

*The Third Sunday of*

# LENT

March 23, 2025

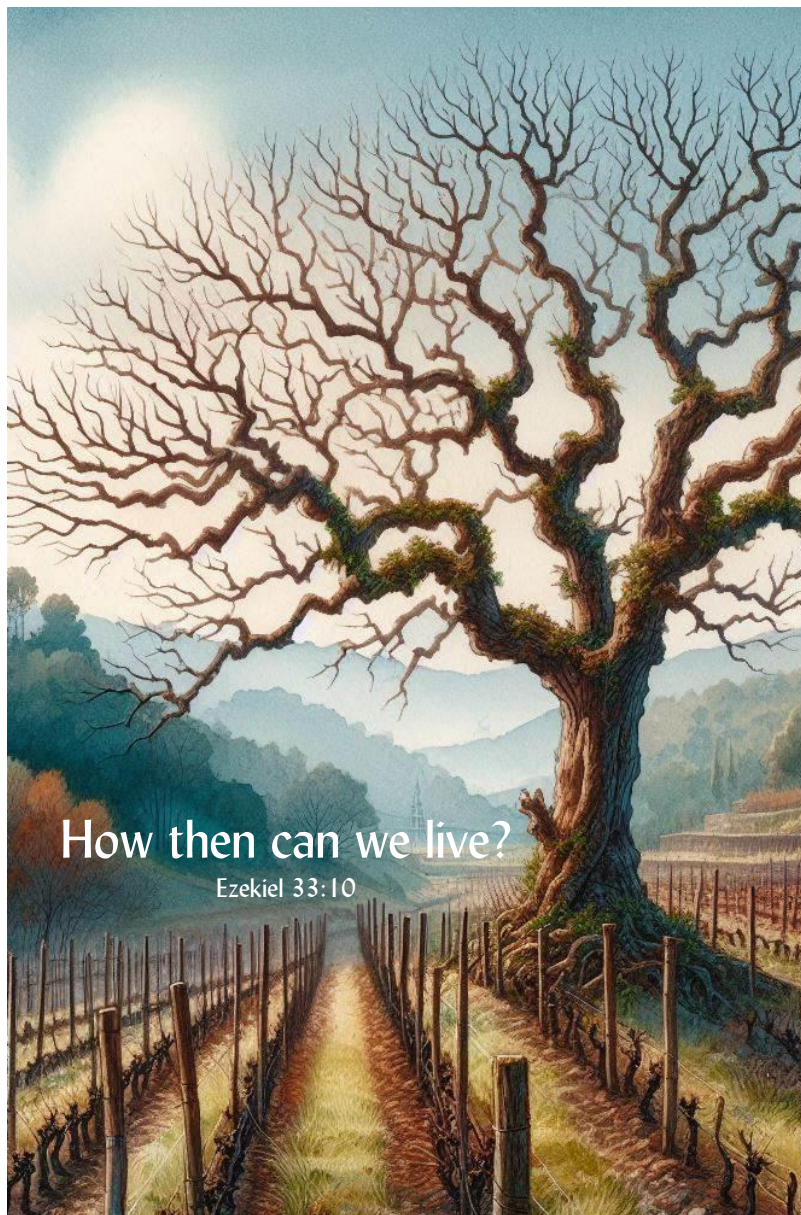


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How then can we live?

Ezekiel 33:10



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### PRELUDE

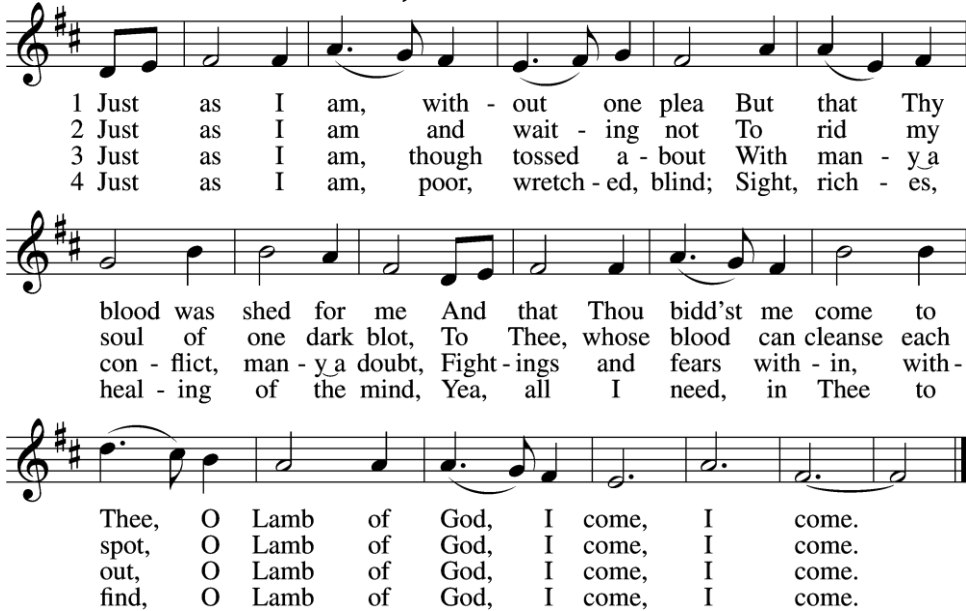
"Ciacona in E-Minor"

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Just as I Am"

LSB 570



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,

blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to

Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 85:2, 7, 10-12

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

People: **Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

People: **Faithfulness springs up from the ground. Yes, the Lord will give what is good.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

**People: You call Your people to turn to You and live.**

Pastor: Therefore, we turn to You, Father, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**People: Hear us as we come before You in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Father, Your voice of truth confronts us in our sin.

**People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

Pastor: Your Son stands as the watchman over Your house, calling us to repentance and faith.

**People: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

Pastor: Your Spirit leads us to acknowledge our rebellion against You so that, confessing our sins, we might receive Your pardon and peace.

**People: We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

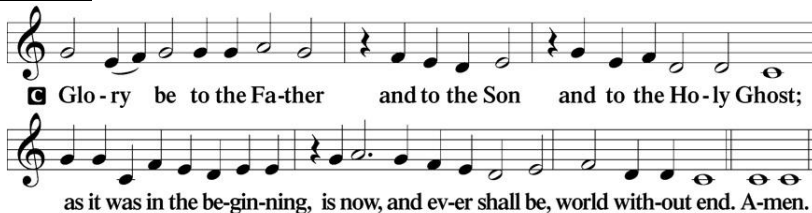
God does indeed speak peace to His people for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: ♪ Amen.**

## THE INTROIT *Psalm 5:4, 7–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6*

Pastor/Choir: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness make your way straight before me.

## THE GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent*

**THE SALUTATION** 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



■ And with thy spir - it.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

† **THE WORD** †

*Though the Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent bring warnings to those who refuse the Spirit and remain impenitent, they also promise that God will work in us the healthful Spirit of His grace, forgive our sins, and equip us to bear the good fruits of His kingdom in our lives. From the prophet Ezekiel, we learn that God finds no pleasure in judging the wicked but rejoices in their repentance and faith. From 1 Corinthians, we are warned by Paul against the pride that goes before the fall and assured that in Christ temptation cannot overcome us. In the Gospel, Jesus is confronted with a tragedy from the news and points the hearers to their own repentance and faith, that they may bear the good fruit of His Kingdom.*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Ezekiel 33:7-20

*(The Lord seeks not the death of the sinner but that he turn from his wickedness and live.)*

<sup>7</sup> "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup> "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we

live?' <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*(God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability.)*

<sup>1</sup>For I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond

your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** @9am

"I Waited For the Lord"

*Felix Mendelssohn*

*The Cathedral Choir: Jillian Eichstaedt and Alana Meeker, Sopranos*

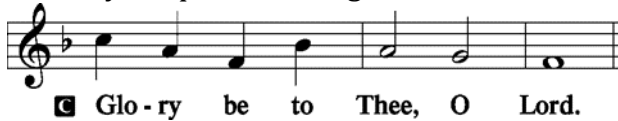
**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 13:1-9

*(Unless you repent, you also will perish.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People:



<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



**THE NICENE CREED**

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

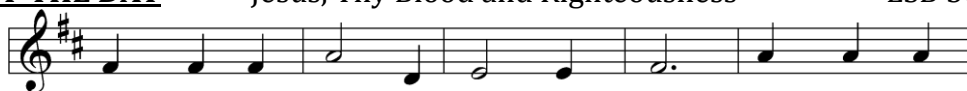
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; 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

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563 v. 1-5



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -  
 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a  
 man - sion in the skies, This then shall be my



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.  
 on - ly plea: Je - sus hath lived and died for me.

### SERMON

“The Stopwatch is Ticking”

Ezekiel 33:11

*Rev. James Rolf, Cathedral Pastor  
 Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

### OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

### GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



### VOLUNTARY

"Were You There?"

Gordon Young

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.

*10:30am continues with the benediction*

+ The Order of Holy Communion +  
@9am

### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

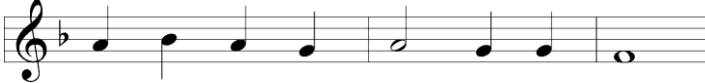
People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: 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 is the Son of Man who stands as a



watchman for all of God's children. We give thanks that this watchman is the only-begotten Son of God who offered His life upon the cross so that we might turn from sin and live. 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** *Is 6:3*

LSB p. 195

♪ 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.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

**THE PAX DOMINI** *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI** *Jn 1:29*

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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**

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.*

***TWO STATION COMMUNION:***

*If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.*

*If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.*

# "Where You There?"

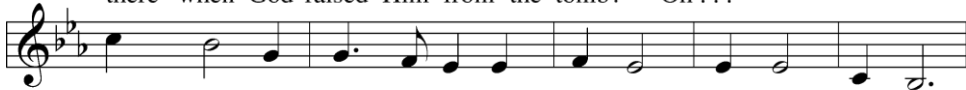
LSB 456



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...  
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

## DISMISSAL

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB p. 199

♪ 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

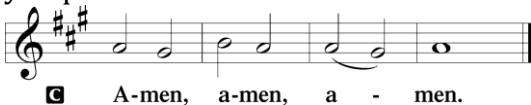
Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through  
 this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would  
 strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love  
 toward one another, that we forever dwell under the watchful eye of our  
 watchman and Savior; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives  
 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:

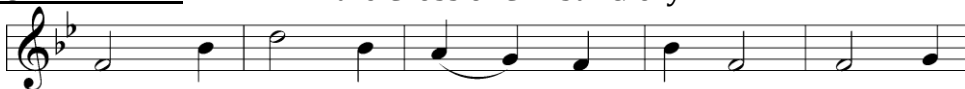


**A** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

## **POSTLUDE**

“Allegro maestoso e vivace”

*Felix Mendelssohn*