

The Second Sunday in Lent



February 28, 2021



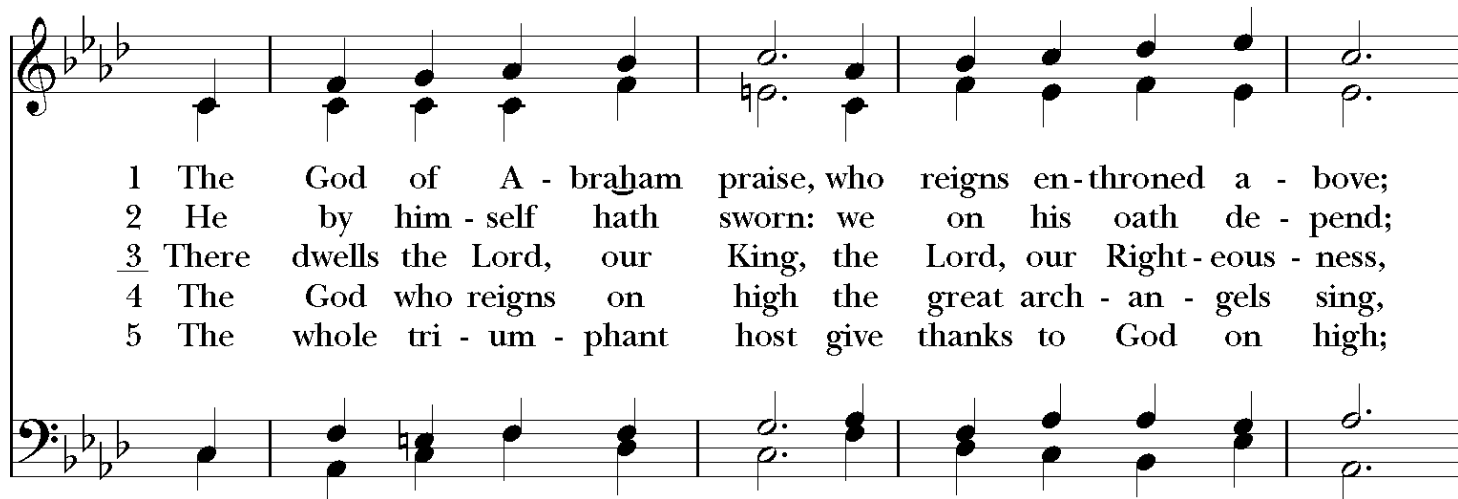
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

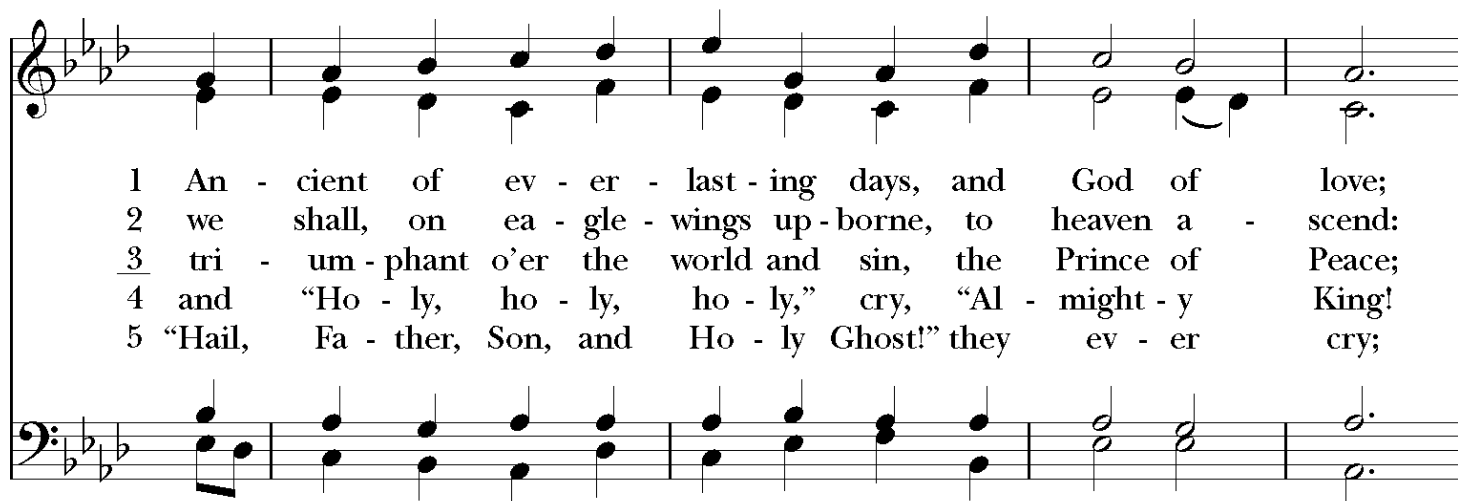
OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham praise

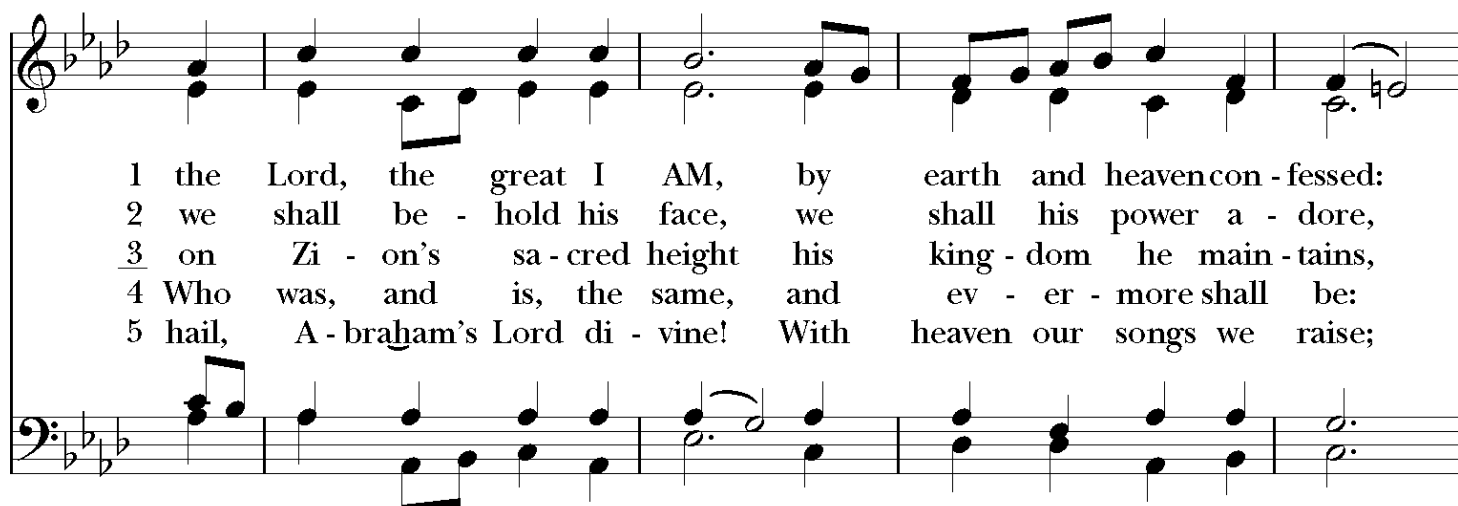
Hymnal 401



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Oliviers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Officiant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Officiant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
 You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
 We confess that we have failed to honor you
 in the great diversity of the human family.
 We have desired to live in freedom,
 while building walls between ourselves and others.
 We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
 while making judgments of others based on the color of skin,
 or the shape of features, or varieties of human experience.
 We have tried to love our neighbors individually,
 while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
 Forgive us, Holy God.
 Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
 Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
 Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
 even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity,
 now and for ever.
 Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Lector A reading from Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

PSALM

Psalm 22:22-30, *inclusive language*

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear God; *
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all of you in Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty, neither turns away from them; *
when they cry to the LORD, they are heard.
- 24 My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.
- 27 For sovereignty belongs to the LORD, *
who rules over the nations.
- 28 To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before God.
- 29 My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that God has done.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Lector A reading from Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

CREED

paraphrase of the Nicene Creed by Timothy Dudley-Smith



We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by - whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be low, a - bove:



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.



We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Reader* O God, give to your Church renewed grace and courage, that in this season, we may boldly proclaim your Word in new ways every day.
- Shine your holy light upon Christ Church Detroit and its leadership, that our community may be a beacon of your hope.
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Grant that this nation and its civic leaders, especially Joe our President, Gretchen our Governor, and Michael our Mayor, may grow in empathy and wisdom, to discern and implement policies for the good of all.
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Keep the nations of the earth under your care, that as we strive toward the light of justice and truth, there may be peace and goodwill throughout the world.
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Be present with medical personnel, teachers, and other frontline workers, and all those who are dismantling systems of oppression in our communities, that they, through your strength, may quell the spread of COVID-19 and moral ills that dishonor your image and likeness.
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Watch over your children, that they may have the abiding peace of your presence all the days of their lives. We celebrate the birth of Kira London Bernard, great-granddaughter of Rosemary Esse, born to Jared and Alexa (Esse) Bernard on February 13th. And we pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week: *Lorraine George, Jacob Maher, Ellie Collard, Michelle Wilbert, Charlie Brandon, Lisa Jones*, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)
- Silence*
- Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Look upon those who are suffering or sick, and those for whom home has not been a place of rest, that they may find respite and relief from their troubles. We pray especially for *Pat Ald, Ed Beverly, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Digory, Trevor Esse, Sean Farley, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Grace, Hope Hoffman, Michael Jenkins, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Matthew Klein, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Paul, Kathleen S., Atticus Schoonover, Marilyn Shabby, Owen Sprague, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, John T., Bobbie Traxler, Sue Urbanski, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, Bob Wright*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)
- Silence*

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader Receive into your eternal embrace those we love but see no longer, that they may rest in light and peace, to the comfort and consolation of those who mourn. We pray for all who have died, especially those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Officiant God of peace,
let us your people know that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.
Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum, omnes populi,
quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus
et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.*

*Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritu Sancto,
sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise him, all ye peoples,
for his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

adapted from *This Far By Faith*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: because, though our road has been stony going, you have given us the power to stand firm in the face of wickedness and to rejoice in triumph over death and the grave. And so, with the multitude from east and west, from north and south, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in the unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to your command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; remembering your truth, and awaiting the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. And send your Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to fill our hearts with courage to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant
All*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Common Worship

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.**

The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Common Worship

Celebrant Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

All **Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation
and consume these gifts of bread and wine together,
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Lord Jesus, stay with us. Assure us and revive us in the truth that in you alone, we are one body. Nourish us with solace and strength to be bread for the world, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace in - part Strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,

1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
 2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
 3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;
 4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;

1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
 2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
 3. Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;
 4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,

1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
 2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
 3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

The art on the cover depicts the scene in today's Gospel when Jesus shouts, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is from James Tissot's *The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, a compilation of 350 watercolor paintings that chronicle the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament. To research the project, Tissot traveled to Syria, Egypt, and Palestine several times, closely observing the landscape and architecture, conducting interviews, and doing scholarly research. He aimed to render images as close as possible to eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life.

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