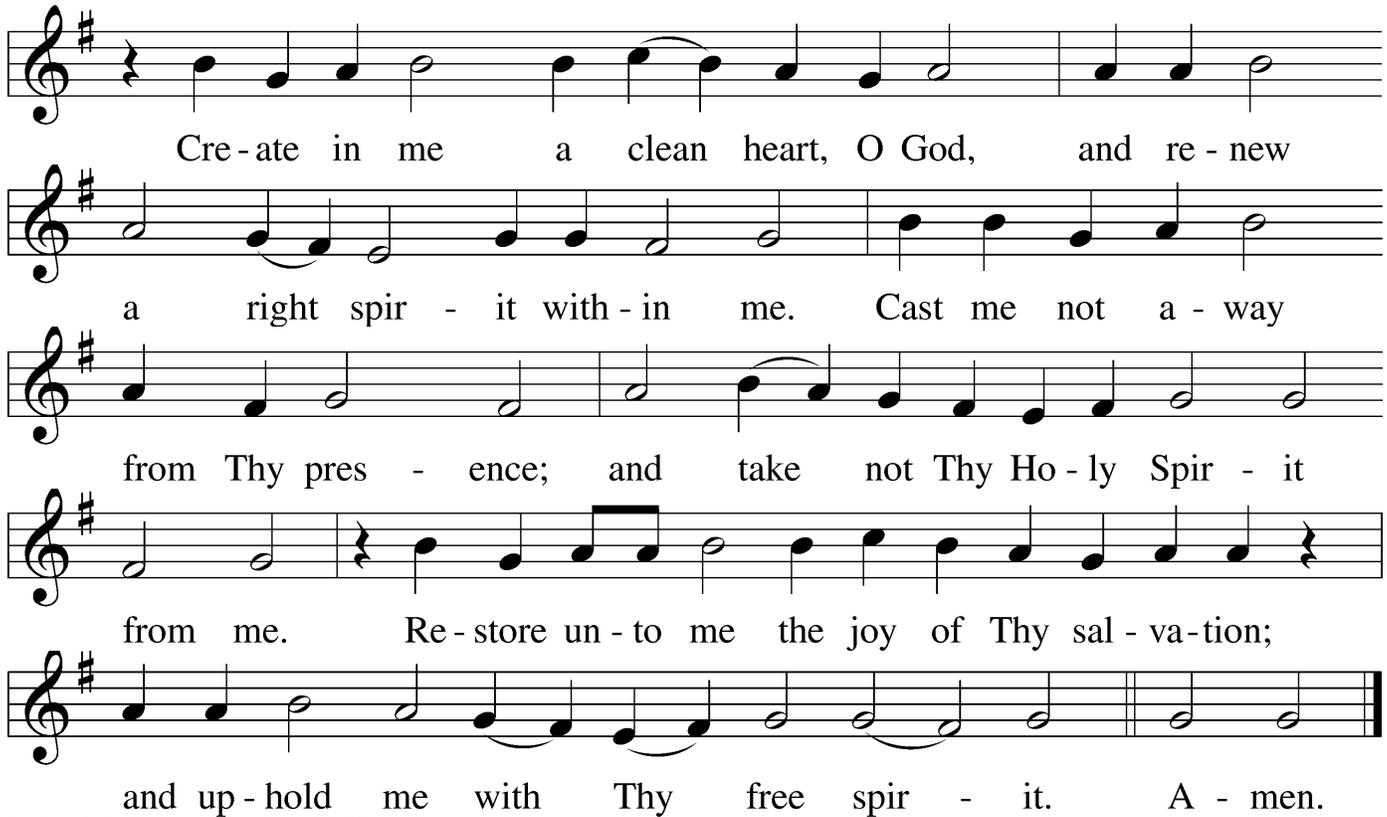
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956 CREATE IN ME



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.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

854 FORTH IN THY NAME, O LORD, I GO

sts. 4–5

(TUNE: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives)

- 4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day.
- 5 For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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BENEDICTION

L The Lord, who has passed over you in mercy, bless you.
The Lord, who sent His Son to pay for your sins, bless you.
The Lord, who calls you His sons and daughters, bless you and keep you, now
and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING PEACE

L Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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