



**The Lord is my light and my
salvation;
whom shall I fear?**

**2nd Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Ramsey, New Jersey**

PRELUDE

When Jesus Wept

Powell

WELCOME

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 834

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELW P.138, S138

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A: A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

A: We will now read responsively from Psalm 27.



Psalm 27:5

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- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- ⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
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 seek God in the temple.**
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I
will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- ⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ⁸ **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**
- ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my
salvation.
- ¹⁰ **Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- ¹² **Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- ¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD! R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

A: A reading from Philippians.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.)

LENTEN ACCLAMATION ELW P.142, s142B

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’”

³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW ACS 1100

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 INTERCESSION

A: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, we give you thanks for your healing presence in our world, and we ask for health and healing for Lois, Lillian, Lynn, Mickey, Laura, Joan, Nico, Benny, Lisa, and Jeff. Surround all who grieve with your consoling love, and bring your peace to our troubled world. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

10:15 SOLO:

Jennifer Hommez, Soprano

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: We give thanks to God this day for His holy Word, dwelling among us.

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 705

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

And Faith Points Upward to the Sky Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome our Seminarian, Sydney Mastropasqua, as our worship leader and preacher in Pastor Linderman's absence.

There is **NO Sunday School** today.

Join us for **Coffee Hour St. Patrick's themed coffee hour** today after the 10:15am service. Bring a savory or sweet treat to share.

There is **NO Bible Study** this Wednesday.

Join us on Wednesday nights starting 3/12 through 4/9 for this year's **Lenten Prayer** series on faith through our senses. Join us for a **Lenten Supper** beforehand at 6pm. The prayer service starts at 7pm.

For Lent this year, the **Bishop's Challenge** team is offering a vegetarian soup recipe for each week. These recipes can be used by congregations or at home by individuals. You are invited to let these recipes spur your imagination for what meals might be possible and to search for ways to make food choices with lesser impact on the environment. Also included are prayers for the care of the Earth for each week. Check Friday's eblast for Prayers for the Earth and Vegetarian Recipes.

Join Annie on Thursday nights in-person or online at 7pm as she leads a **Lenten Book Club**. Contact [Annie](#) for more information. Book Club starts March 6th.

Join us for the **Hygiene Packing Event** to benefit ONOMA Paterson Outreach on Sunday, March 23rd after coffee hour. Look for a poster In the Narthex about this project. Take a ticket or 2 which will identify the items you will donate. Return your items BY MARCH 16, to the bin near the poster. Make it a Family Affair! RSVP to April, Karen or Lorraine.

Redeemer's Spring Wellness Event will be on Saturday, April 5th from 9am-12pm with meditation/journaling, chair yoga and nutrition.

Social Ministry –March 2025 envelope collection will be for St. Stephan's Grace Church.



MISSION STATEMENT

We dedicate ourselves to nurturing the awareness of God's presence in our world, and to sharing our blessings with others.

REDEEMER STAFF

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone.” 1 Timothy 2:1*

For the family of Verdie	Eliana	Lillian	Our sister congregation, St. Stephan's Grace Community;
Mae Krumme	Elizabeth Ernst*	Linda	
Al Boehm	Ellen Joyce	Linda Conboy-Schall	Daudi Msseemmaa and his wife Kellen (our ELCA missionaries in East Africa)
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Audrey Maune	Griffin	Marylou	
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Beverly Klingler	Jamie Milligan	Nancy	Daudi Msseemmaa and his wife Kellen (our ELCA missionaries in East Africa)
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Dan	Kathy	Shirley H.	Daudi Msseemmaa and his wife Kellen (our ELCA missionaries in East Africa)
David	Kim Daehnke	Spoerl Family	
Davis Family	Kimberly	Susan Turner & family	Daudi Msseemmaa and his wife Kellen (our ELCA missionaries in East Africa)
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remove a
name from the
prayer list,
please call or
email the
church office.
Your devotion
in praying for
people listed
is sincerely
appreciated.
(* denotes
a homebound
member)*

Music Document
Sunday March 16th
Lent 2

Gathering Hymn ELW 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



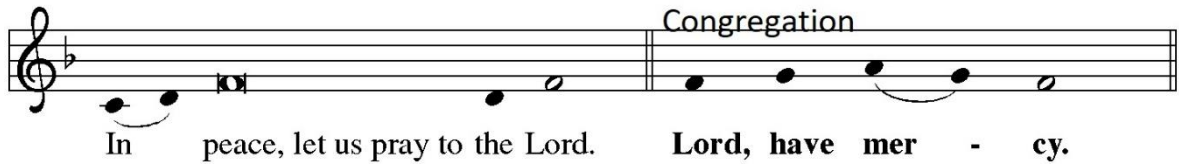
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



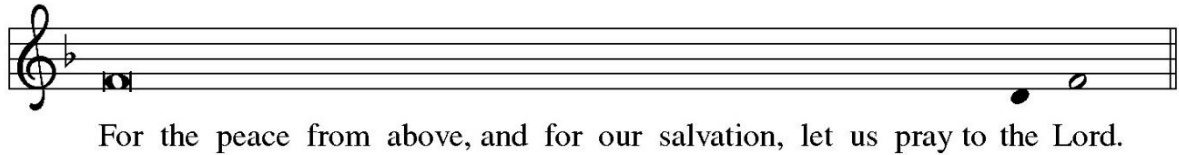
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Kyrie

Congregation

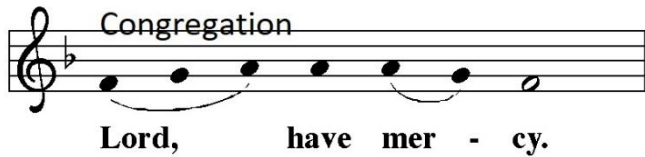


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

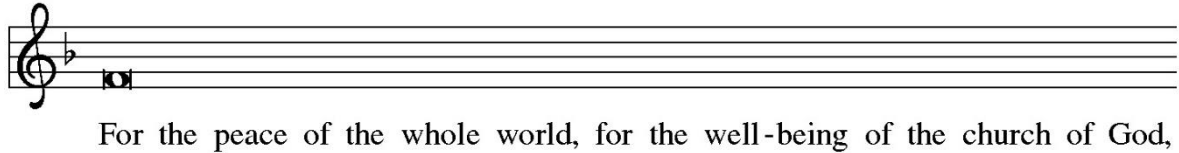


For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

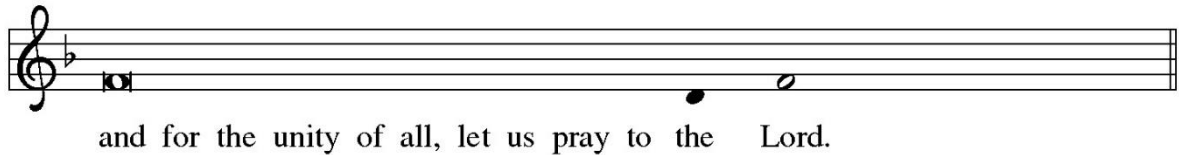
Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

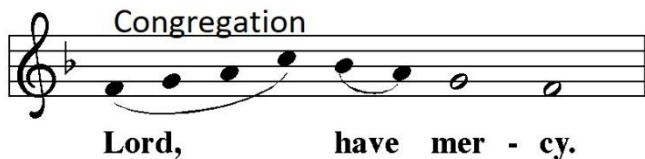


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

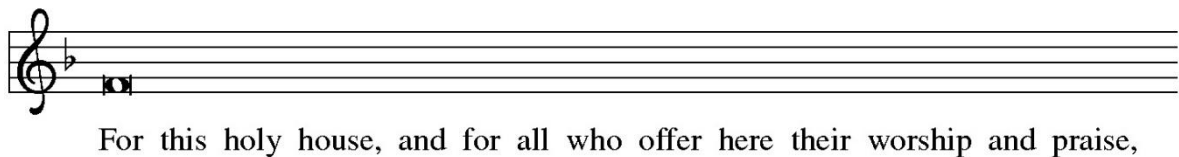


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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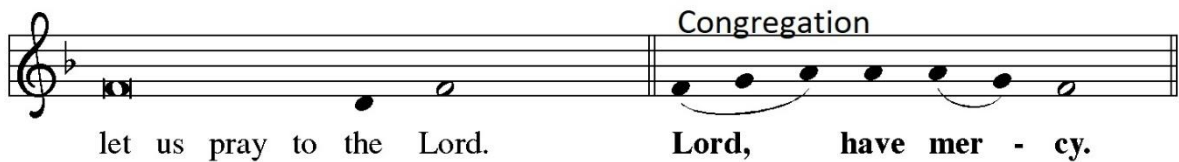


Lord, have mer - cy.



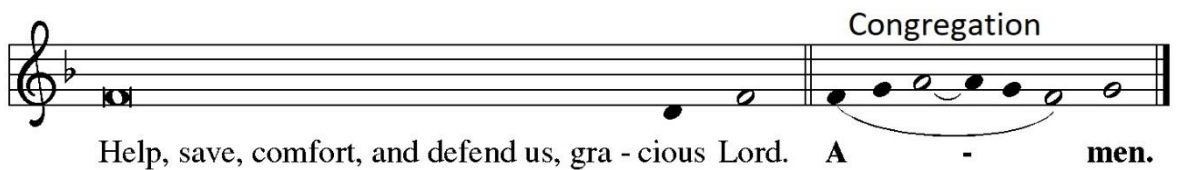
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

Congregation



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Congregation



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Psalm Response



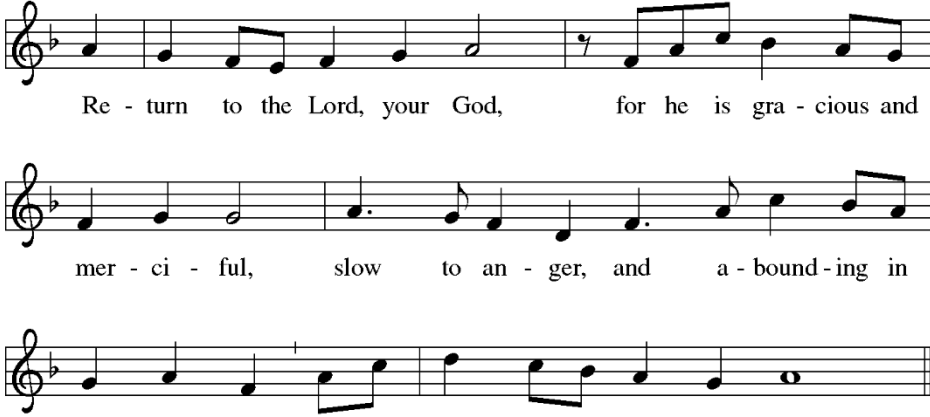
In the day of trou - ble, God will give me shel - ter.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. This is followed by a half note G4, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Psalm 27:5

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Gospel Acclamation



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.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a quarter rest, then G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff continues with: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a quarter rest, then G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The third staff continues with: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a quarter rest, then G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Hymn of the Day ACS 1100

O Beauty Ever Ancient



1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,
O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

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Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Sending Hymn ELW 705

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932