

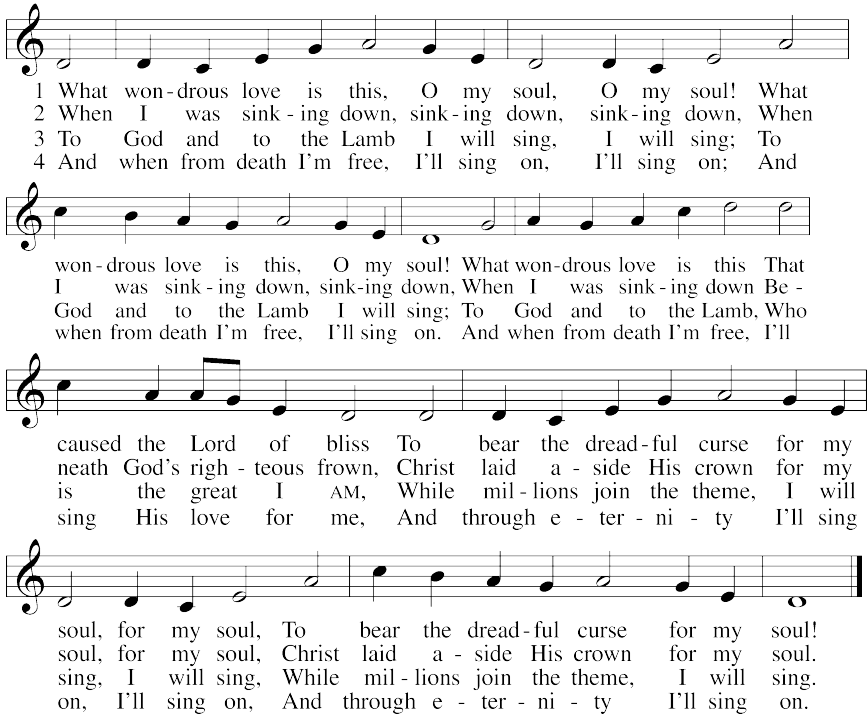
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Lent

"Return to The Kingdom of God"

543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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✠ Confession & Absolution ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
 C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

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PSALM *Psalms 25:1-7*

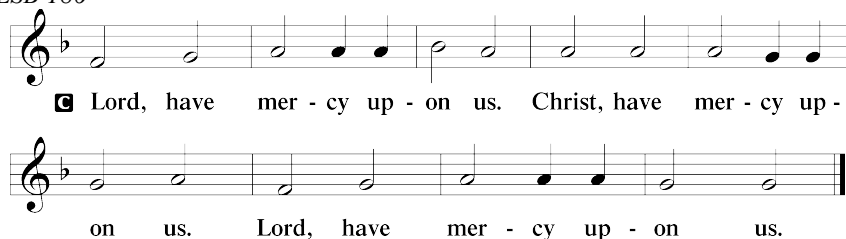
- P:¹ To You, | O LORD,*
 I lift | up my soul.
- C:² **O my God, in You I trust;
 let me not be | put to shame;*
 let not my enemies exult | over me.**
- P:³ Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame;*
 they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
- C:⁴ **Make me to know Your ways, | O LORD;*
 teach me | Your paths.**
- P:⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
 for You are the God of my sal- | vation;*
 for You I wait all the | day long.

C:⁶ **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.**

P:⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, | O LORD!

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Kyrie *LSB 186*



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to You.**

P: Let us pray.

P Almighty God, Your kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world. Instead of force, You reign by grace; instead of corruption, You reign by the truth; instead of favoritism, You reign by serving all. Help us not to fall into the ways of the kingdoms of this world, but to welcome Your gracious reign in our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 59:1–3,*

P A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-third chapter.

¹ Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For He grew up before Him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,

and no beauty that we should desire Him.
³ He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

All:

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | **Jesus,***
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

SECOND READING *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

P A reading from First Timothy, the second chapter.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all, ⁷ which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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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HOLY GOSPEL *John 18:28–38*

P A reading from St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” ³⁰ They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you.” ³¹ Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

701 Draw Us to Thee *sts. 1-3*

1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the

steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should

gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.

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Sermon “Return to The Kingdom of God” (John 18:28-38)

701 Draw Us to Thee *sts. 4-5*

4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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Litany *LSB 288*

- L O Lord,
- C **have mercy.**
- L O Christ,
- C **have mercy.**
- L O Lord,
- C **have mercy.**
- L O Christ,
- C **hear us.**
- L God the Father in heaven,
- C **have mercy.**
- L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- C **have mercy.**
- L God the Holy Spirit,
- C **have mercy.**
- L Be gracious to us.
- C **Spare us, good Lord.**
- L Be gracious to us.
- C **Help us, good Lord.**
- L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition
 and from rebellion;
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and
 from everlasting death:
- C **Good Lord, deliver us.**

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody
sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of
the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C **Help us, good Lord.**

L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour
of death; and in the day of judgment:

C **Help us, good Lord.**

L We poor sinners implore You

C **to hear us, O Lord.**

L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all
pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and
understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy
living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the
way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your
harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to
comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from
discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time
of need;

To direct and defend our *[president/queen/king]* and all in authority;
to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and
tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children,
increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and
widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free
those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their
hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth;
and graciously to hear our prayers:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.
 L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C have mercy.
 L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C have mercy.
 L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C grant us Your peace.
 L O Christ,
C hear us.
 L O Lord,
C have mercy.
 L O Christ,
C have mercy.
 L O Lord,
C have mercy. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

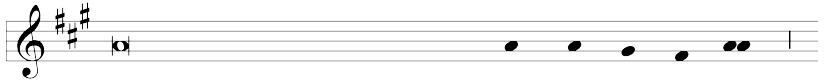
**C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

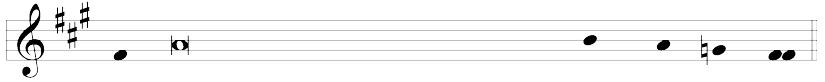
A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

651 | Love Your Kingdom, Lord



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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