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# *Worship Guide*

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## *Family Restrooms*

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- Distribution of communion involves movement up stairs. To better accommodate mobility needs, seating near the concourse is recommended.
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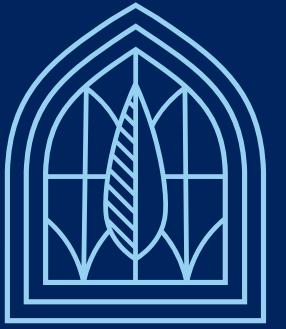
*Stay after Mass*

**for Fireworks to Celebrate  
the Class of 2026!**

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Call to Worship*





# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Lead Me, Lord (Becker)

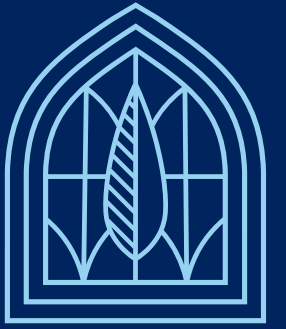
*Please stand and join in singing as we gather to hear the scriptures.*

### VERSE 1

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,  
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.

Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,  
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

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## REFRAIN

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,  
by the light of truth  
to seek and to find the narrow way.  
Be my way; be my truth;  
be my life, my Lord,  
and lead me, Lord, today.

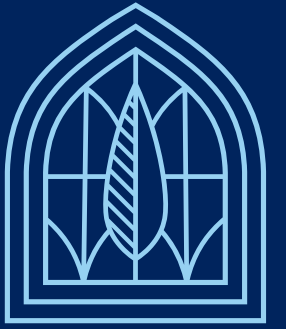
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## VERSE 2

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,  
and the pure in heart shall see their God.

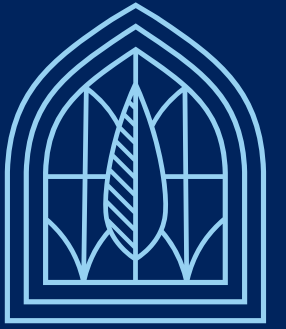
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,  
for I say they shall be satisfied.



## REFRAIN

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,  
by the light of truth  
to seek and to find the narrow way.  
Be my way; be my truth;  
be my life, my Lord,  
and lead me, Lord, today.

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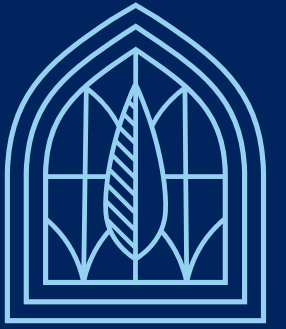


## VERSE 3

Blest are they who through their lifetimes  
sow the seeds of peace;

all will call them children of the Lord.

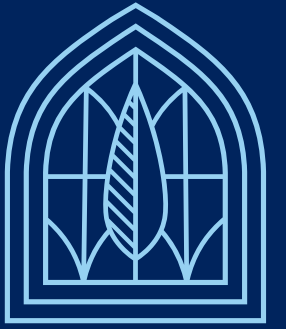
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,  
for in heaven, great is your reward.



## REFRAIN

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,  
by the light of truth  
to seek and to find the narrow way.  
Be my way; be my truth;  
be my life, my Lord,  
and lead me, Lord, today.

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## **GREETING**

*The assembly makes the sign of the cross along with the Presider.*

***Presider:*** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

***We respond:*** ***Amen.***

*Presider greets the assembly, ending with: The Lord be with you.*

***We respond:*** ***And with your spirit.***



## PENITENTIAL ACT

*Presider:* Lord, have mercy.      ***We respond: Lord, have mercy.***

*Presider:* Christ, have mercy.      ***We respond: Christ, have mercy.***

*Presider:* Lord, have mercy.      ***We respond: Lord, have mercy.***

*Presider:* May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

***We respond: Amen.***

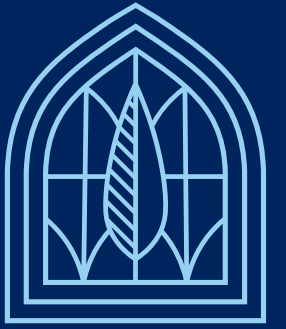
## COLLECT

***We respond: Amen.***

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated as we listen  
to God's word in scripture.*





## FIRST READING

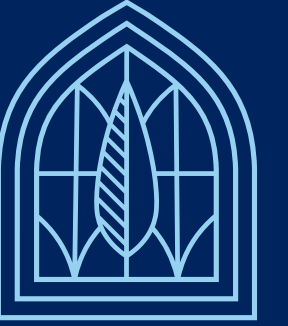
**Proverbs 16:1–4, 7-9**

Plans are made in human hearts,  
but from the Lord comes the tongue's response.

All one's ways are pure in one's own eyes,  
but the measurer of motives is the Lord.

Entrust your works to the Lord,  
and your plans will succeed.

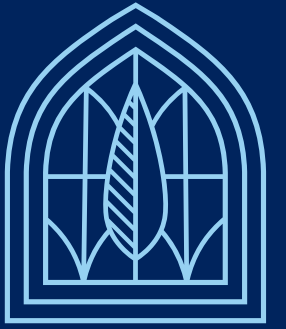
The Lord has made everything for a purpose,  
even the wicked for the evil day.



When the Lord is pleased with someone's ways,  
He makes even enemies be at peace with them.  
Better a little with justice,  
than a large income with injustice.  
The human heart plans the way,  
but the Lord directs the steps.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

***We respond: Thanks be to God.***



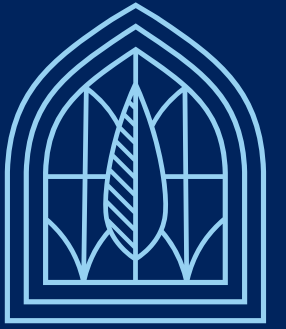
## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd**

**Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

### **VERSE 1**

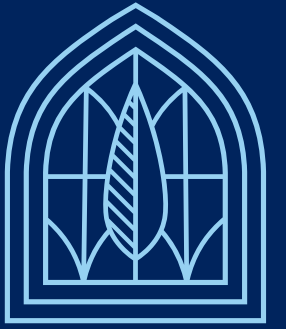
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures, He gives me repose;  
beside restful waters, he leads me;  
He refreshes my soul.



**Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing  
I shall want.

**VERSE 2**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake;  
even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil;  
For You are at my side with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.



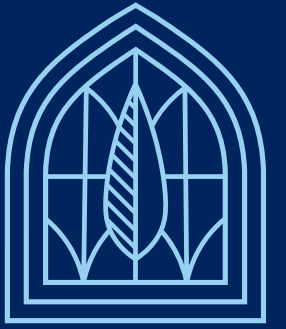
**Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

**VERSE 3**

You spread a table before me in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**VERSE 4**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for years to come.



## **SECOND READING**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

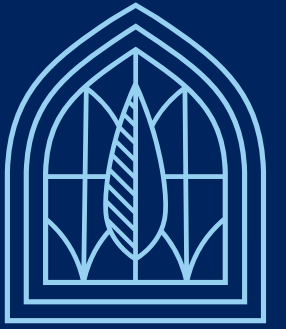
Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

***We respond: Thanks be to God.***



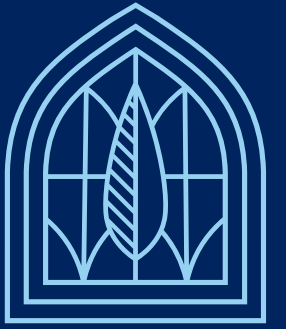
## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand and join in singing to greet the Gospel.*

**Celtic Alleluia (Walker and O'Carroll)**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 6:25–34a**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

***We respond: And with your spirit.***

*Priest:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

***We respond: Glory to you, O Lord.***



Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?



Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?'



All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.

*Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.*

***We respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



## **HOMILY**

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## **THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

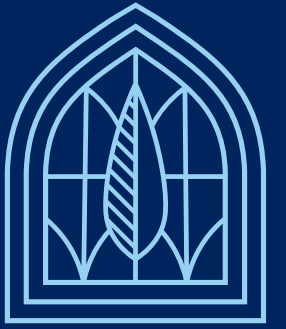
*Please stand as we pray for the Church, the world,  
and the gathered community.*

***We respond: Lord, hear our prayer.***

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Please be seated as we begin  
the Liturgy of the Eucharist.*



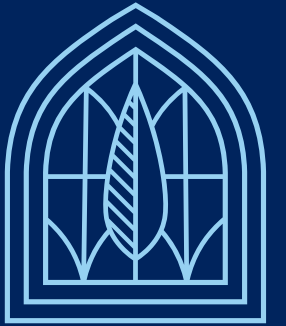


# PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AND ALTAR

**These Alone Are Enough (Schutte)**

## VERSE 1

Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.  
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.  
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.  
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

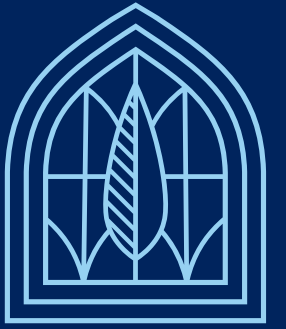


## VERSE 2

Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.  
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.  
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.  
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

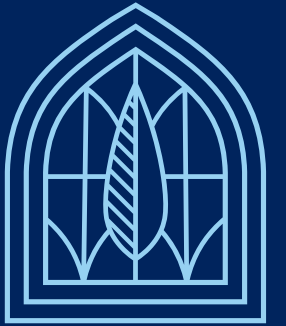
## VERSE 3

I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.  
I return to you your gifts untold.  
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.  
These alone, O God, are enough for me.



## VERSE 4

When the darkness falls on my final days,  
take the very breath that sang your praise.  
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.  
These alone, O God, are enough for me.



# PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AND ALTAR

**Be Still, and Know That I Am God (Warner)**

## OSTINATO REFRAIN

**Be still, and know that I Am God.**

**Be still, and know that I Am God.**



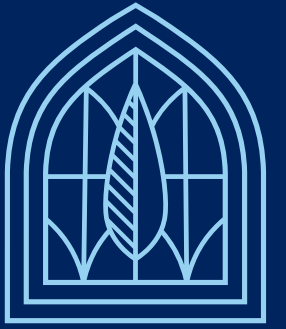
*At the conclusion of the Preparation of the Gifts and Altar,  
please stand as the Presider invites us to prayer:*

***Presider:*** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and  
and yours may be acceptable to God, the  
almighty Father.

***We respond:*** ***May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.***

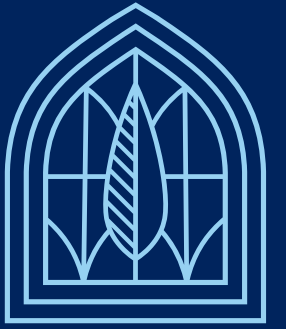
## **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

***We respond: Amen.***



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Although it is the norm in the United States to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion Rite, we are in an environment which makes kneeling difficult. So that we may all truly be united in posture and presence with Christ, we invite the entire community to remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer.*



## PREFACE

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

***We respond: And with your spirit.***

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

***We respond: We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***We respond: It is right and just.***



# **EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

**Mass of Renewal (Stephan)**

**Holy:**

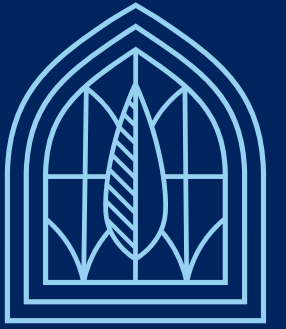
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

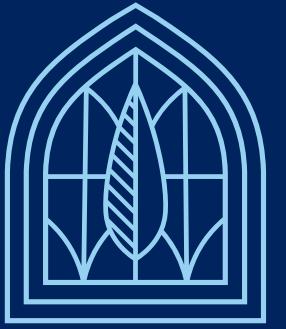


**Memorial Acclamation:**

**We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection, until you come again.**

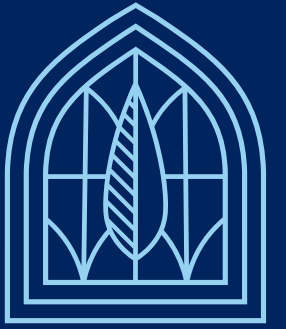
**Great Amen:**

**Amen, amen, amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

***We pray: 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.***



*Presider:* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin and safe  
from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*We pray: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours, now and forever.*



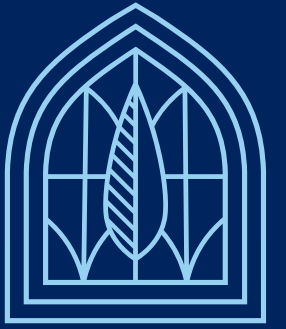
## **SIGN OF PEACE**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*We respond:* ***And with your spirit.***

*Presider:* Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We exchange a gesture of peace with those near us  
as we prepare to share in the One Body of Christ.*



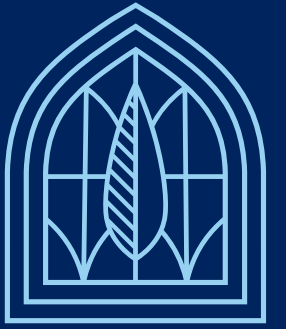
## **FRACTION RITE**

**Lamb of God, Mass of Renewal (Stephan)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy on us.

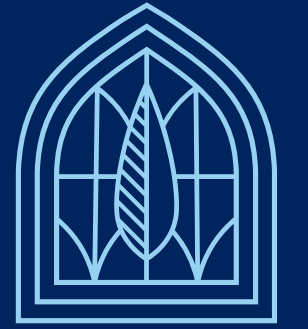
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Grant us peace.



*President:* Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of  
the Lamb.

*We respond: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter  
under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall  
be healed.*



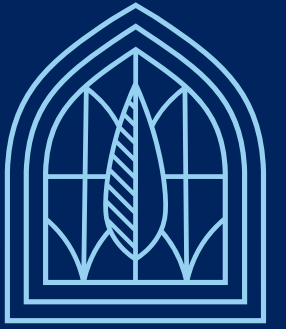
## COMMUNION

***Please remain at your seats as our ministers take up their positions. For communion, please remain in your seat until an usher releases your row.***

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Receiving Christ in the real presence of the Eucharist is the primary sacrament of unity for Catholics. If you prefer not to receive the Eucharist, please approach with your arms crossed over your heart as shown here. Please return to your seat by the opposite end of the row. Follow the directions of the signs and ushers.



# COMMUNION HYMNS

**Goodness of God (Johnson et. Al.)**

## VERSE 1

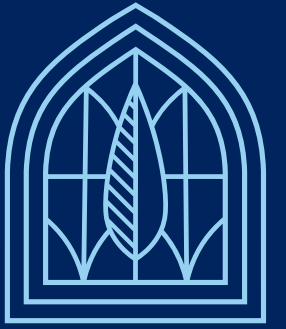
I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days, I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up

until I lay my head,

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.



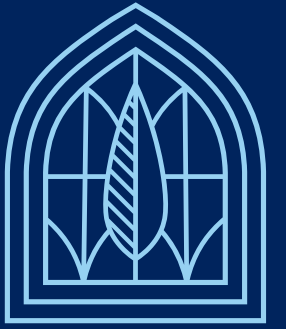
## REFRAIN

And all my life, You have been faithful.

And all my life, You have been so, so good.

With ev'ry breath that I am able,

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

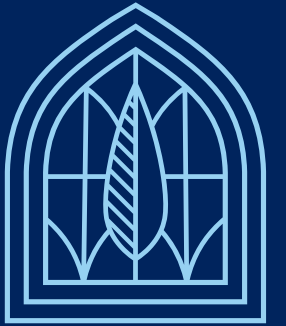


## VERSE 2

I love Your voice.

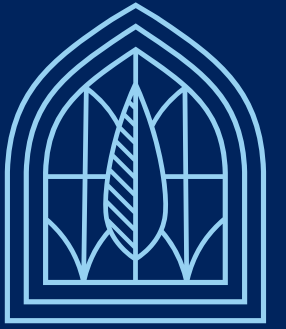
You have led me through the fire,  
And in darkest nights,

You are close like no other.  
I've known you as a father.  
I've known you as a friend,  
And I have lived in the goodness of God.



## REFRAIN

And all my life, You have been faithful.  
And all my life, You have been so, so good.  
With ev'ry breath that I am able,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.



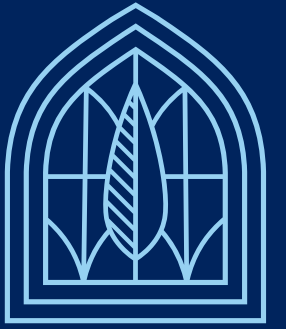
## BRIDGE (X2)

‘Cause Your goodness is running after,  
it’s running after me.

And Your goodness is running after,  
it’s running after me.

With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now,  
I give You ev’rything.

‘Cause Your goodness is running after,  
it’s running after me.



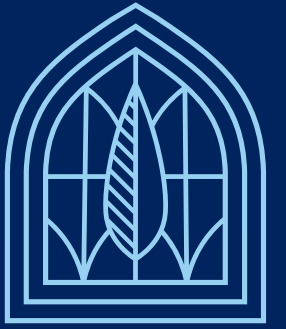
## REFRAIN (X2)

And all my life, You have been faithful.

And all my life, You have been so, so good.

With ev'ry breath that I am able,

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.



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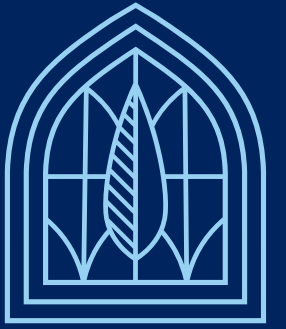
**Hearts on Fire (Ridge and Smith)**

## VERSE 1

In the roar of burning bramble,  
Moses heard your challenge blaze:  
“Lead my people out of slav’ry;  
I am with you all your days.”

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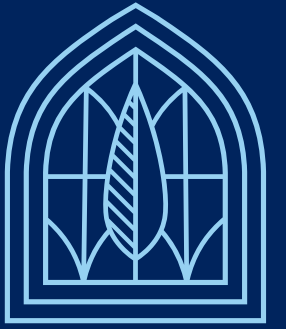
## REFRAIN

**Speak again, O Lord, and lead us  
in the service you inspire.**

**Make us all your holy people,  
called to set the world on fire,  
the world on fire.**

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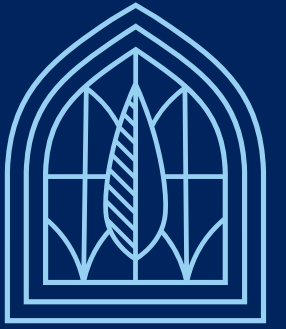


## VERSE 2

Fiery pillar in our darkness,  
lead us through the barren sand:  
saints and sinners all together,  
walking bravely hand in hand.

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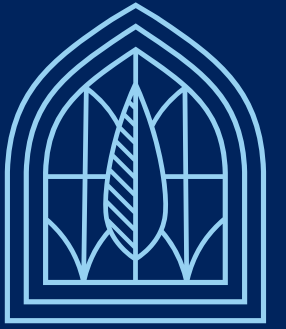
## REFRAIN

Speak again, O Lord, and lead us  
in the service you inspire.

Make us all your holy people,  
called to set the world on fire,  
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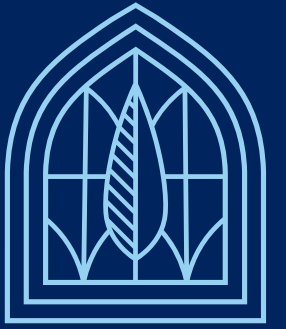


## VERSE 3

Try us in your fiery furnace;  
burn away our fear and greed.  
Only your love and your grace, Lord,  
these are all that we will need.

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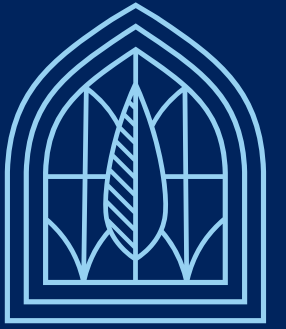
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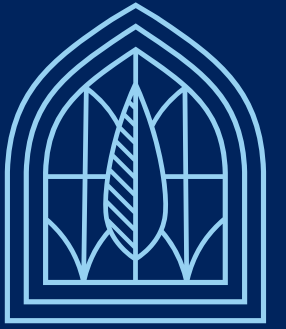
## VERSE 4

**Do our hearts not burn within us  
at the breaking of the bread?**

**Will you, Lord, not journey with us  
on the thorny road ahead?**

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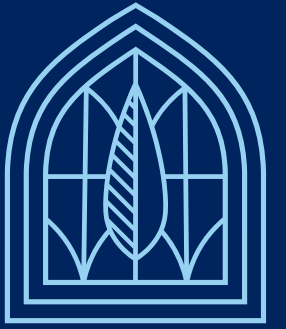
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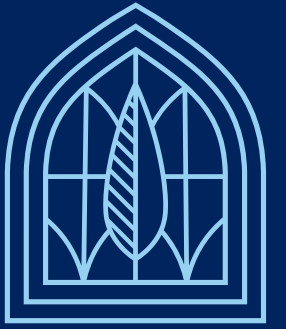


## VERSE 5

Let us build your kingdom daily,  
let us daily heed your call;  
let us spend our lives completely  
for your love consumes us all.

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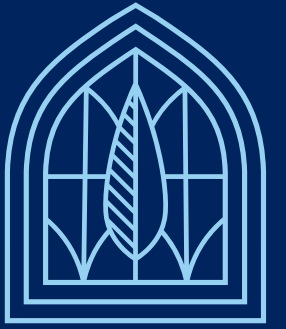
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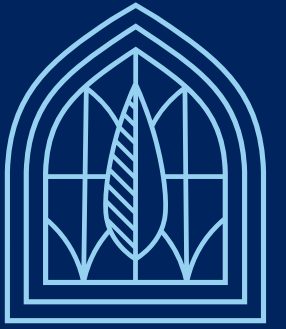


## VERSE 6

When the last day is upon us,  
earth and heavens lost in flames,  
bring us into your new heavens;  
call your servants each by name.

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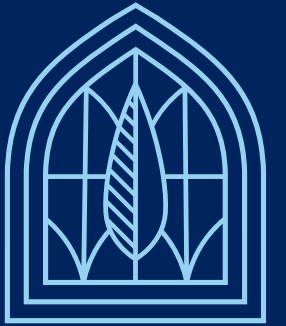
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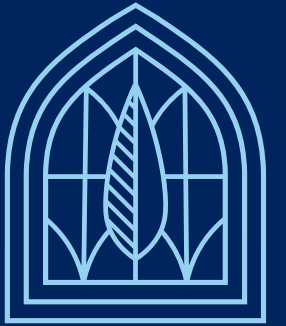
# COMMUNION HYMNS

**Miracle of Grace (Stephan)**

## VERSE 1

Miracle of grace, mystery of faith,  
calling us to venture to the deep.

Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail,  
and we become the love that we receive.



## REFRAIN

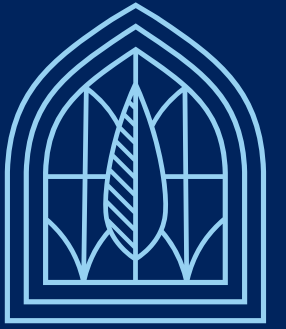
Bread of life, bread of life.

Those who eat this bread shall live and never die.

Bread of life, bread of life.

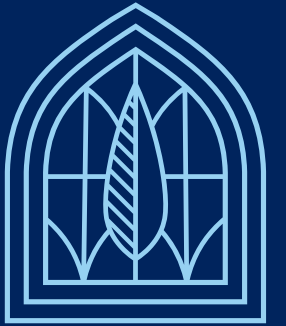
Your true presence in this holy sacrifice.

Bread of life.



## VERSE 2

Unworthy though we are,  
you feed the hungry heart  
With bread come down from heaven above.  
And like a grain of wheat,  
we fall down at your feet,  
Dying here with you, Oh, let us rise!



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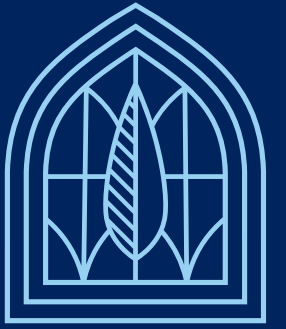
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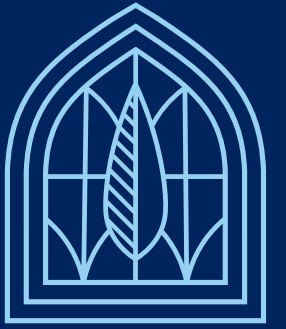
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Bread of life.



## VERSE 3

Your faithfulness revealed  
in this covenant you've sealed  
With your very body and your blood.  
Come, claim your bride again  
with love that cannot end,  
For what God joins, no one can divide.



## REFRAIN

Bread of life, bread of life.

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## CONCLUDING RITES

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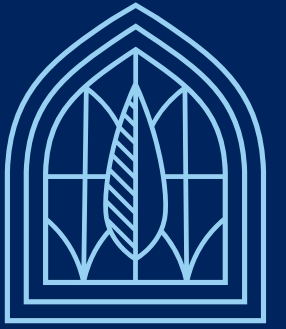
*Leader: We pray:*

*Spirit of God,*

*Rest upon those who have journeyed with us  
to this moment of celebration.*

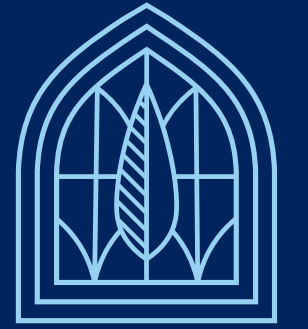
*We thank you for our parents,  
our family and our friends.*

*Bless them with love and support,  
as they have blessed us throughout our lives.*



*Comfort them as we move together  
into a new chapter of our lives,  
and grant them the fullness of your peace.  
O God of wisdom, thank you for the faculty  
and staff of Creighton University,  
and for their support and guidance.  
Bless and encourage them in all they do,  
and help them to know our gratitude.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

***All respond: Amen.***



## **BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES**

*Parents, family members, friends, faculty and staff will be invited to raise a hand in blessing upon our graduates.*

*Presider: We pray:*

*O God of all creation,*

*Grant these graduates the gift of wisdom  
as they enter a new stage of their lives.*

*Give them inner strength through your Spirit,  
and faith,*

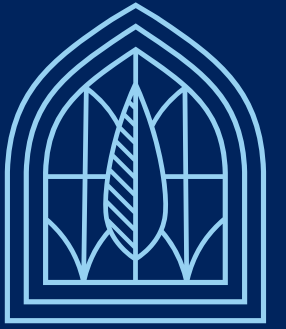
*that Christ may dwell in their hearts.*

*Grant them awareness they are uniquely sent  
to help bring about the Kingdom of God  
in our world.*



*Give them courage and love  
to act on this wisdom for the dignity of all,  
for the welfare of the less fortunate,  
and for the pursuit of peace and reconciliation.  
May our kinship and friendship with them  
be a blessing that continues  
through the years to come.  
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***All respond: Amen.***



## FINAL BLESSING

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*We respond:* ***And with your spirit.***

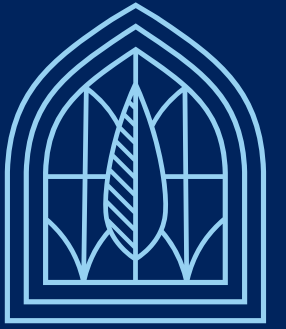
*The Presider blesses the entire assembly.*

*We respond:* ***Amen.***

## SENDING FORTH

*The Presider proclaims that the Mass has ended and sends us forth to serve God in the world.*

*We respond:* ***Thanks be to God.***



# RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell)**

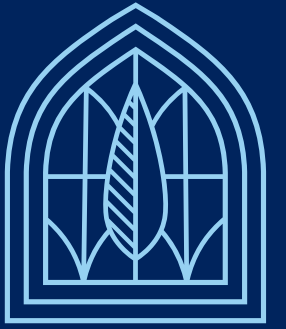
## VERSE 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.



## REFRAIN

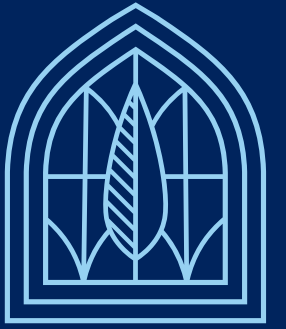
**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**



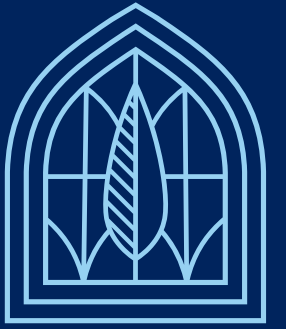
## VERSE 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.



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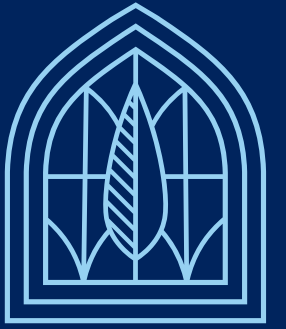
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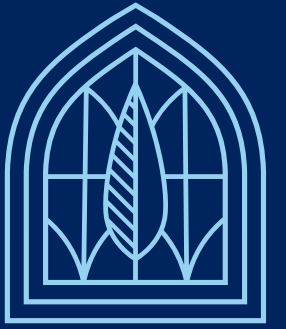
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## VERSE 5

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.



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