

HYMN “Lead Me to the Cross”

Saviour I come, quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom

Ev'rything I once held dear I count it all as loss

Chorus: Lead me to the cross Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death Now You're risen

Ev'rything I once held dear I count it all as loss (Chorus)

To Your heart To Your heart

Lead me to Your heart Lead me to Your heart (Chorus)

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

P God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,
C but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.

P David wrote, “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,”
C but we have failed to remind one another of God’s mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.

P Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,
C but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Saviour.

P God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. Thanks be to God.

KYRIE

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" (LSB 543)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

C **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;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

EPISTLE Romans 5:1–11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:27–38

HYMN OF THE DAY “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” (LSB 425)

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

HYMN “*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*” (LSB 427)

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.
For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For professional counsellors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those near and dear to us, [especially . . .], that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour and \ddagger give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN "Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)"

O come behold the works of God The nations at His feet
He breaks the bow and bends the spear
And tells the wars to cease
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our side We walk by faith
In God who burns the chariots with fire

Chorus: Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the fire
With us as a Shelter With us in the storm
You will lead us Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go But with the Lord of hosts

O God of Jacob fierce and great You lift Your voice to speak
The earth it bows And all the mountains move into the sea
O Lord You know the hearts of men And still You let them live

O God who makes the mountains melt Come wrestle us and win
O God who makes the mountains melt Come wrestle us and win (Chorus)

Bridge

Though oceans roar You are the Lord of all
The One who calms the wind and waves
And makes my heart be still Though the earth gives way
The mountains move into the sea The nations rage
I know my God is in control (Repeat)

(Chorus)

You are with us with us in the fire
With us as a Shelter With us in the storm
You will lead us Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go But with the Lord of hosts

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