

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#824

"This Is My Father's World"

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.

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.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

sung to the melody from
"Ode to Joy"

- 1 When the Lord brought back to Zion
captives from the exile land;
We were like those who were dreaming,
Those restored to health again.
- 2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter,
Tongues with songs of joy again;
Then they said among the nations,
"God has done great things for them!"

- 3 The Lord has done great things for us;
We are filled with joy and praise.
- 4 Lord, restore our fortunes to us
like streams in the desert place.
- 5 Those who sow with tears and weeping
will return with joyful song;
- 6 Sowing seed will bring forth reaping—
Sheaves that to the Lord belong.

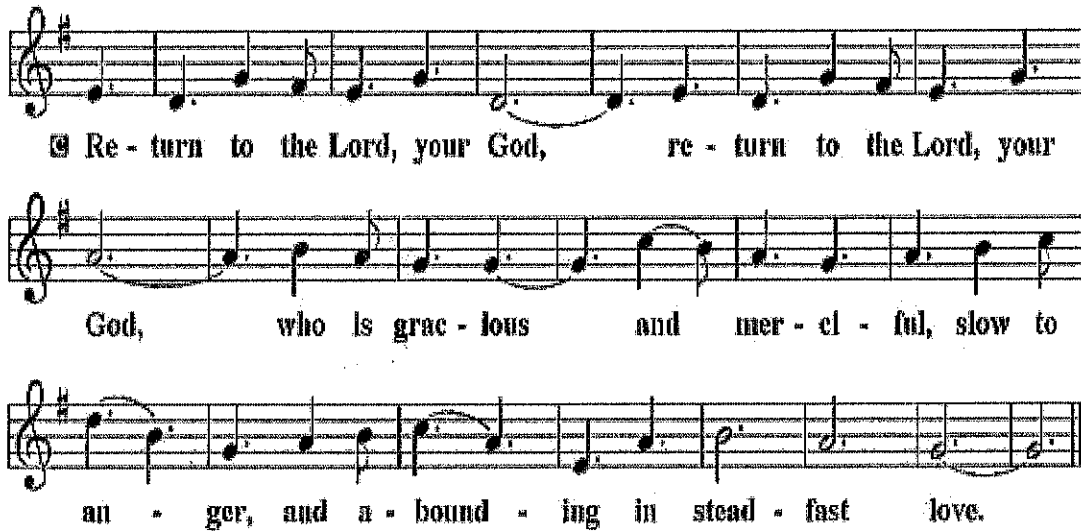
SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
 God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
 an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

SERMON

Pastor Jan LaVake

HYMN OF THE DAY#802

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

CHOIR

"Down At the Cross"

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

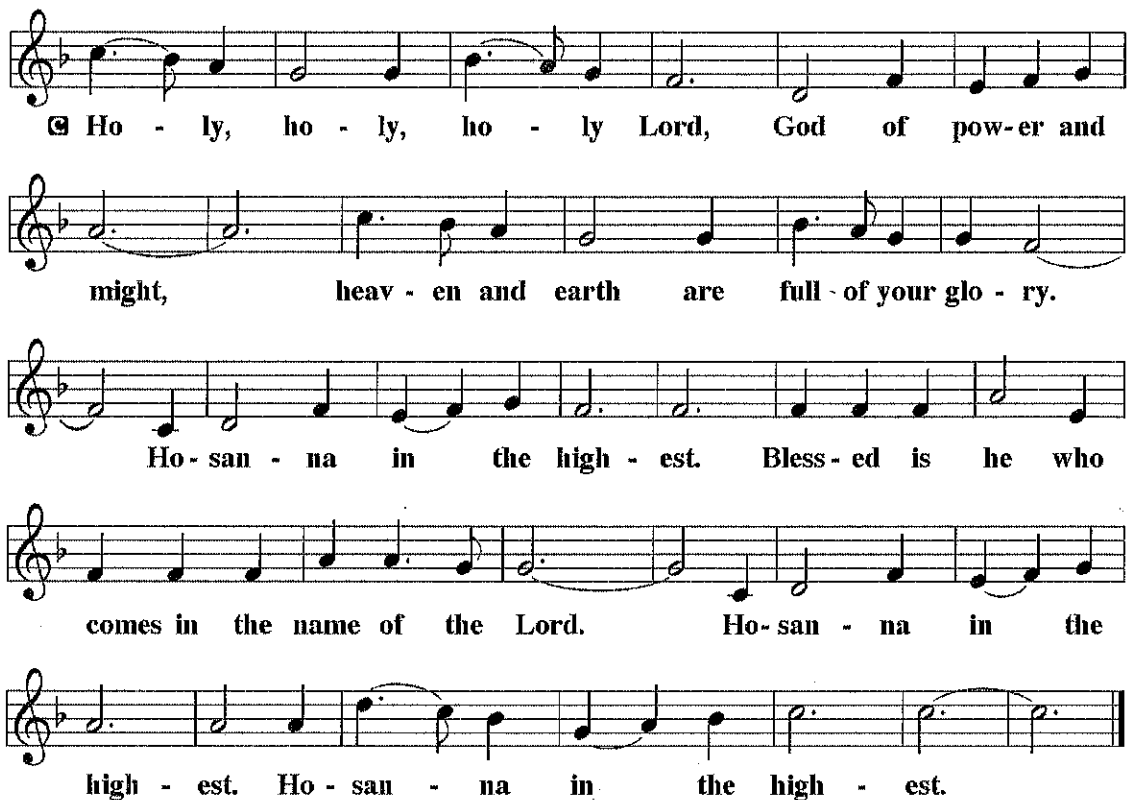
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

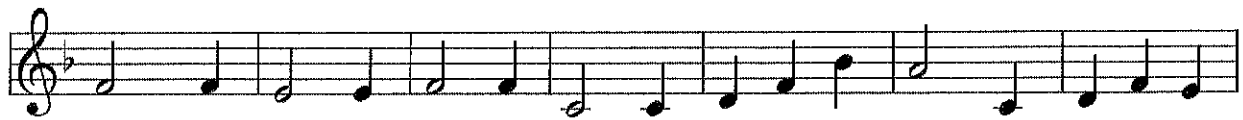
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE 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.

LAMB OF GOD

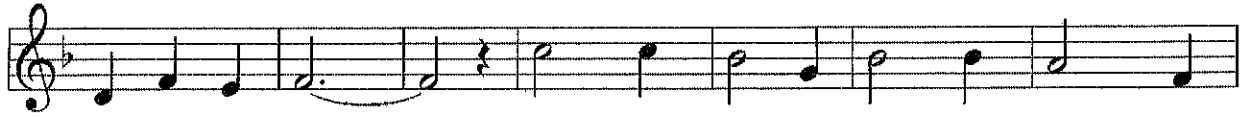
Setting 5



☉ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#466

"In the Singing"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN#596

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

DISMISSAL

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

**Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 83

Last Year: 151(Easter)

Announcements!

Lenten Study Booklets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one home with you.

Our last Lenten Soup Supper will be April 9. It will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm with the service to follow at 6:30pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for setup, cleanup & desserts.

Today is the last day to sign up for the Palm Sunday Brunch. All are invited for this family event. This event will be a potluck and so we ask that if you are able to, please sign up to bring something to pass. Even if you aren't able to bring something, please let us know that you are coming by either signing up in the Narthex or by registering online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DABA623A6FBC61-55663217-palm> . We hope to see you there!

Next Sunday is the last day to order flowers for Easter. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary & in the narthex. The cost is \$15. You can put the money & form in the offering, you can bring it to the office or you can send it to the office.

The Maundy Thursday service on April 17th will be at 6:30pm. Please bring non-perishable food items for our Blessing Box. The collection for this service will be used to purchase items for the Blessing Box as well.

There will be an Ecumenical service on Good Friday at noon at the Unitarian Fellowship in Appleton (2600 Philip Lane). Vicar Jake will be participating. There will be a Good Friday service at Zion at 6:30pm.

There will be a brass quintet for the Easter service on April 20th and the choir will sing. There will not be fellowship after the service.

Are You a Safe Driver?-Thursday, April 10th, Linwood Community will be hosting Refresh Your Driving Skills from 10:00-2:45. This is also known as the AARP Smart Driver Course and is designed to refresh your driving skills. Advanced registration is required. The cost will be \$10 per person. You can register by calling Yon Abel, Wellness Coordinator, at 920-850-3623 or by emailing our resource advocate Jean George at Resource.fvlhomes@gmail.com. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Some insurance companies give a discount to people who have successfully completed this course.

Valley Funeral Home located at 2211 N. Richmond St., Appleton is hosting a planning ahead program. It is on Tuesday, April 29 & May 6 from 1:00pm–3:30pm. You must attend both weeks. The cost is \$20 for workbook, materials & guest speakers. You can register at <https://bit.ly/PlanningAheadValleyFuneralHome> or you can call 920-832-5121. They will be discussing handling financial changes, Advanced Medical and Legal & Directives, Estate Planning, Choices in End-of-Life care, Final Wishes & Understanding Grief.

<p>Sunday, April 6</p> <p>Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126 Phil 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Lent Pastor Jan LaVake Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt Acolyte: Alexa Rusch Musician: William Surtees Opens: Jim Schley Closes: Tammy Mossholder</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 8</p> <p>Wednesday, April 9</p> <p>Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm Lenten Supper 5:00 pm Worship Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am</p> <p>Lenten Service Leader: Tom Meltz Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Jim Schley Closes: Gwen Schwandt</p>
<p>Sunday, April 13</p> <p>Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16 Phil 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Palm Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>Palm Sunday Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck Acolyte: Freya Budde Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Greg Pettigrew Closes: Jodi Hoesli</p>
<p>Thursday, April 17</p> <p>Worship Service 6:30 pm</p> <p>Exod 12:1-4 [5-10]11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Cor 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs Musician: William Surtees Opens: Greg Pettigrew Closes: Jodi Hoesli</p>
<p>Friday, April 18</p> <p>Ecumenical Worship Service 12:00 pm at: Worship Service 6:30 pm at: Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>Good Friday Unitarian Fellowship in Appleton (2600 Philip Lane) Zion Lutheran Church-Vicar Jake Czarnik Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz (6:30 pm Zion service) Musician: William Surtees Opens: Greg Pettigrew Closes: Gwen Schwandt</p>
<p>Sunday, April 20</p> <p>Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Cor 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt Acolyte: Alexa Rusch Musician: William Surtees Opens and closes: Gwen Schwandt</p>



Scripture and Prayer during time of Transition:

**Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
—Matthew 11:28-30**

Let us pray--

Merciful God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the heart, bring hope and courage as we wait in uncertainty. Show us your mercy, relieve our fears and anxieties, help us to endure, and grant us patience and an expectant heart. With the assurance of your presence, may we abide in you, our God and our Savior. Amen.

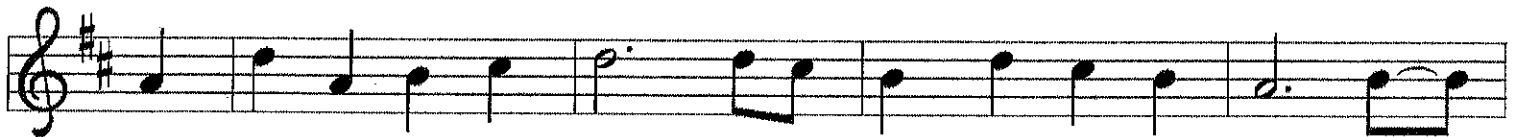
This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

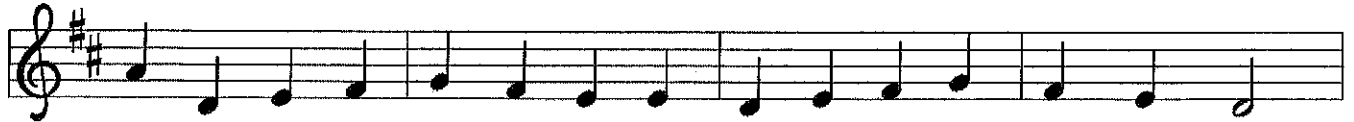


rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

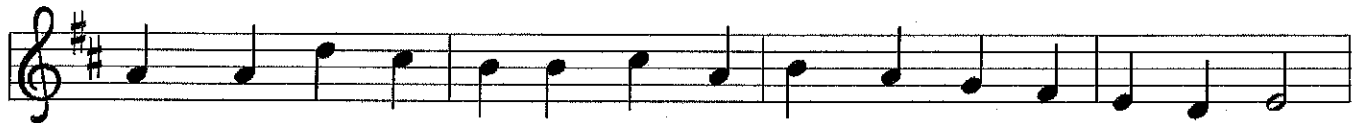
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

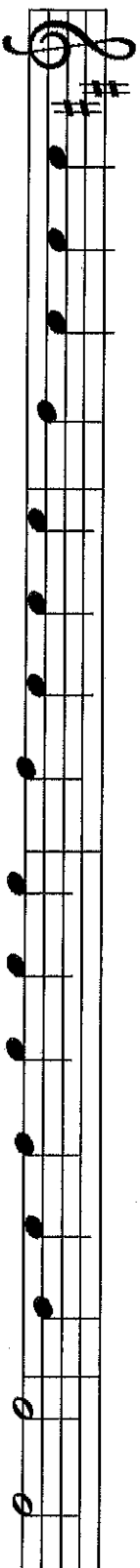
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Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

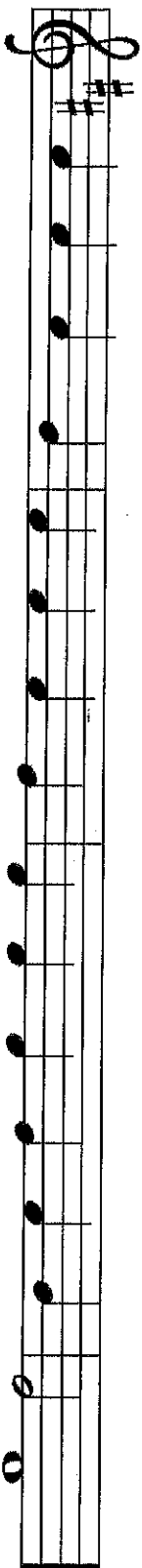
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In the Singing

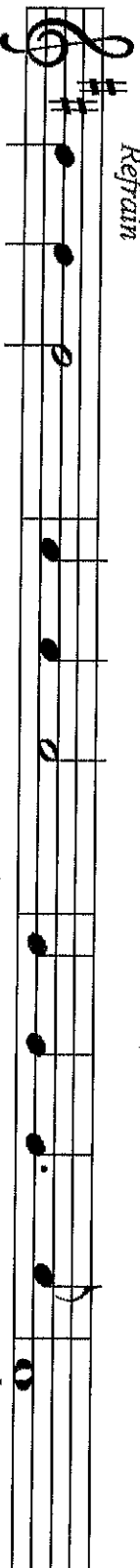


- 1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
- 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,

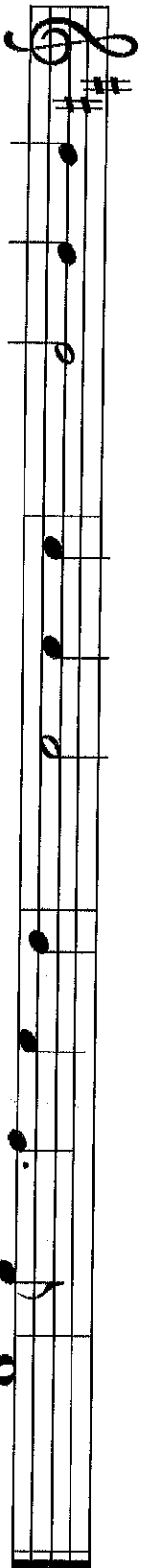


in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Refrain



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868