



CHRIST CHURCH

PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

WELCOME!

Welcome to Christ Church - the Episcopal Church in Portola Valley
The Rev. Beth Phillips, Rector
Lauren Wittine, Director of Music

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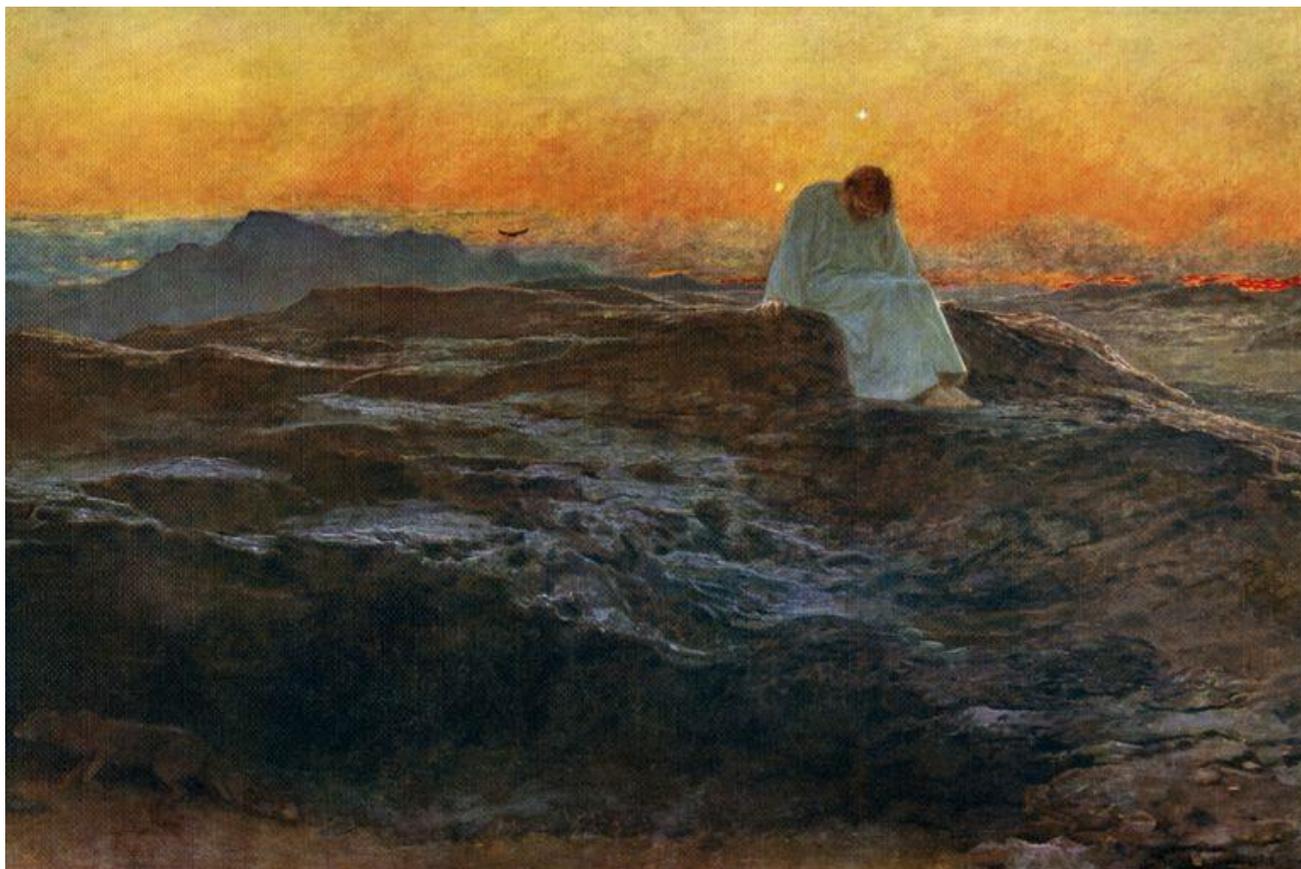
We will begin with a musical prelude in a few moments.

During this time of preparation, we invite you to share your prayers and petitions in the Zoom chat.





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The First Sunday in Lent

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February 21, 2021

Prelude

Martyrdom from *Seven Hymn Preludes for Organ*

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

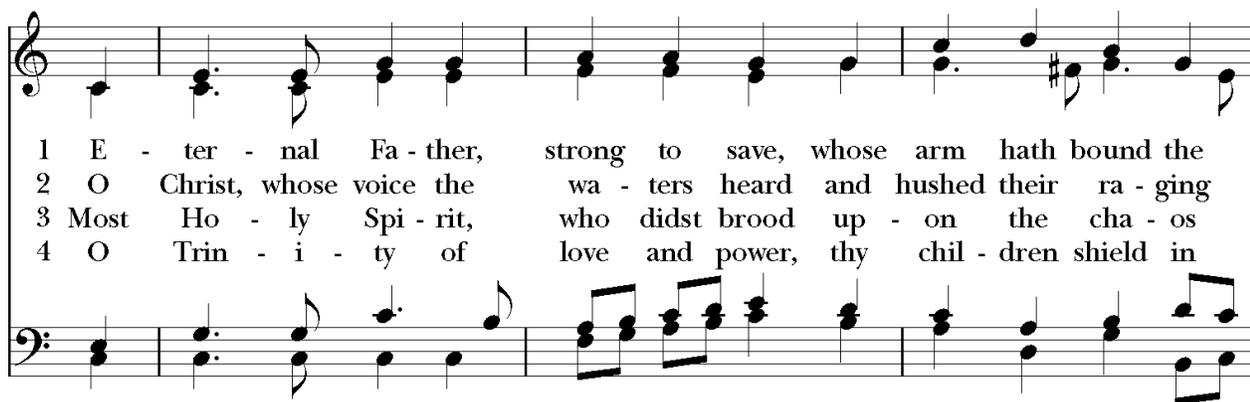
Lighting of Candle(s) *After the prelude and before the opening hymn, an acolyte lights a candle in place of the candles we light each week on the altar and says:*

Acolyte We light a candle to remind us of the light that came into this world with Jesus. It symbolizes the light of Christ.

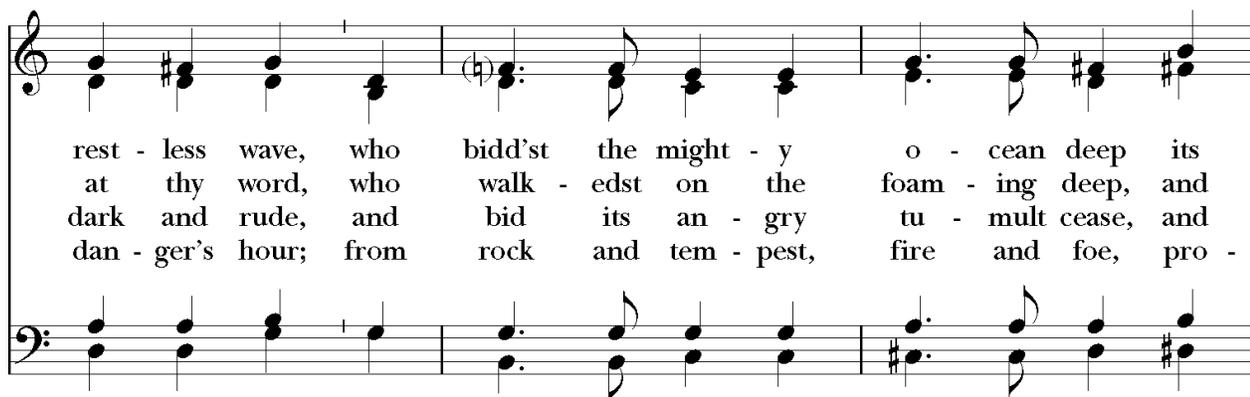
Opening Hymn #608

Eternal Father, strong to save

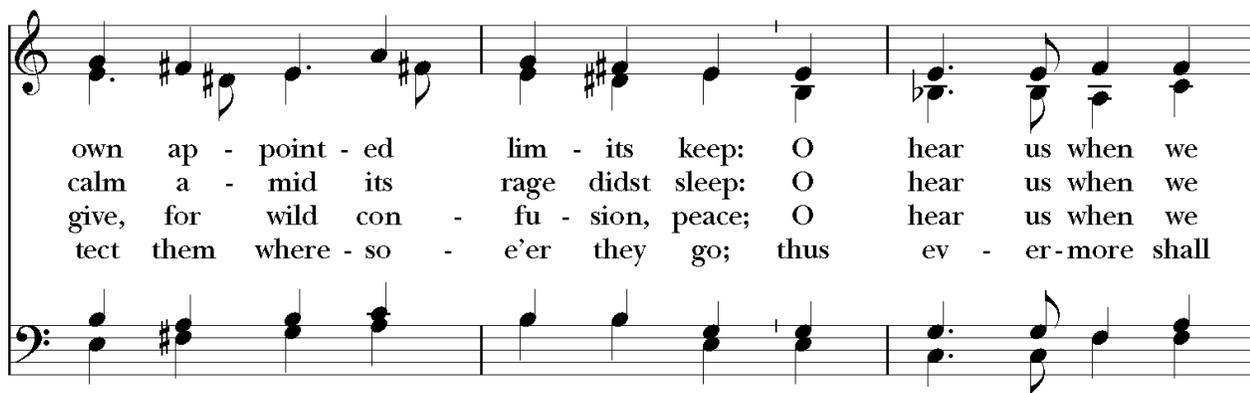
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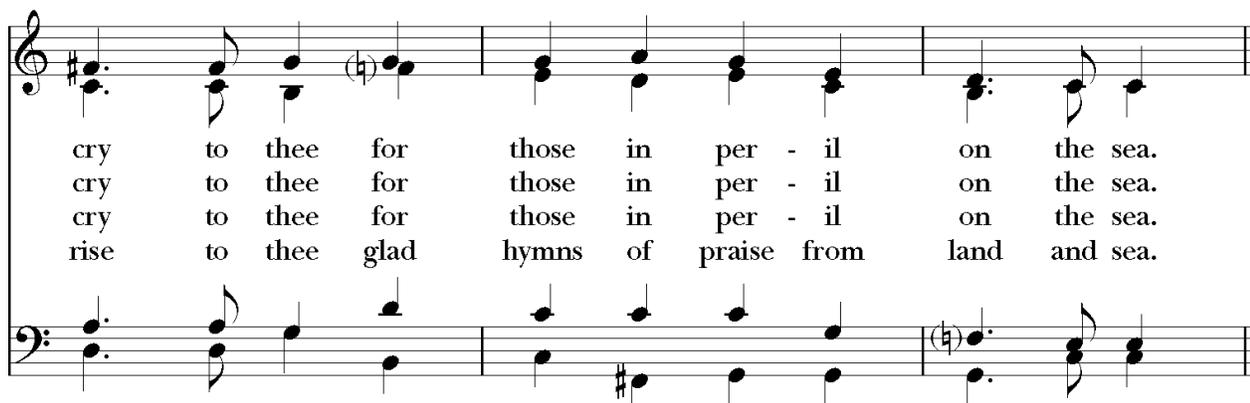
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

A Penitential Order

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People His mercy endureth for ever.

Officiant If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**People Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have
done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have
done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Officiant Lord have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

Officiant Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson – Genesis 9:8-17

Reader A reading from Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader Here ends the reading.

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle – 1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader A reading from First Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader Here ends the Epistle.

Sequence Anthem

He That Shall Endure

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

The Gospel – Mark 1:9-15

Celebrant The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon *The Reverend Beth Phillips*

The Nicene Creed

Although this will be read by one person, you are invited to say the creed aloud at home while on mute.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

You are invited to unmute yourself and join in the Prayers of the People. If the tech moderator mutes you, then it is because there is an echo or background noise that you may not be able to hear.

The Prayers of the People

Leader In this holy season let us turn to God in prayers, saying: Lord, Hear our prayer.

For our divided and restless world, that those who hold power over others may be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice and peace, we pray:

People Lord, Hear our prayer.

Leader For this nation and all nations, that we may generously share the produce of the land, both in plenty and in want, we pray:

People Lord, Hear our prayer.

Leader For the church, that during this holy season God's grace may produce in us the fruit God seeks, we pray:

People Lord, Hear our prayer.

Leader For this congregation, that we take this time to read, ponder and cherish the Scriptures, we pray:

People Lord, Hear our prayer.

Leader For *Pam Padilla, and Carol Wentworth* who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

People Lord, Hear our prayer.

Leader For our own needs and those of others especially *Gabrielle, Tim McAdam, Anna Sandell, Jean Bertelsen, Stephen Placido* and those we now name either silently or aloud, that God may be our hope and consolation, we pray:

People Lord, Hear our prayer.

Leader For all who have died, especially *Megan Flynn, Michael Enright, Fern Brown Wilson, Debra Ferguson, Owen Taylor, Elisabeth Ashfield, Sally Bubb Holland, Lorraine Anderson, Dan Gray, Mary Lawrence, William Malkmus* and those we now name, silently or aloud [pause], that they be at peace, we pray:

People Lord, Hear our prayer.

The celebrant will now offer up the prayers shared this morning in our Zoom chat, concluding with “we pray:”

People **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant *God of mercy and compassion, bring us back to you when we stray, and give us again the joy of proclaiming among the nations your saving deeds. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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.**

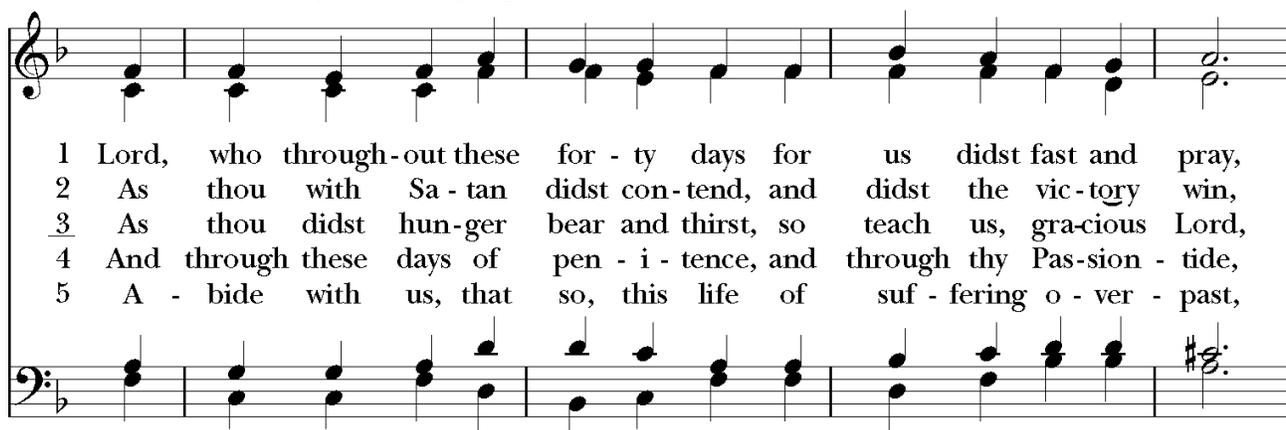
Blessing

Announcements *If you have any announcements regarding church matters, please select the “raise hand” icon under the participants tab at the bottom of your screen, and a host will unmute you.*

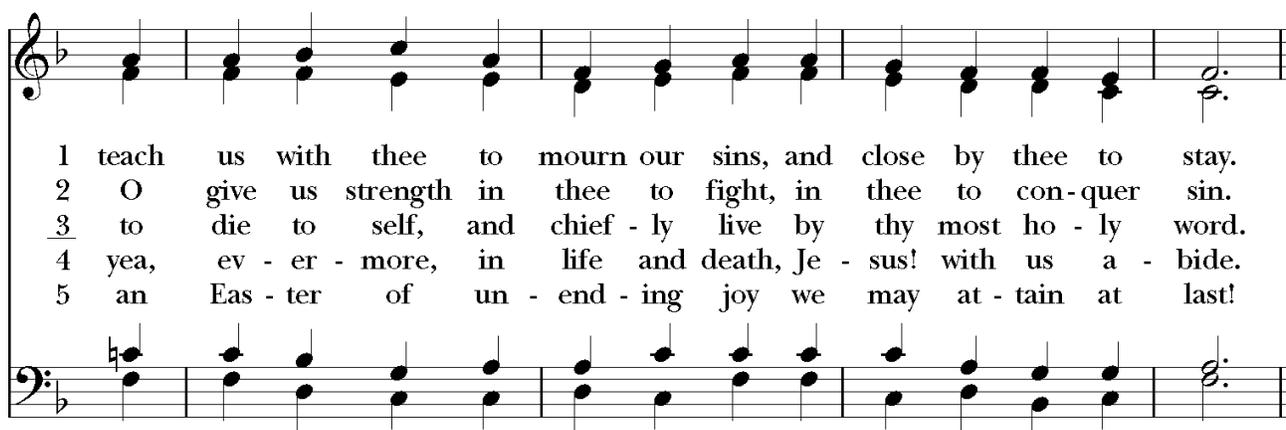
Closing Hymn #142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

While on mute, please join in singing:



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stay for coffee hour!