

# The First Sunday in Lent

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God loves you dearly, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Please pray for the church during our time of transition.

Please note: This service is live-streamed. When you come forward for communion you may be filmed. If you have concerns, please speak with the pastor or an usher.

**\*ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship= red hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.**

## THE PRELUDE

*Adoration and Air*  
*Pastourella*

Florence Beatrice Price  
Fela Sowande

## THE WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to those present and welcome to the listeners on the radio and the live stream. Today's broadcast was sponsored by Twila Springer.

We gather with gratitude on the traditional territory of the Klallam people who are our neighbors.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table when it is time for Holy Communion.

## GATHERING

### CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

# THE GATHERING SONG *When We Are Tested* (ACS 922)



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

## THE 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.**

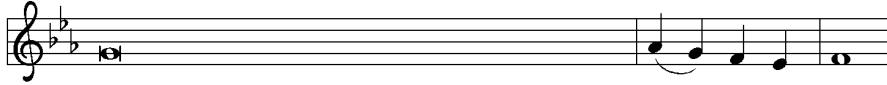
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



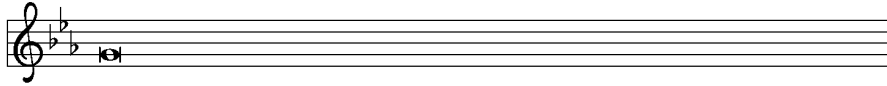
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



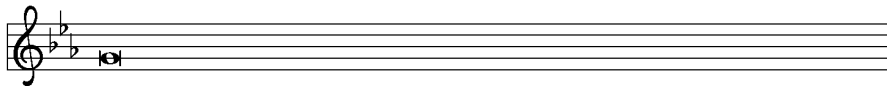
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### THE FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and

populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup> you will say to the LORD, "My refuge <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I <sup>1</sup> put my trust." R

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation,  
<sup>10</sup> no evil <sup>1</sup> will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come <sup>1</sup> near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge <sup>1</sup> over you,  
to guard you in <sup>1</sup> all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> Upon their hands they will <sup>1</sup> bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- <sup>1</sup> gainst a stone. R

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup> cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion <sup>1</sup> and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> I will deliver those who <sup>1</sup> cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they <sup>1</sup> know my name.

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will <sup>1</sup> answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and <sup>1</sup> honor  
them.

<sup>16</sup> With long life will I <sup>1</sup> satisfy them,  
and show them <sup>1</sup> my salvation. R

## THE SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

<sup>8b</sup> "The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you  
confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart  
that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.





<sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON: PASTOR GAIL WHEATLEY

*Following the sermon, there will be a brief period of quiet. Please use this meditative time to reflect on the sermon or pray. Our musician will play quietly. Stand when you see the pastor stand to sing the hymn.*

**† THE HYMN OF THE DAY** *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* (ELW 321)

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Assisting Minister:* As we enter into this most holy season of Lent, may we, as was Jesus, be led by the Spirit and turn to God in prayer for the church, the world and all those in need. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people when we face temptations, that we may have the courage we need to follow your will. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill especially, Pope Francis, and those we name aloud or in our hearts(*PAUSE*). God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*Presiding Minister:* Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

### THE OFFERING



*Our offering – of time, talent, and money – is an expression of thanks for God’s love. We give with grateful hearts knowing that many gifts are given **to us** in order to pass **through** us to others. Our generosity as a faith family makes a difference – in this place, in the community, and around the world God loves so much. If you wish to give electronically Scan QR code or visit our website [www.go2trinity.org](http://www.go2trinity.org)*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*By the Babylonian Rivers*

## **THE OFFERING PRAYER**

*Assisting Minister:* God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**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 presiding minister begins the Communion prayer.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance  
of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

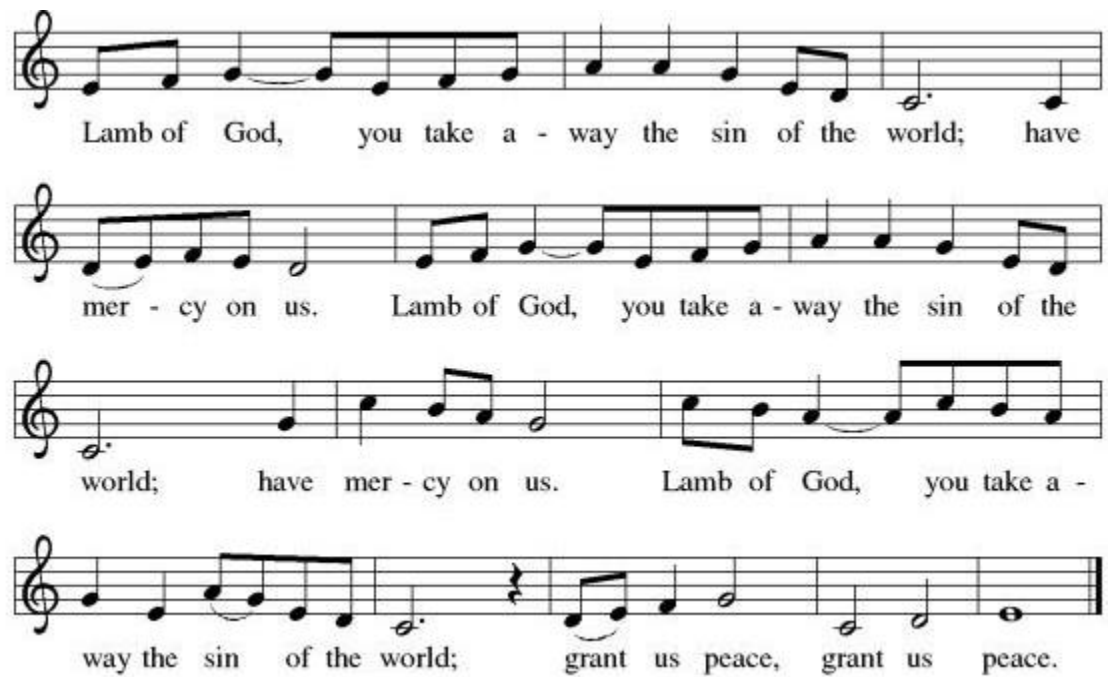
## **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**



Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All the bread is gluten-free. Both red wine and white grape juice are available.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**COMMUNION HYMN 1** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* (ACS 966)



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



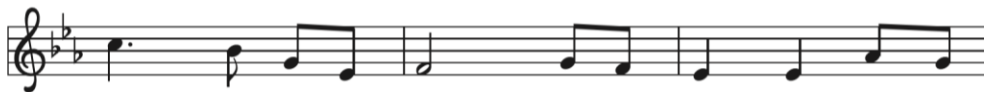
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**COMMUNION HYMN 2** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (ELW 332)

**COMMUNION HYMN 3** *Eat This Bread* (ELW 472)  
*Refrain is sung by congregation while the choir sings verses, 1-5.*

## THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you now and always. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assisting Minister:* 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.**

## SENDING

## AN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich this couple with every good gift, that their life together may continue to show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## A PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE BLESSING

Response: **Amen**

**THE SENDING SONG** *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*  
(ELW 319)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Assisting Minister:* Go in peace, remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

OR

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**                    *Passacaglia and Fugue BWV 582*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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# HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 321

## Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

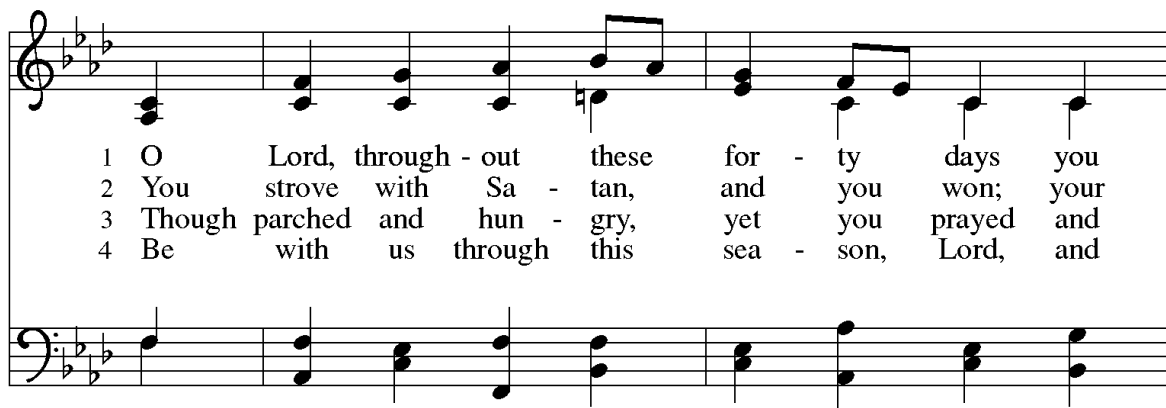
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

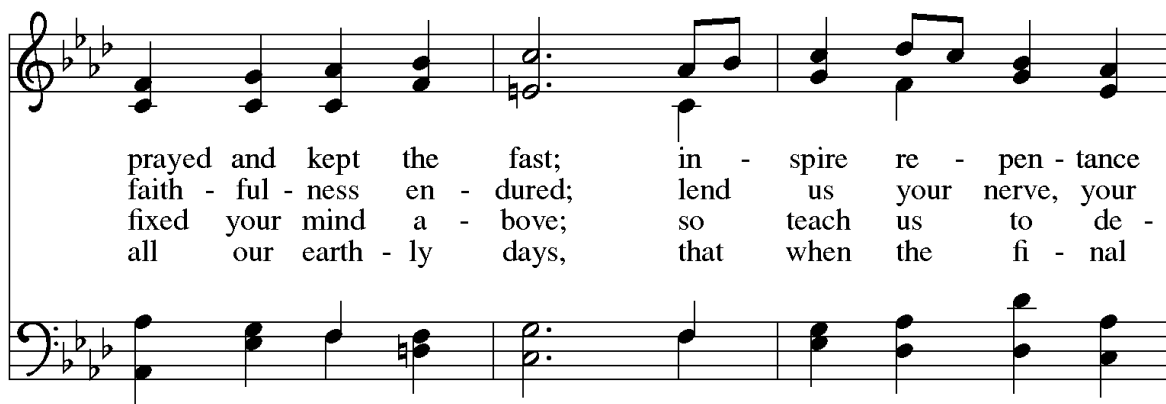
far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

# SENDING SONG ELW 319

## O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.