EASY PRINT – Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2026

Welcome – *Fr. Daniel*

Please rise in spirit or body & sing

Processional Hymn: #442 – "GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US HERE"
(V 1,3 & 5)

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free, your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

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

✠ The Penitential Rite

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Almighty God,
All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;
People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Leader: Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Leader: God of all mercy,

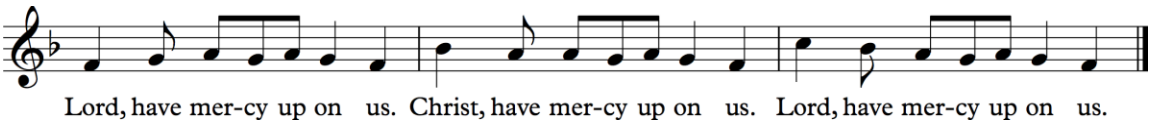
All: **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We turn from the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done. and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Kyrie

All sing



The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know."

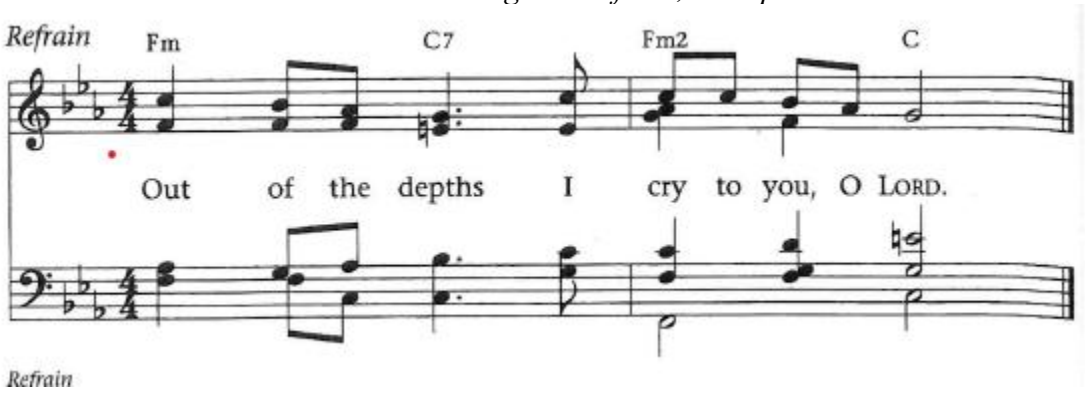
Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord. Ezekiel 37.1-14

People: **Thanks be to God.** *A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 130 *Please remain seated*

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat



Verse: Out of the depths have I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. *Refrain*

Verse: I wait for you , O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more that thosu who keep watch for the morning. *Refrain*

Verse: O Israel, with for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the there is plenteous redemption. For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins. *Refrain*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. To To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The word of the Lord. Romans 8.6-11

People: **Thanks be to God.** *A moment of silence is observed*

Gospel Acclamation: #716 – "GLORY AND PRAISE" *Please rise in body or spirit & sing*

Sing before the Gospel. repeating as necessary

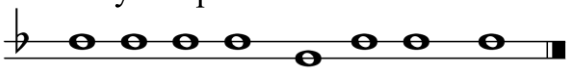
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ *(repeat)*

Sung once; after the Gospel.

The Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**

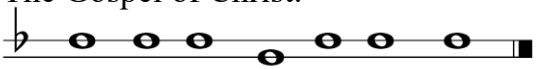
Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: 

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ. John 11.1-45

People: 

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Sung after the Gospel, repeating as necessary

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. *(Repeat)*

Sermon

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers & Lenten Prose

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Let us kneel or remain seated as we pray for the church, the world and those in need.

Creator of All, give peace where there is no peace in Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Palestine, and Israel and for those suffering in these wars.

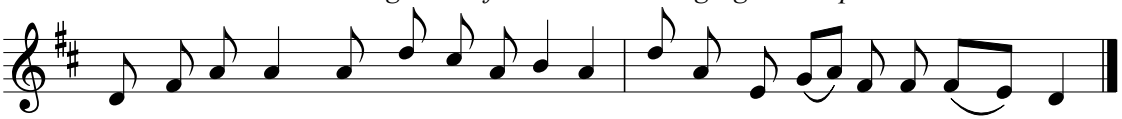
Lord Jesus, bless and direct your Church, we pray for the Retired Clergy in the Mississauga Deanery and in our parish, Fay Williams and the counters of St. John's, for our Bishops Andrew and Kevin, and the worldwide church.

Holy Spirit, comfort and relieve those who suffer, or who are in need; Joyce Walker, Margaret Donald, Linda Tripp, Rosemarie Inglis, Beverly Scott, Trevor Scott, Silvana Martinez, John Muller, Ethel Reid, and Don Latimer and any others you wish to pray for, aloud or in silence...

We remember those who have died … and pray for all who mourn.

We continue our prayers as we sing the Lenten Prose.

The cantor sings the refrain then the congregation repeats.



Cantor: To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory, lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings; listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

All sing the refrain

Cantor: O thou chief corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father, Way of salvation, Gate of life celestial; cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

All sing the refrain

Cantor: God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated, bow down and hearken to thy weeping children; pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

All sing the refrain

Cantor: Sins oft committed now we lay before thee; with true contrition, now no more we veil them; grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

All sing the refrain

Cantor: Innocent captive, taken unresisting, falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced; save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

All sing the refrain

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of its members.
We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

All sing

Offertory Hymn: #531 – "YOU WHO DWELL IN THE SHELTER OF THE LORD"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
Refrain:
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain:*

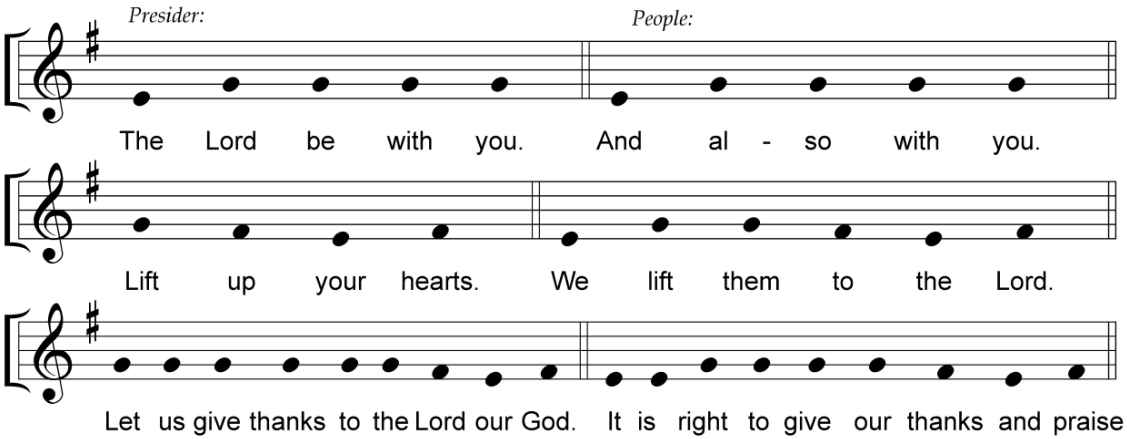
You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain:*

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
Refrain:
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

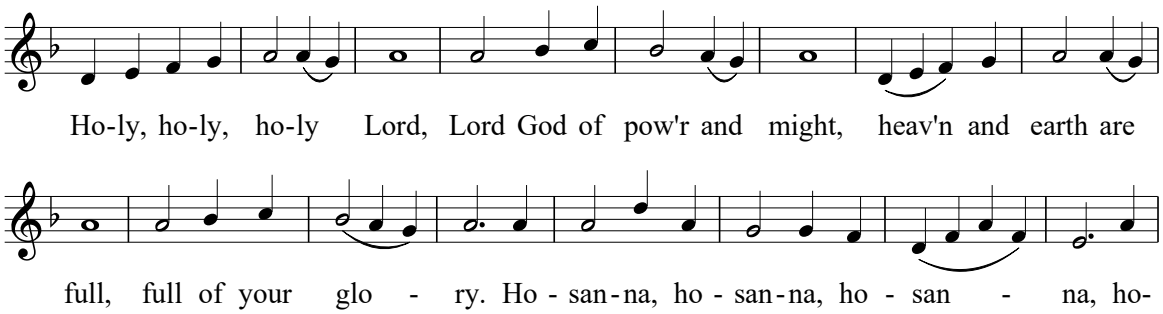
Priest: Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living.

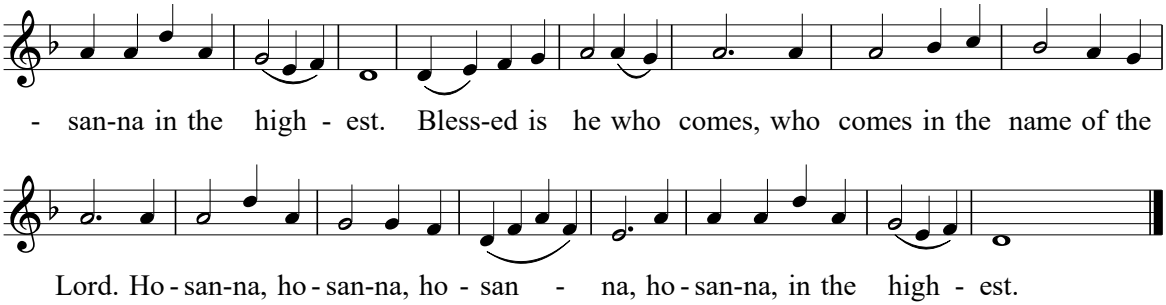
All: **Amen.**



Priest: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses and Miriam you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus *All sing*





Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest: Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

During the season of Lent, the Lord's Prayer,
normally sung, will simply be spoken.

The Lord's Prayer *Said by all*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread,
All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Priest: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;**
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

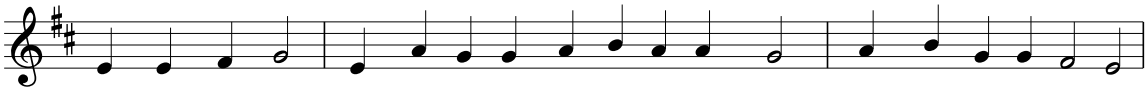
Priest: If you are joining us from home, please pray with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

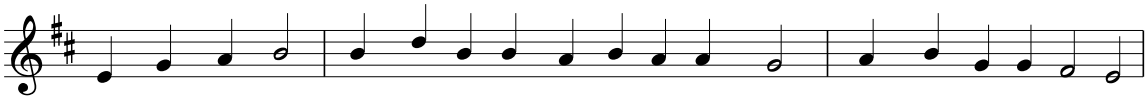
Online: Holy One, in times of exile, you always remained close to your people, sustaining them in faith, by your Word and Spirit. Help me to feast on your Word, and uphold me by your Spirit, until I can again partake of your Body and Blood. I pray in Jesus' name.
All: **Amen.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI *All sing*



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us.



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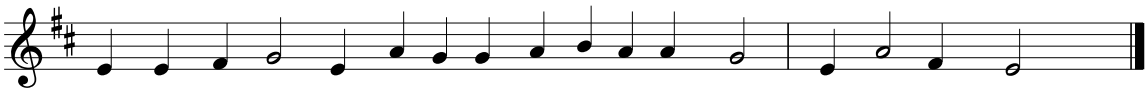

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

The Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: # 24 - "ABIDE WITH ME" *All sing*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs our life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour; What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Choral Anthem: - "ABIDE WITH ME"
Arr. Jason Locke

Prayer after Communion

Priest: God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: (AAH #377)– "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"
(V 1,2 & 4)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way. When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance
control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, "Even so," it is well with my soul,
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Dismissal

The "Alleluia" is omitted during the season of Lent.

Priest: Go in peace, for He is the Resurrection and the Life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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