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**“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for  
you as you desire.”**



**Divine Service Three**  
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## Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

It is appropriate to bow the head at italicized words; to bow at the waist at the italicized words in this font; to make the sign of the cross when you see ✠ printed.

### **Prelude – 544 O Love, How Deep – Holy Cross Handbell Choir**

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

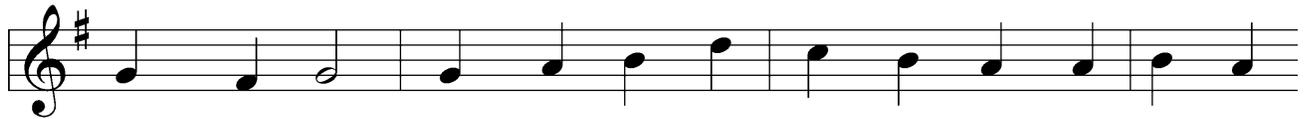
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*Please stand and face the procession*

### **423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

LSB 184

**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.*

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

**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.

Absolution

LSB 185

**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

+ Service of the Word+

Introit

*Psalm 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22*



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.  
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!

Good and upright | is the LORD; \*  
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

For your name's sake, | O LORD, \*  
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

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.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love, \*  
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me. \*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

## Kyrie

LSB 186



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

## Gloria in Excelsis - Omitted for Lent

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the

body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

Old Testament

*Genesis 32:22–32*

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

*Psalm 25:17–18*



The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.  
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup>For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup>For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup>not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup>that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup>For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup>Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 106:1-4



Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!  
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD,\*  
or declare | all his praise?  
Blessèd are they who observe | justice,\*  
who do righteousness | at all times!

**Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your |  
people;\*  
help me when you | save them.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 15:21–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,**

very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven

and *was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary*  
and *was made man*;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

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

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

TLH 141 Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

1. Enslaved by sin and bound in chains,

Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,  
And doomed to everlasting pains,  
We wretched, guilty captives lay.

2. Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace,  
Nor all the world's collected store  
Suffice to purchase our release;  
A thousand worlds were all too poor.
3. Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,  
An all-sufficient ransom paid.  
O matchless price! His precious blood  
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.
4. Jesus the Sacrifice became  
To rescue guilty souls from hell;  
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb  
Beneath avenging Justice fell.
5. Amazing goodness! Love divine!  
Oh, may our grateful hearts adore  
The matchless grace nor yield to sin  
Nor wear its cruel fetters more! Amen.

#### **Sermon**

#### **Votum**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts  
and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** **Amen.**

**Offering** - *Please place your offering and attendance card in the plate as it is passed.*

*Stand*

Offertory

LSB 192

**C** 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.

Prayer of the Church

+ Service of the Sacrament+

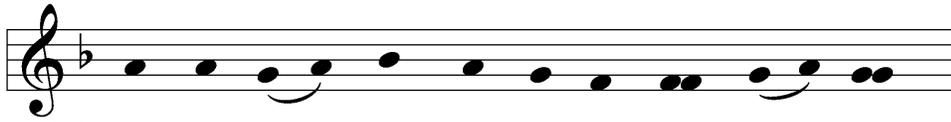
Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195 (Sung)*

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*  
Blessed is He, blessed is He †, blessed is He that cometh in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

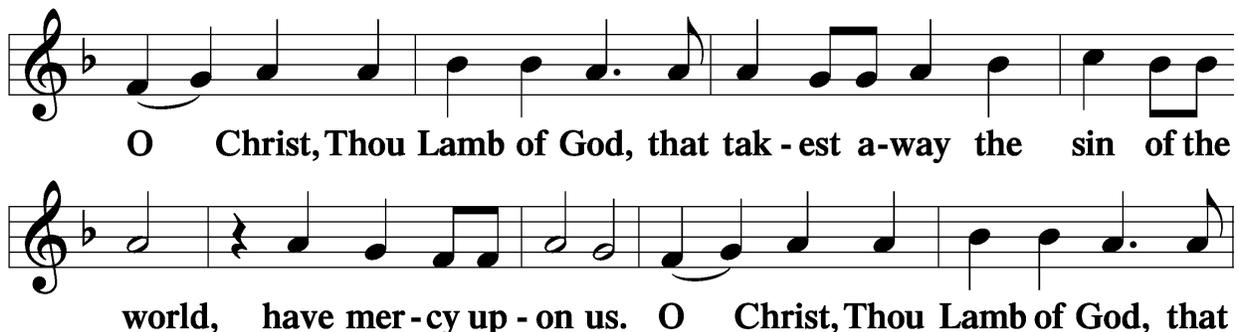
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LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

*Sit*

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side

2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure

3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?

4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.

But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.

Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.

In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.

He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.

He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,

He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.

So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it

He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.  
His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.  
Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation  
And in His gifts rejoice.  
Each day finds its vocation  
Responding to His voice.  
Soon years on earth are past;  
But time we spend expressing  
The love of God brings blessing  
That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer  
The world's unpleasantness,  
And though the days grow rougher  
And bring me great distress,  
That day of bliss divine,  
Which knows no end or measure,  
And Christ, who is my pleasure,  
Forever shall be mine.

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,  
Who fashioned us from clay;  
And His own Son fulfilled it  
And brought eternal day.  
The Spirit now has come,  
To us true faith has given;  
He leads us home to heaven.  
O praise the Three in One!

Tune: Recueil de plusieurs chansons, 1557, Lyons, alt.

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## 635 O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing

sts. 1–5



1 O gra - cious Lord, I firm - ly am be - liev - ing  
2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou - sand times of - fend - ing;  
3 You see my sin yet seat me at Your ta - ble;  
4 O Lamb of God, my faith - ful, lov - ing Sav - ior,  
5 Heav - en - ly Bread, my life and ben - e - dic - tion,



Your bound - less love will bless each faith - ful soul,  
My thank - less thoughts and words and deeds e - raise,  
Lord, as a guest, I sure - ly am the least:  
You I em - brace in faith and ho - ly love;  
This cup You give can take a - way each ill.



As from this al - tar we are here re - ceiv - ing  
To me Your hand of mer - cy now ex - tend - ing,  
Un - clean, un - fit, of wor - thy deeds un - a - ble—  
Grant me the strength to show by my be - hav - ior  
Come and re - lieve my soul from all af - flic - tion;



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole,  
O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace,  
My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast,  
A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove,  
Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still,



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole.  
O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace.  
My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast.  
A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove.  
Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still.

Text: Spanish or Latin American, 20th cent.; tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: H. León

## 640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior



1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, Thee,  
2 In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,  
3 Thou, like the pel - i - can to feed her brood,  
4 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:  
5 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,



Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;  
Thou dost Thy bod - y and Thy blood af - ford:  
Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;  
Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;  
May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:



Both flesh and spir - it in Thy pres - ence fail,  
Oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,  
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win  
In - crease our faith and love, that we may know  
To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,



Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.  
And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.  
For - give - ness for our world and all its sin.  
The hope and peace which from Thy pres - ence flow.  
The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225–1274; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955  
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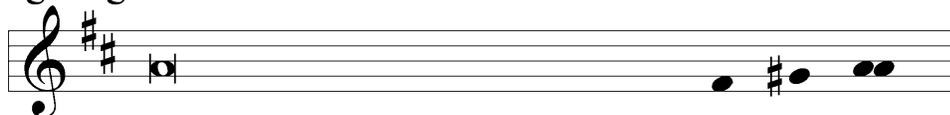
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*Stand*

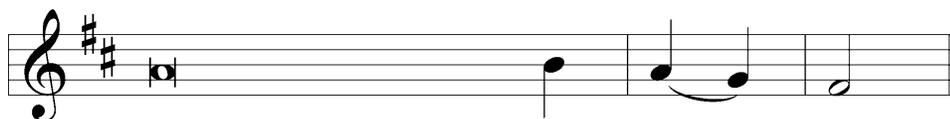
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;* as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201



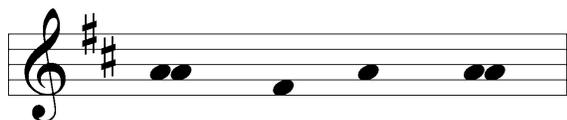
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## 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 gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*
- C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

*Please face the procession, returning after it passes*

## 693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace



- 1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
- 2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
- 3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em-brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.  
 Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea-sure.  
 Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered  
 O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new  
 Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.  
 life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
 Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

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