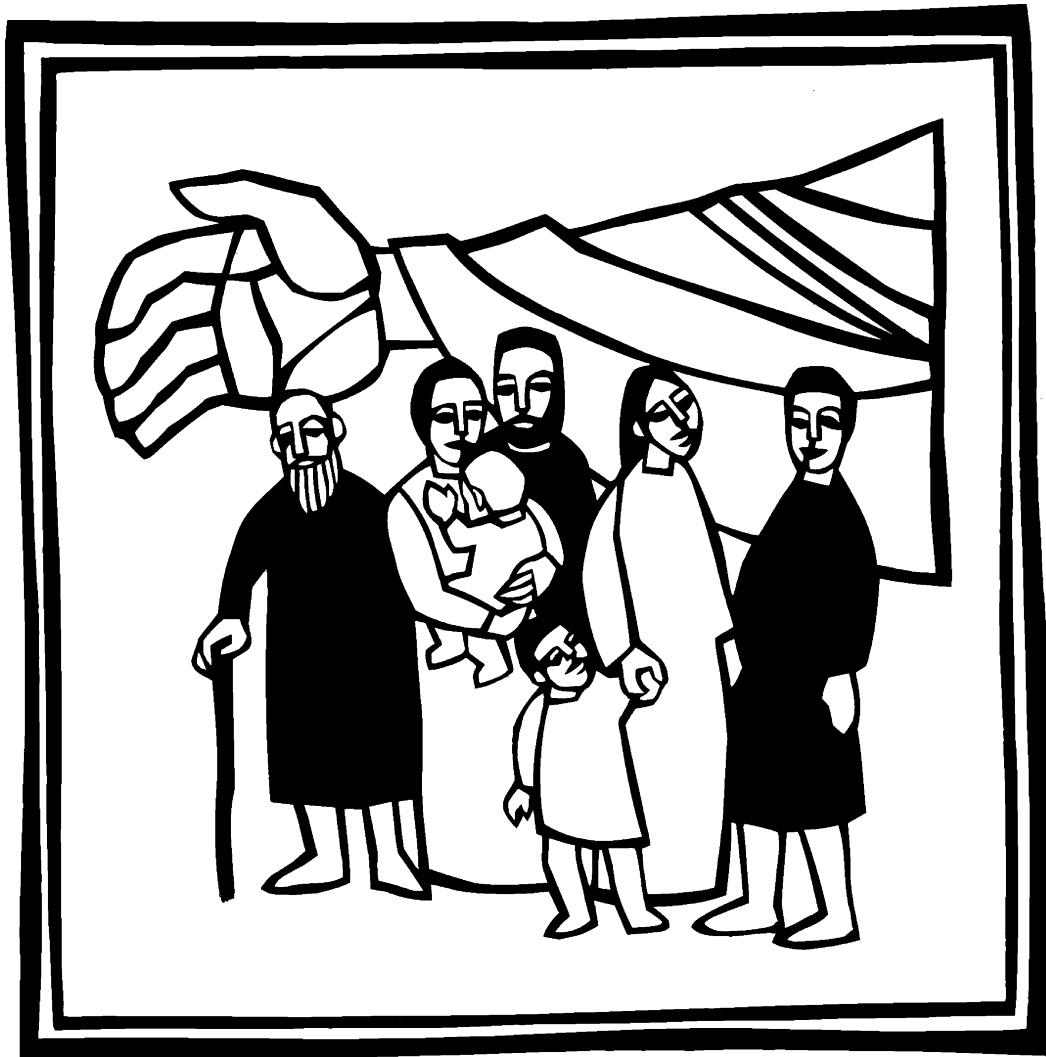


Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025—10am



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ
called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“What Wondrous Love is This” *arr. John Carter*

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

"Blessed Be Your Name" Blessed Be Your Name



1 Bless-ed be ___ Your name in the land that is plen - ti - ful, ___
2 Bless-ed be ___ Your name when the sun's shin - ing down ___ on me, ___



where Your streams of ___ a - bun - dance flow, bless-ed ___ be Your name. ___
when the world's "all ___ as it ___ should be," ___ bless-ed ___ be Your name. ___



Bless - ed be ___ Your name when I'm found in ___ the des - ert place,
Bless - ed be ___ Your name on th road marked with suf - fer - ing, ___



though I walk through the wil - der - ness, ___ bless-ed ___ be Your name. ___
though there's pain in ___ the of - fer - ing, ___ bless-ed ___ be Your name. ___



Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.



When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say,

Refrain



"Bless-ed be the name of ___ the ___ Lord, ___ bless-ed be your name. Bless-ed be the



name of ___ the ___ Lord, ___ bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous name." ___

3 You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way._

My heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless - ed be Your name."_

You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way._

My heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless - ed be Your name."_

Final Refrain

"Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be your name.

Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."_

"Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be your name.

Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."_

+ Greeting

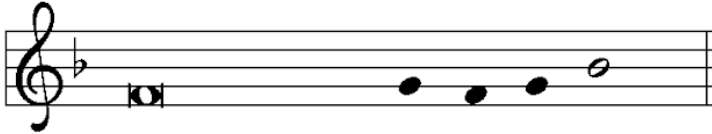
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+Kyrie

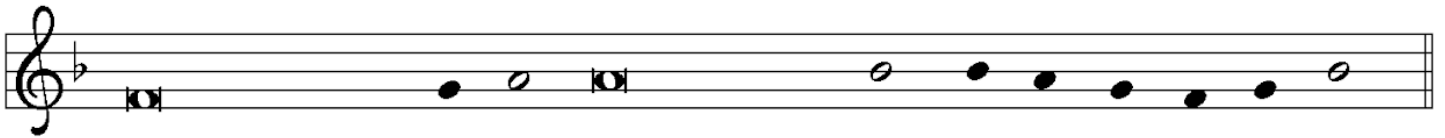
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



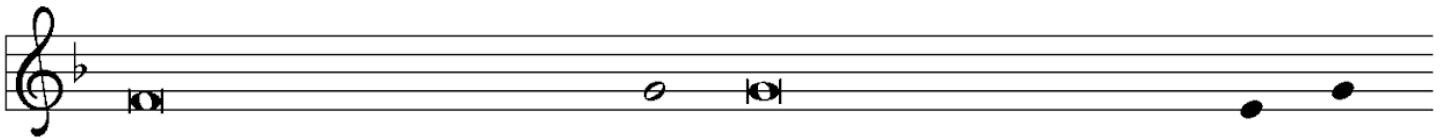
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



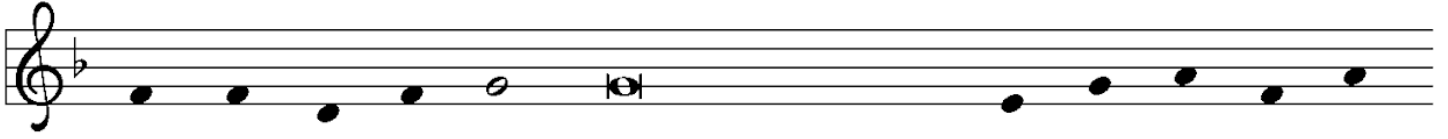
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



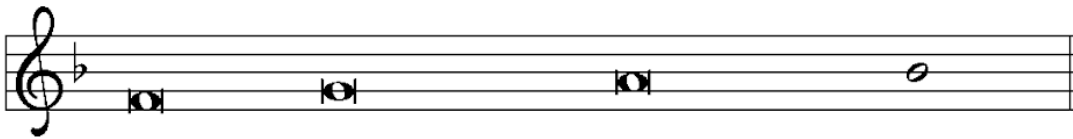
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

+ Prayer of the Day

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+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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, 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.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On 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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27

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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?

**²When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble 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.

**⁴One 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 up- | on 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 ser-
vant 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 moth- | er 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!**

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.

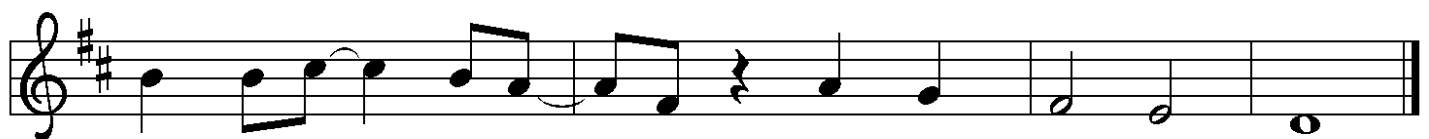
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+ Gospel Acclamation

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **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.' "

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

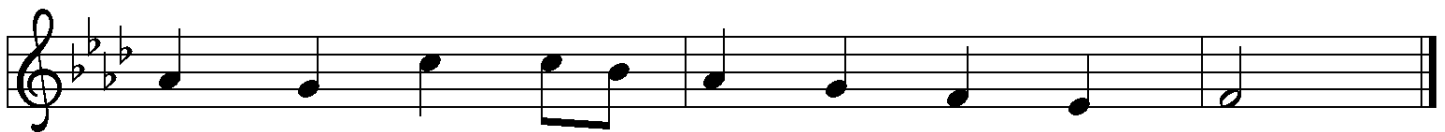
All Who Love and Serve Your City



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and
day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a world that
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
spurns him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.
glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Text: Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: NEW ORLEANS, Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

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**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who 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.**

* universal

+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: ELW #616



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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+ Peace

+Meal+

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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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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.

+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

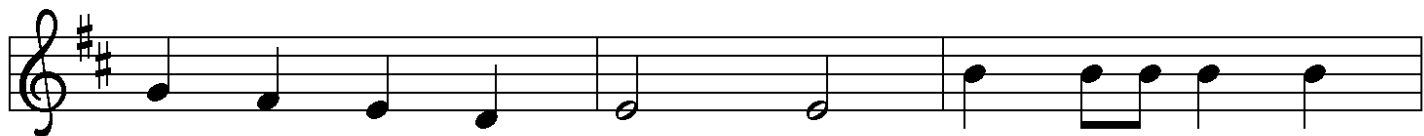
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,



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.

+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

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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.

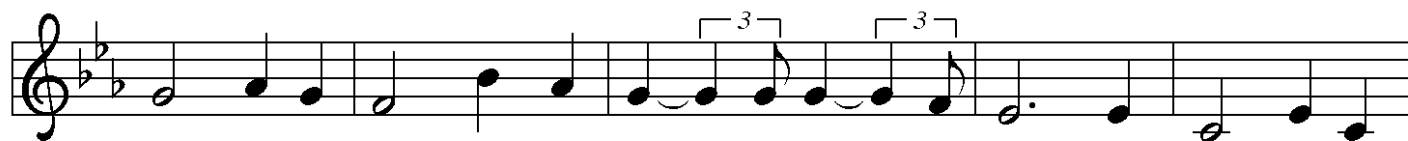
+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

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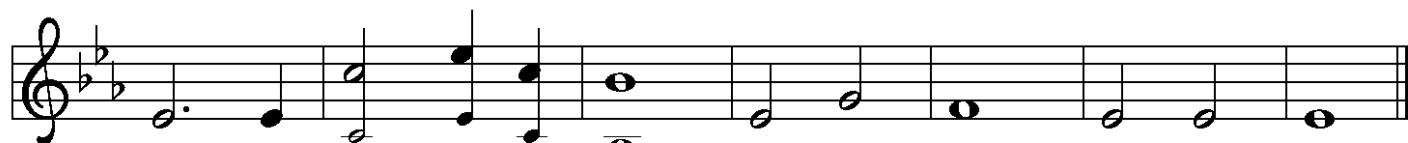
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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.

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

"A Song of Unity"

As a moth - er hen gath - ers her chicks, as an ea - gle
lifts up her young, you have called to your ta - ble all
peo - ple as one; God, we thank you for your pres - ence here. *Fine*
As we share in the bread and the wine, come to us, ho - ly
Je - sus, in love. Let the gift of your sac - ri - fice
o - pen our eyes; we are one in your bo - dy and blood. *D.C. al fine*

Text: David M. Jahn

Music: A SONG OF UNITY, David M. Jahn

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+ Table Blessing

+ Prayer after Communion

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

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+ Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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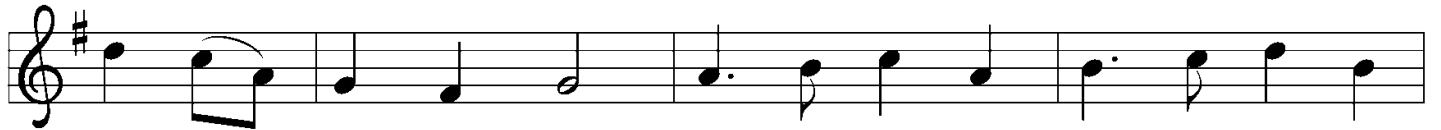
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



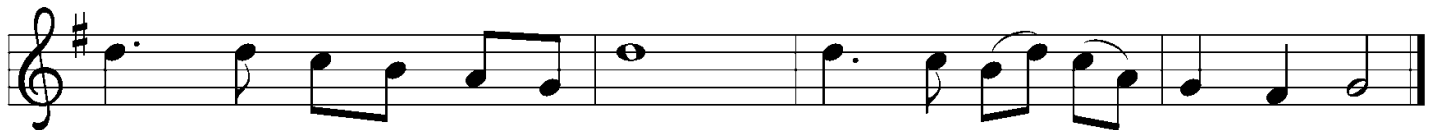
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932