



LORD, HAVE MERCY

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meals for Potluck Luncheon: We would like to invite the congregation to help provide food for the potluck luncheon following Gene Altieri's funeral on Saturday. If you are willing and able to bring a dish to share, please reach out to Shawna Doblar or Kim Kirkland.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon: Please join us for our next fellowship luncheon on **Tuesday, April 8th at 11:30am**. We will meet in the small room at Vallentini's, 4960 Miller Trunk Highway. RSVP by texting Kathy Hedin, 651-332-1374. We would love to have any and all seniors join us!

SOTH Garden and Canning Club: You are invited to stay after tonight's service for the first information meeting about a new Garden and Canning Club! The next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 30th, at 1:15pm** before the Sunday service. Please direct any questions to Peter Moeri.

Women's Book Club: We will meet at church on **Monday, March 31st at 6pm** to share a meal and review the book "Elijah: Faith and Fire" by Priscilla Shirer. Our next book starts on April 7th; please see the bulletin board closest to the Fellowship Hall for more information.

Hymnal Giveaway: There is a table set up by the mailboxes with our old hymnals. Please help yourself to any that you can make use of for at-home worship, study, etc. There are plenty for all!

New Hymnal Practice: We are still meeting at 1:00 on Sundays to practice the liturgy from the new hymnals.

For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/events or sign up for our weekly email at www.dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

INVOCATION

Stand

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle.

CONFESSION: Lord, Have Mercy

CW 652 sts. 1, Refrain I

1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your
count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and
those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.
For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for
scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In
thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how
deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. Refrain I

Refrain I

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE: Lord, Have Mercy

CW 652 sts. 2, *Refrain II*

(2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly
lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you
fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.
And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you

bled for a world's be - tray - al. You

loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how

pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. *Refrain II*

Refrain II

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

1 2 *Fine (last time)* 7

Lord, have mer - cy on us. on us.

PRAYER

P: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

READING

Luke 22:54–71

⁵⁴Then they seized him, led him away, and brought him into the high priest's house.

Peter Denies Jesus

Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him sitting near the light. She looked closely at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸After a little while someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them!" But Peter answered, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹After about one hour had passed, someone else was firmly insisting, "Truly this man was with him too, because he is a Galilean!" ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are

talking about!" At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times." ⁶²He went outside and wept bitterly.

The Guards Mock Jesus

⁶³The men who were holding Jesus in custody mocked him while they were beating him. ⁶⁴They blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" ⁶⁵And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

The Jewish Court

⁶⁶As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both the chief priests and experts in the law. They brought him into their Sanhedrin and said, ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. ⁶⁹But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰They all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" He said to them, "I am what you are saying." ⁷¹Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!"


P: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PASSION READING

HYMN: He Stood Before the Court CW 408




1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, the un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to
guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the
killed; the price is paid at last, the law of
done; we live, for he has died, our con - dem -



face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.
day th'ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, a - live and free— his name be praised!

Lord, Have Mercy for Treating Others Like Trash, Not Treasures

Exodus 20:12-14

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

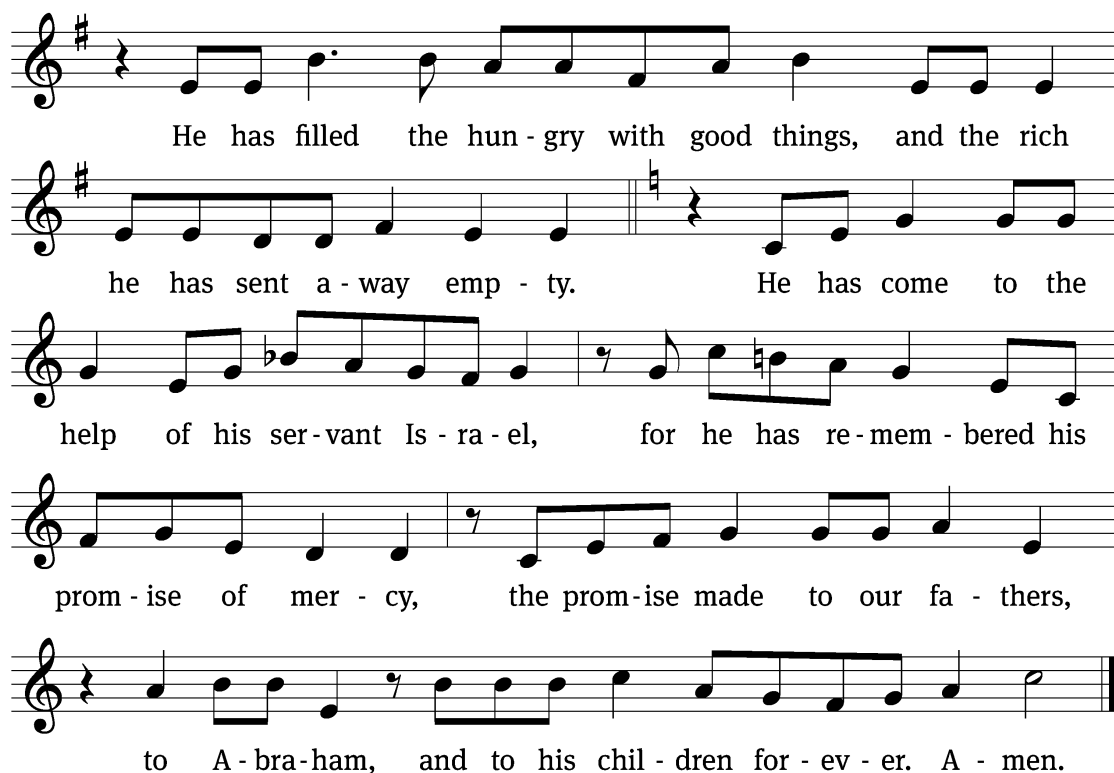
Stand

SONG OF MARY

CW 220



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-
joic-es in God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor
on his low-ly ser-vant. From this day all gen-er-a-tions
will call me bless-ed. The Al-might-y has done great
things for me, and ho-ly is his name. He has mer-cy on
those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the
proud in their con-ceil. He has cast down the might-y
from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.



He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich
 he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the
 help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his
 prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,
 to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

Be seated

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code here or visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 221

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer.

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:

C: **to you, O Lord.**

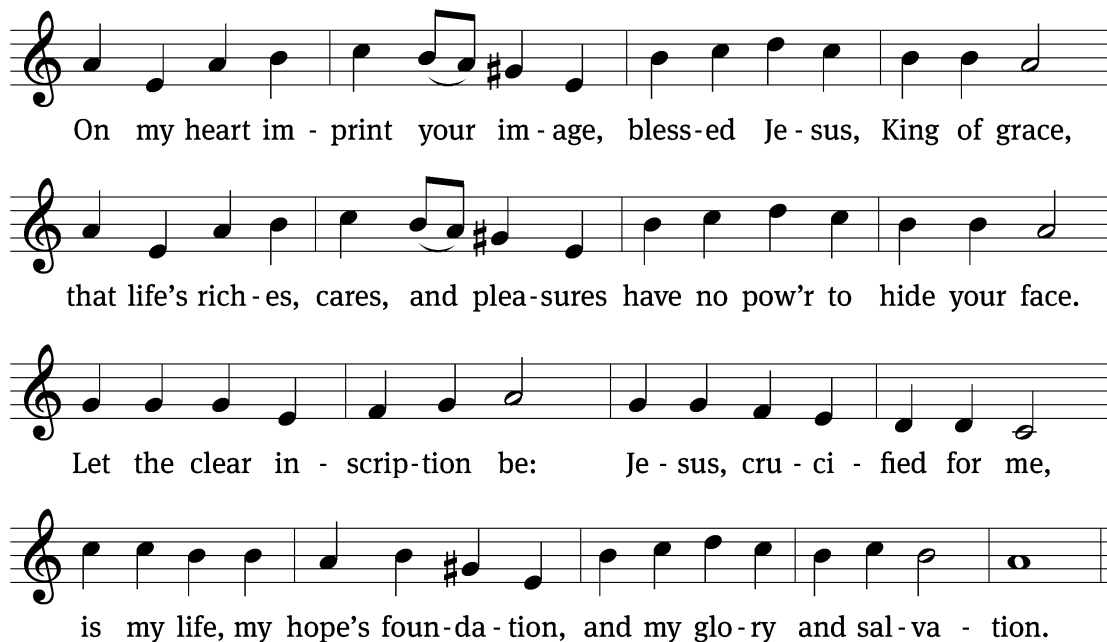
HYMN: On My Heart Imprint Your Image

CW 405

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CW 405



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, King of grace,
that life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures have no pow'r to hide your face.
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
is my life, my hope's foun-da - tion, and my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

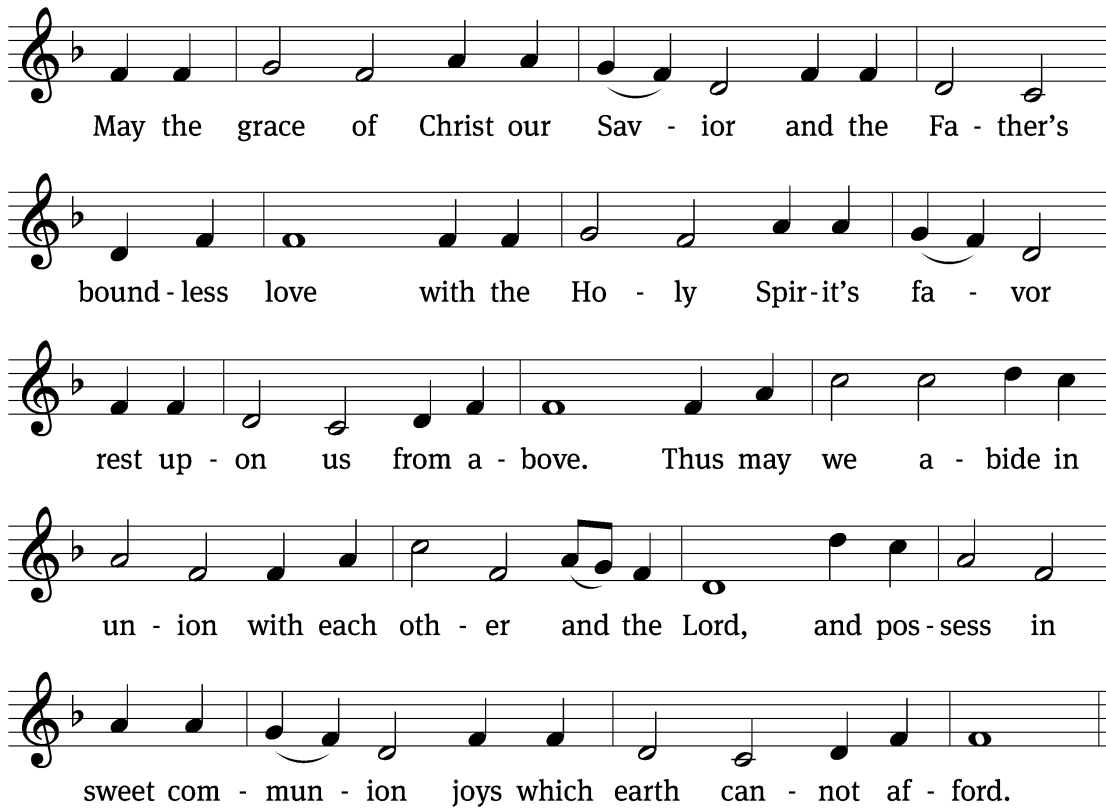
BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928



May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's
bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor
rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in
un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in
sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

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