

Welcome to Community of the Cross Lutheran Church Passion (Palm) Sunday



Prelude

“The Gate of Jerusalem”

Marsha Gullickson





Prelude

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Diane Loudon, Claire Loudon,
Marsha Gullickson





Prelude

“The Holy City”

Jamie Manzi-Moore, Sandy Knight,
Diane Loudon and Claire Loudon



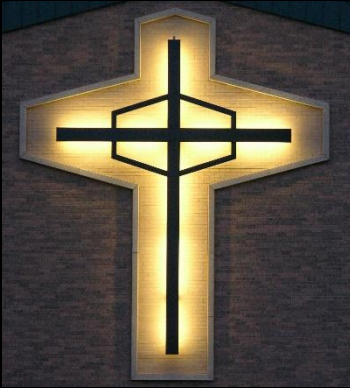


Welcome and Announcements



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Lutheran Church

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church



**Touching Lives
with the
Love of God**

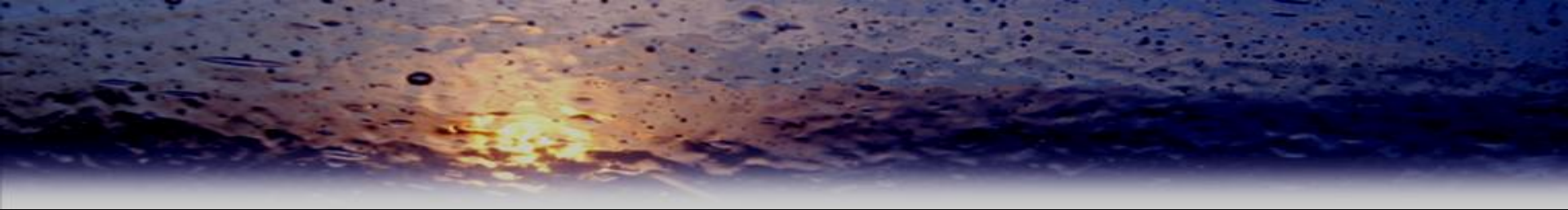
- 1) *Nurture the community* within our congregation
- 2) *Encourage the community* within our neighborhood
- 3) *Transform the various communities* where our members live and work with the love of God



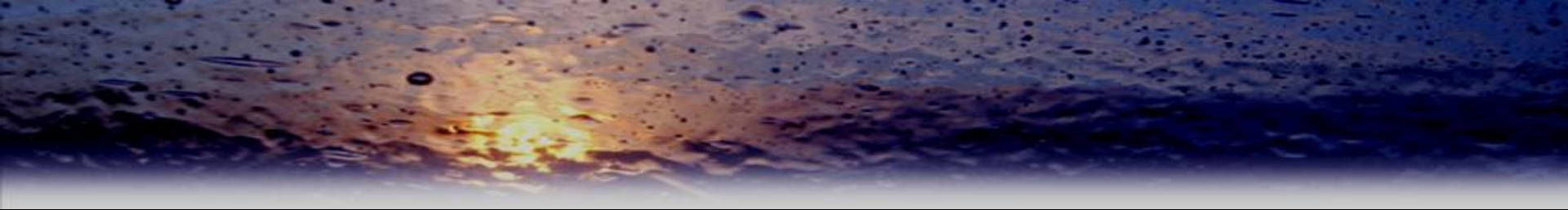
Processional Gospel

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
the 19th chapter.*

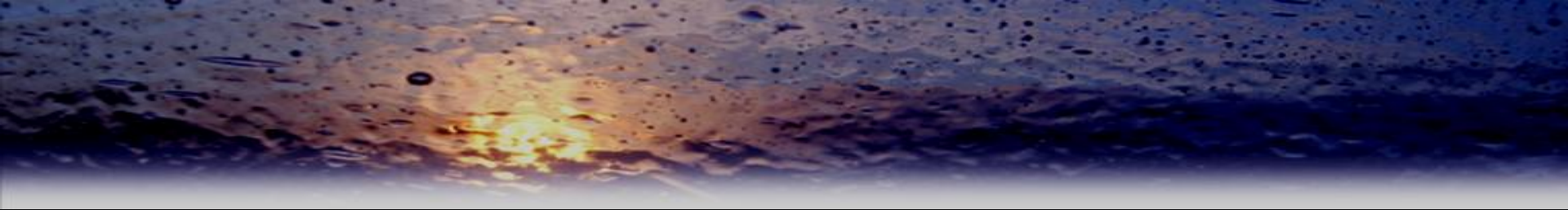
C: Glory to you, O Lord.



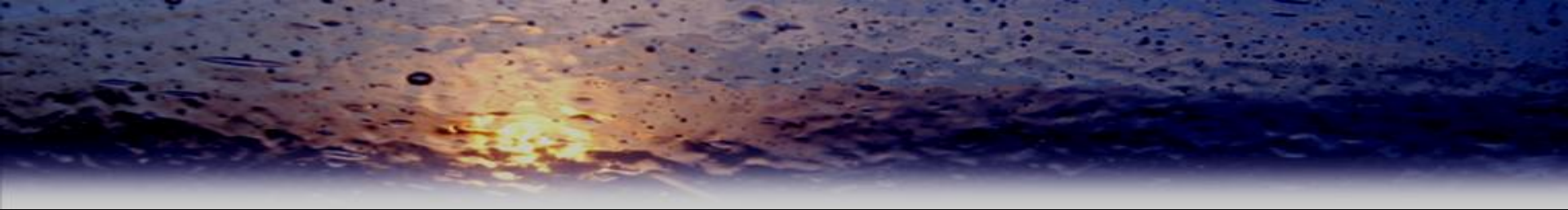
After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden.



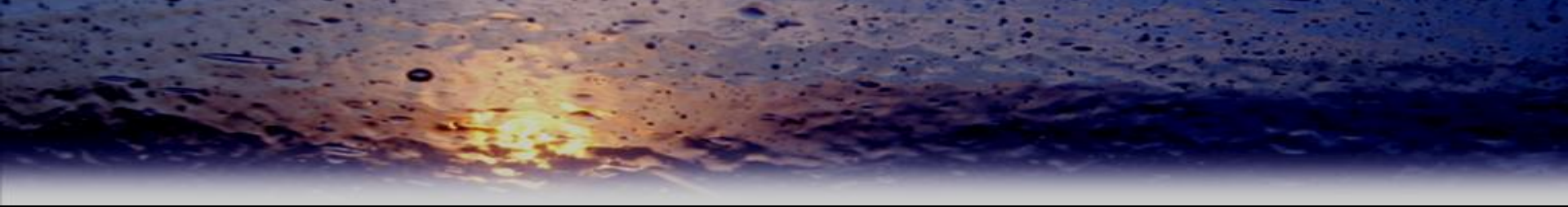
Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.”



Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path Down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,



“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”



P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

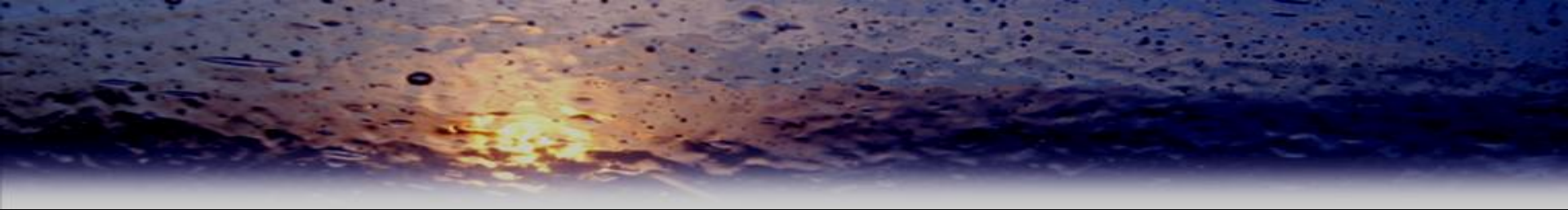




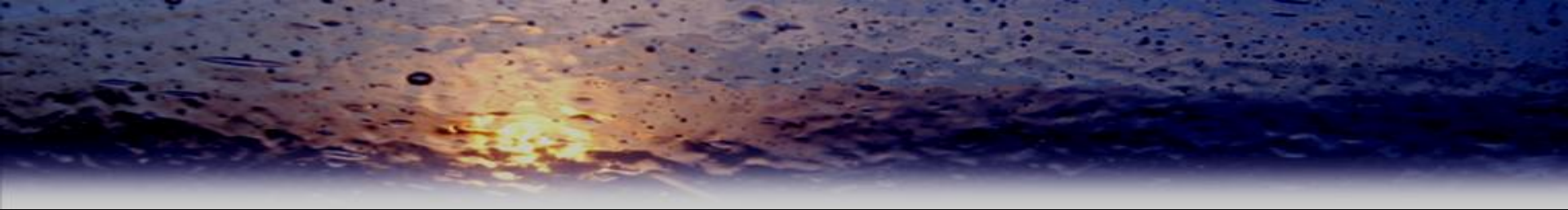
Blessing of the Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.



P: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them.



Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Gathering Hymn/Palm Procession

“Lift High the Cross”

Jubilation Ringers, Marsha Gullickson,
Diane Loudon and Claire Loudon

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Lift High the Cross

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**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.





Children's Sermon

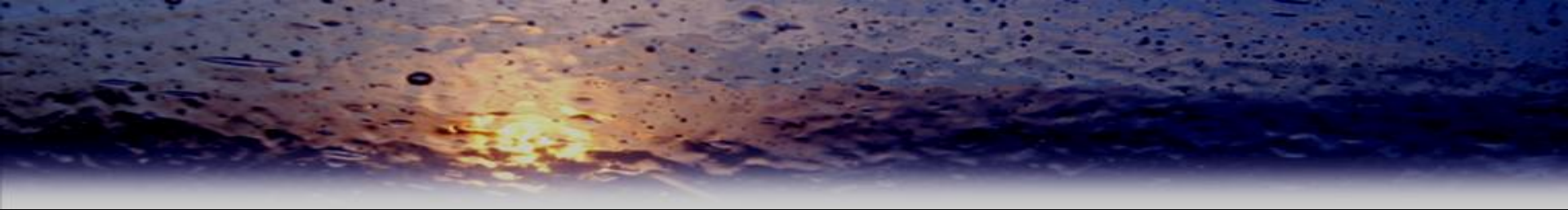
Presenter: Kristin Henak



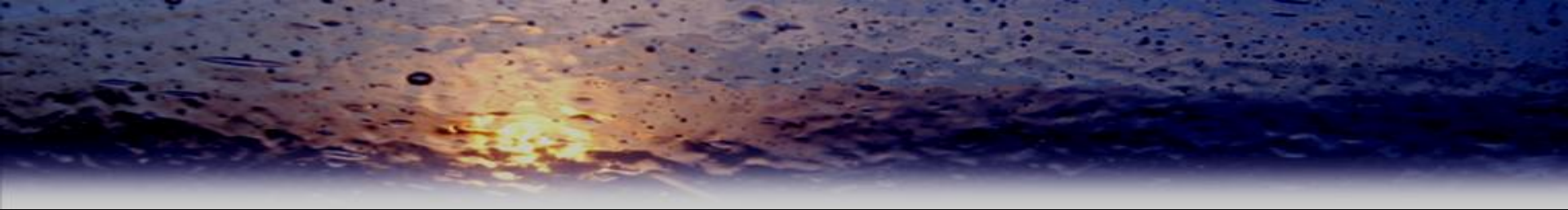


First Reading

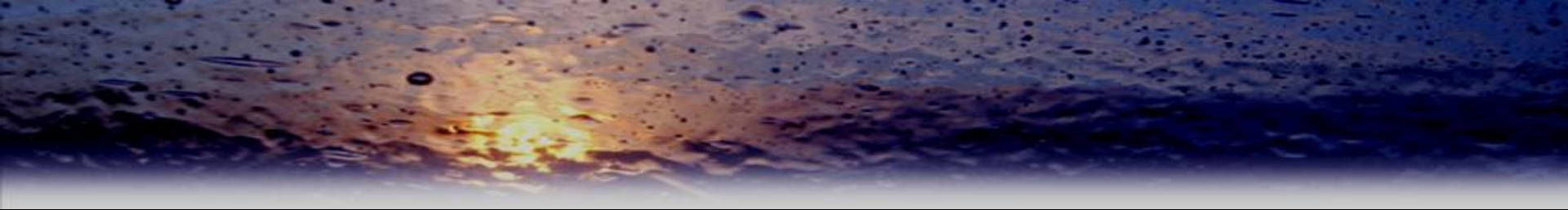
Isaiah 50:4-9a



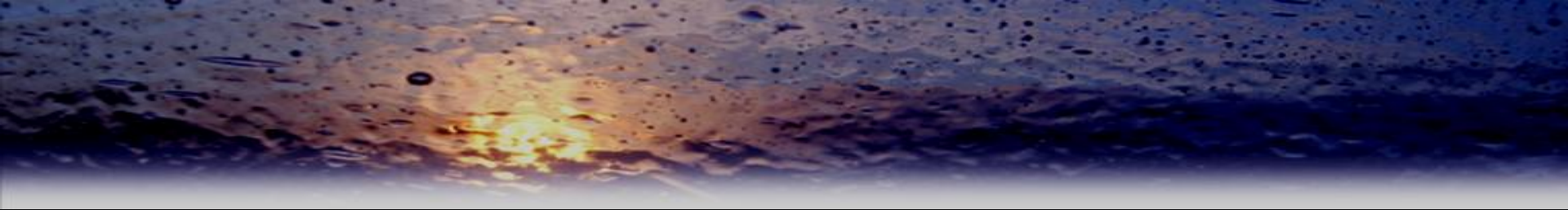
The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.



I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;



therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?



P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.





Psalm

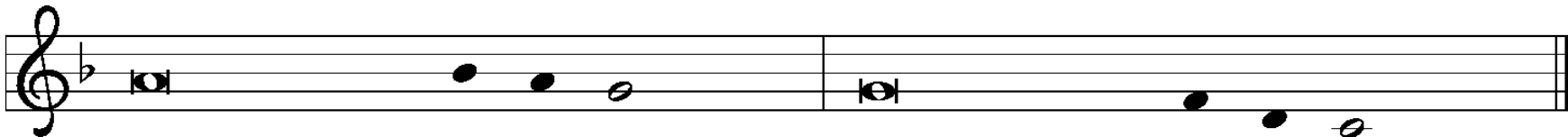
Psalm 31:9-16



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Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat |
and my belly.

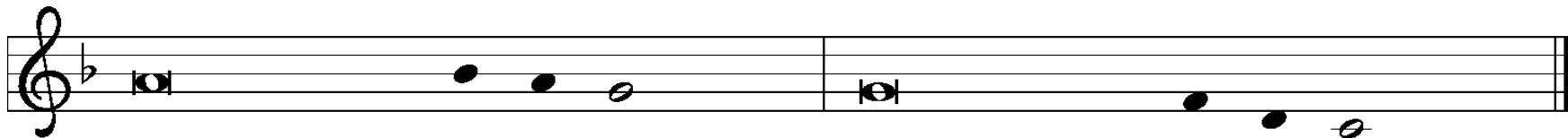
**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years
with sighing; my strength fails me because of
affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**



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I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my
neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances; when they
see me in the street | they avoid me.

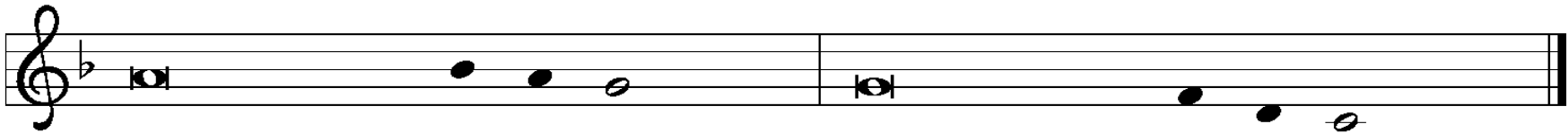
**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot**



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For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is |
all around; they put their heads together against me;
they plot to | take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.
I have said, “You | are my God



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My times are | in your hand; rescue me from the hand
of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

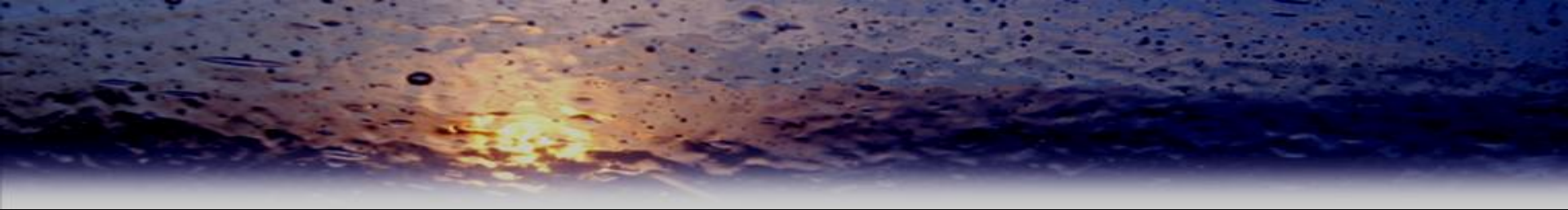
**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”**





Second Reading

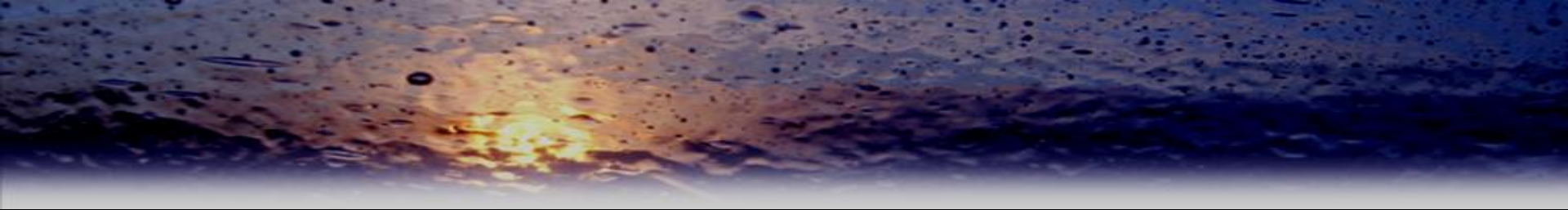
Philippians 2:5-11



Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.



Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclimation p. 189



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.





Gospel

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
the 23rd chapter.*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



Gospel Readers

**Pastor Joseph
George Gullickson
Jim Johnston**

Special Music for The Gospel Reading

“Pieta”

Chancel Choir, Sandy Knight,
Claire Loudon and Diane Loudon





In the shadow of a manger,
by a candle's dancing flame,
tender Mary holds her baby,
and she breathes His holy name.

Jesus rest your weary head,
close your weeping eyes.


As evening falls, she starts to sing a lullaby.
Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.



In the shadow of the temple,
in a place so far from home,
Mary sees her child of wonder and
she marvels how He's grown.

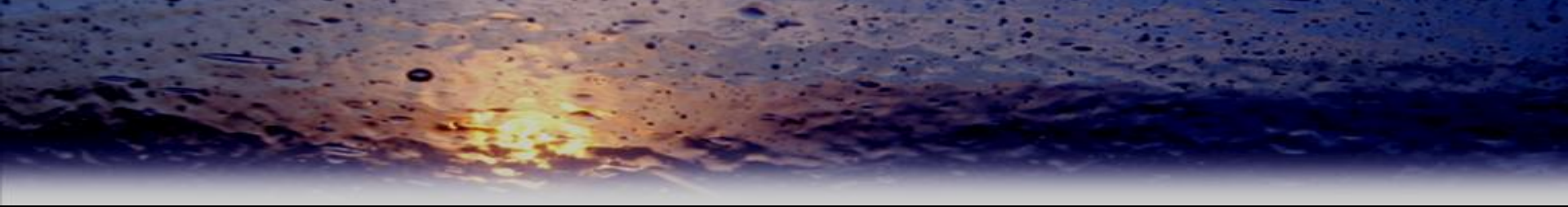
Jesus rest your weary head
and think on gentle things.

With loving arms she holds her Savior and
she sings, Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.



In the shadow of Golgotha,
underneath a darkened sky,
Mary gently cradles Jesus.
Through her tears she says goodbye.
Jesus rest your weary head.
Your work on earth is done.
And as the darkness falls,
she whispers to her son,
Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight,
peace be yours tonight.





P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon:

Pastor
Joseph Schattauer
Paillé



Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW # 335

**Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain**



**In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**



**Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.**



**In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**



**Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.**



**In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**



**Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.**

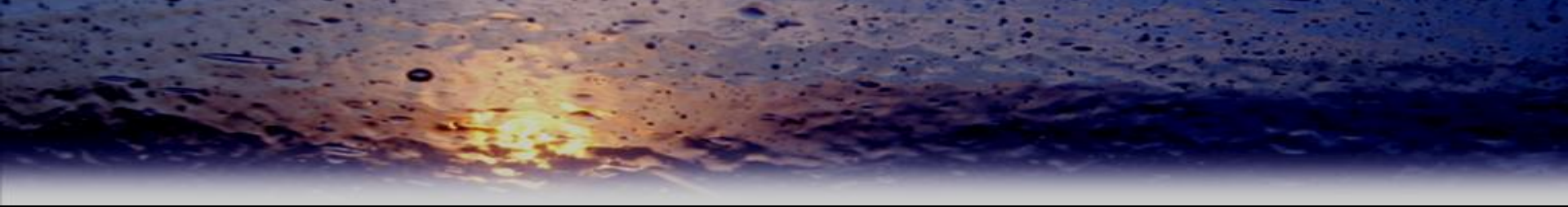


**In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**



Nicene Creed p. 104

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.



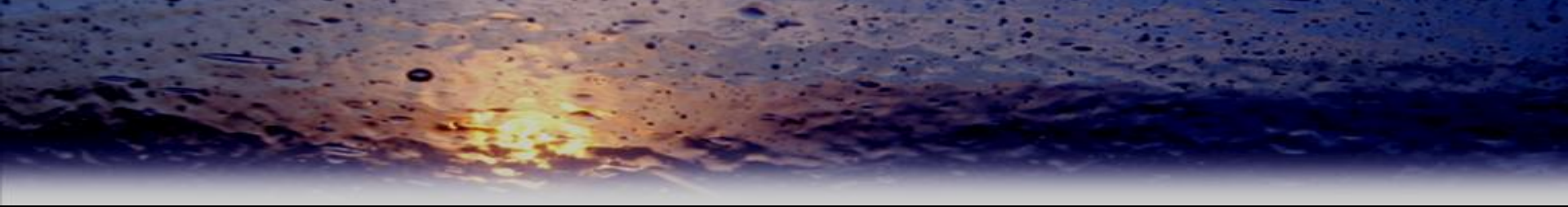
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;



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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.



Offering

“Lenten Spirituals”

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Jesus, Remember Me

ELW # 616

**Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom.**

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When you come into your kingdom.**

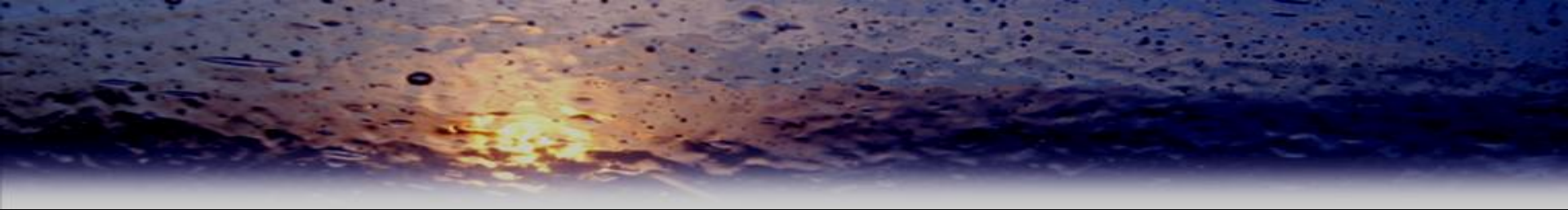




Thanksgiving for the Word

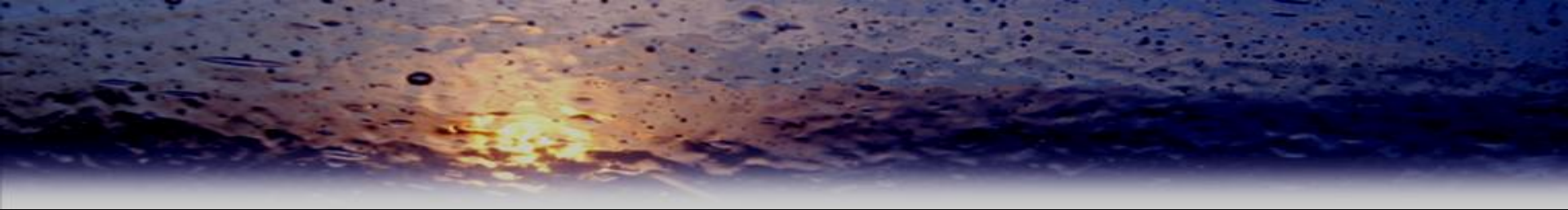
P: Holy God, our living Water, our faithful Companion, our true Guide, by your Word you created a world with rivers and seas, wells and springs, and in mercy you provided water for your people in the wilderness. For your Word with the water of baptism, we thank you, O God.

C: We thank you, O God.



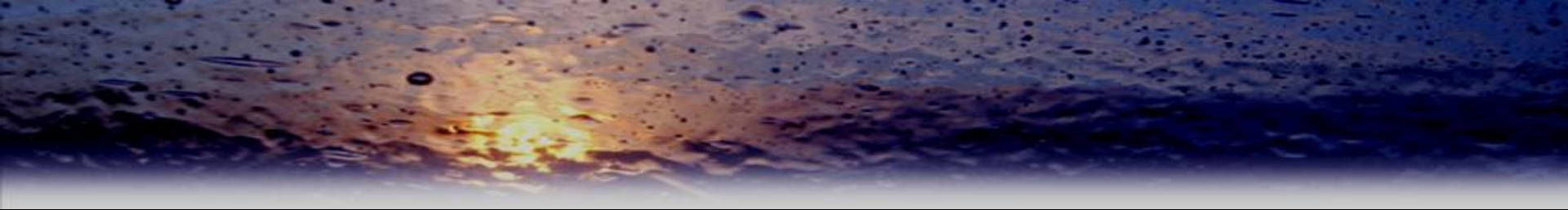
P: We praise you for Christ, who joined us in our desert, calling us to righteousness, granting forgiveness, and walking with us into newness of life. For Jesus, your gracious Word, we glorify you, O God.

C: We glorify you, O God.



P: Through these days of Lent we plead for your Spirit, that strengthened by your Word, we may care for others and for the world you made, and work for justice and peace for all. For your Word in our hearts and minds, we praise you, O God.

C: We praise you, O God.



P: Receive our thanksgiving, and grant us your blessing, Holy God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.



Blessing

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

C: Amen.



CCLC Vision Statement:

**C: We are all called to be ministers -
Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,
Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,
Sent to share God's promises with others.**

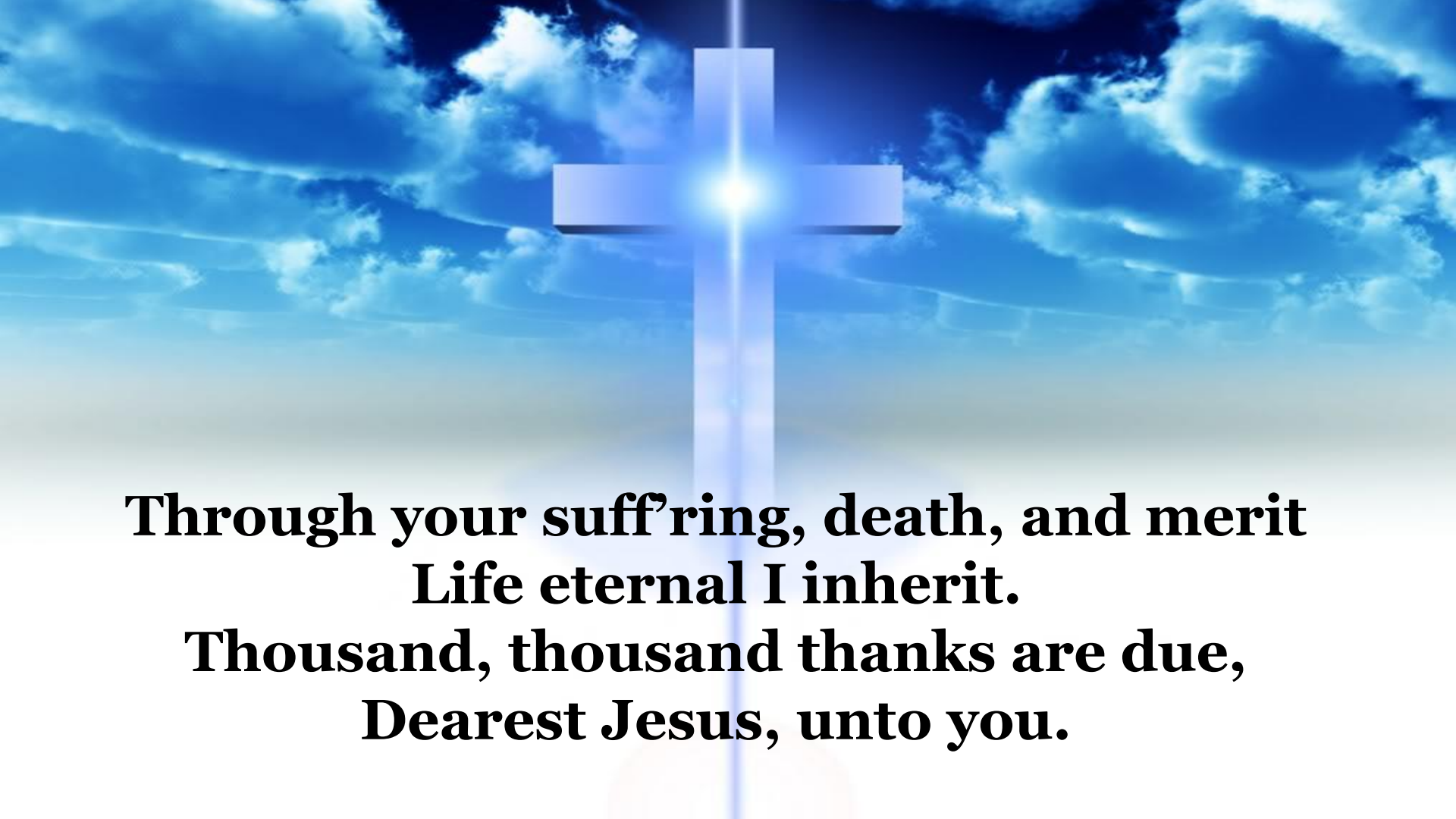




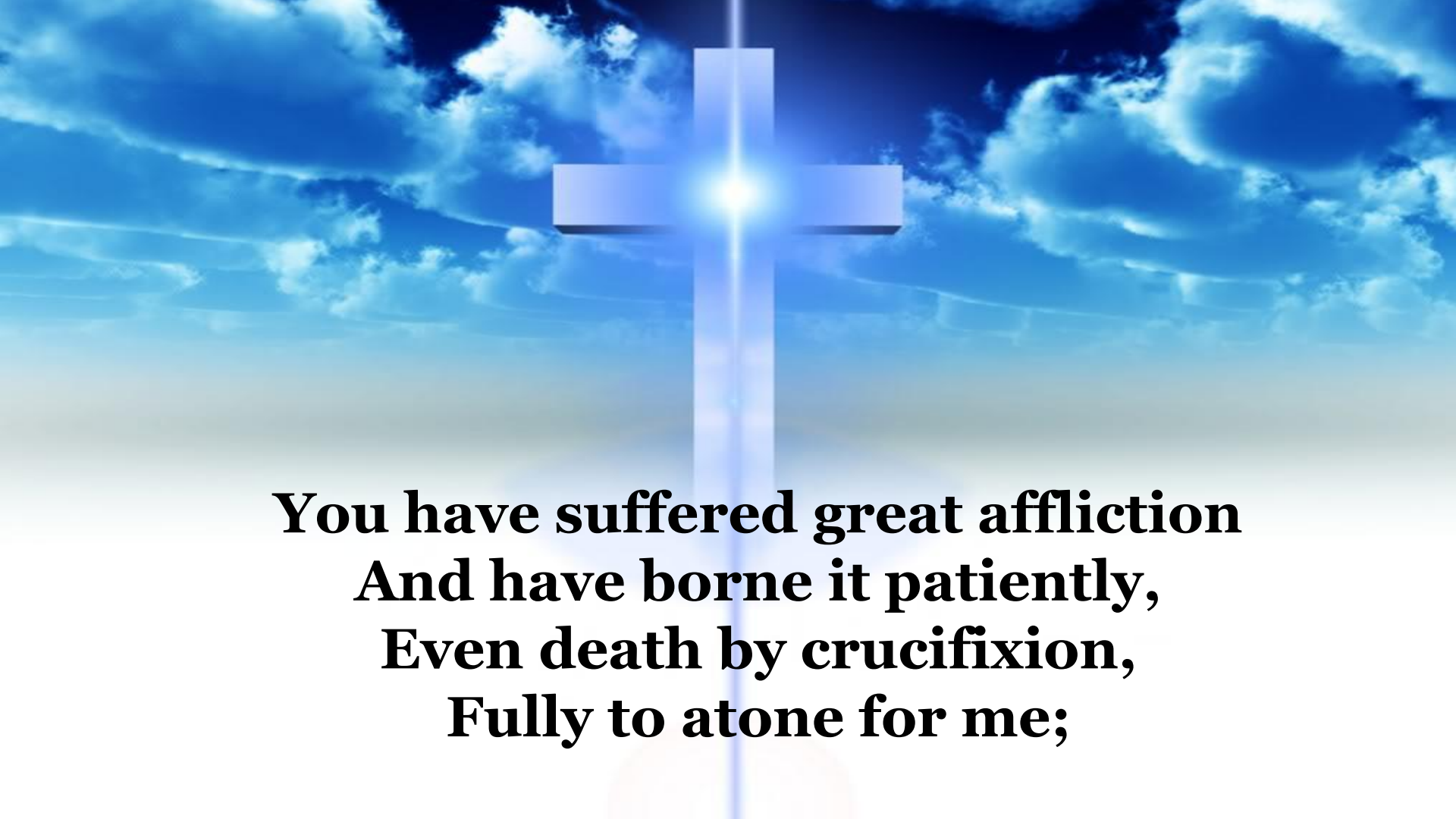
Christ, the Life of All the Living

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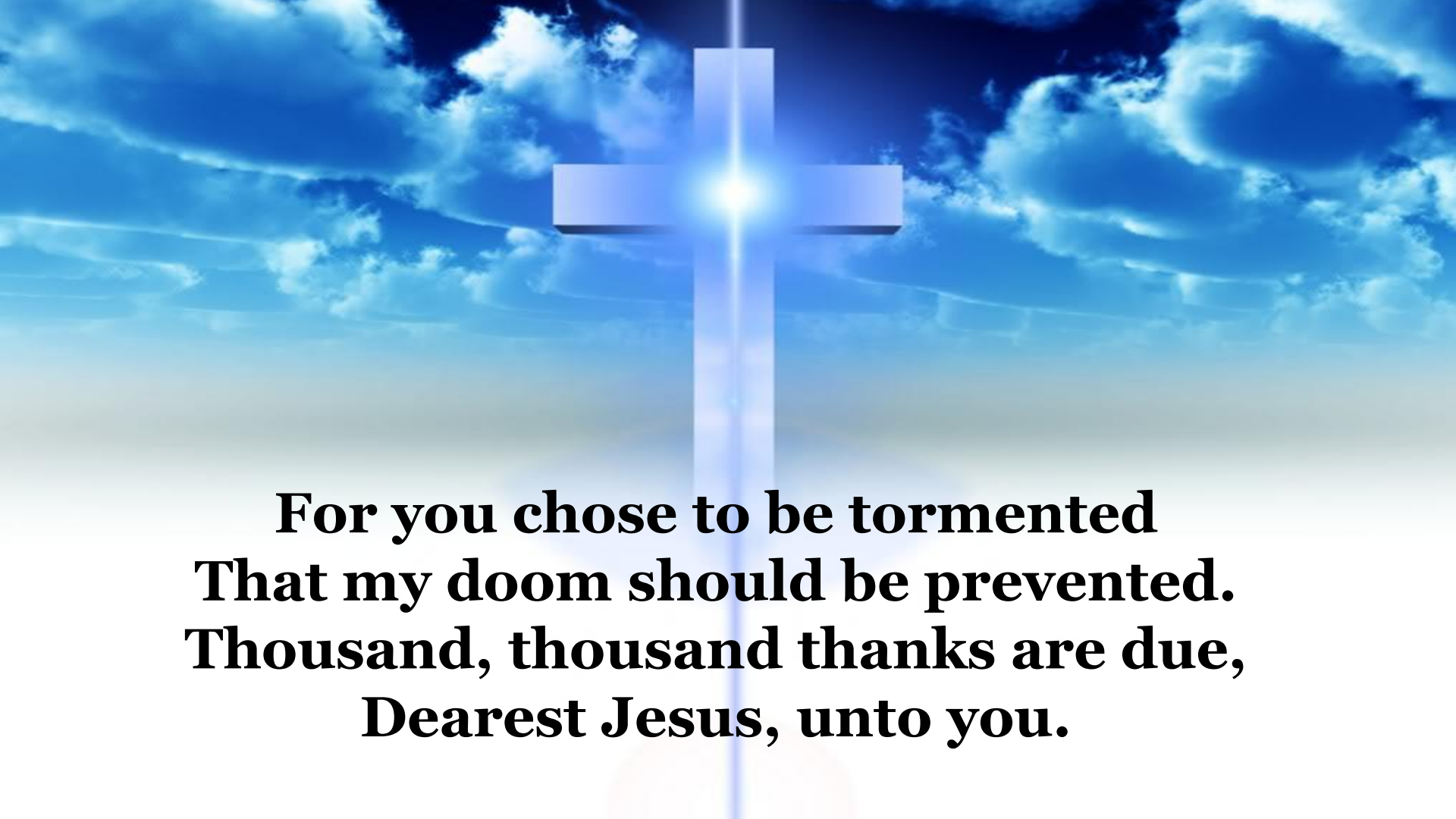
**Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:**




**Through your suffering, death, and merit
Life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus, unto you.**

A glowing blue cross is centered in the upper half of the image. The cross is composed of two rectangular bars, one vertical and one horizontal, meeting at a bright point. The background is a vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white and light blue clouds. The overall lighting is bright and ethereal, with a vertical beam of light passing through the center of the cross.


**You have suffered great affliction
And have borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;**



**For you chose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus, unto you.**

A glowing cross is centered in the upper half of the image, set against a vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. The cross has a bright light emanating from its center, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is serene and spiritual.

**Then, for all that bought my pardon,
For the sorrows deep and sore,
For the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore;**

A glowing cross is centered in the upper half of the image, set against a vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. The cross itself is a simple, three-dimensional design with a bright light emanating from its center, creating a vertical lens flare effect that extends down the page. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

**Thank you for the groaning, sighing,
For the bleeding and the dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
Praise you evermore on high.**



**Touching Lives
with the
Love of God**

P: Go in Peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.



Postlude

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Sandy Knight and Marsha Gullickson

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