

A MEAL TO SAVE YOU

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SERVICE NOTES: *The Triduum*

After six weeks of Lent, the Christian Year has now reached its climax. We have come to the celebration of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is the celebration for which we have been preparing throughout Lent. Now we see what our Savior came to do.



We see him suffer and die for our sins and for the sins of the world. And we see him rise triumphantly on Easter morning to assure us that our salvation is complete, the victory is won.

Prior to the fourth century, Easter Day itself included all three emphases — Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. But the early Church fathers decided that it might be wise to spread those three emphases out over three days.

And so Maundy Thursday was formed to commemorate the beginning of Christ's suffering, as he gathers in the upper room, washes his disciples feet, institutes the Lord's Supper, then proceeds to the Garden of Gethsemane for prayer.

Good Friday was set aside to ponder the intensity of Christ's passion, as he is put on trial before Pontius Pilate, scourged, and crucified. On the cross, he speaks only seven times before he dies.

Finally, the practice of the Easter Vigil was begun. It was not the high festival service of Easter. Rather, it was a service to prepare oneself for that festival. The Vigil was also used as the entrance rite into the Church, as converts were baptized, confirmed, and communed all during the Vigil.

The greatest theologian of the early Church, St. Augustine, called these days of special observance, "the most holy *Triduum* of the crucified, buried, and risen Lord." (*Triduum* is Latin for *three days*.) These days, combined with Easter, have long been understood as the climax of the Church's year. Together they form a unit. Therefore, as we celebrate these Three Holy Days, our worship will form a unit. The three comprise a *single service*, celebrated over three days, which will take us through our Savior's sufferings to his glorious triumph on Easter.

Because these three services form one unit, you will notice there is no benediction after parts 1 and 2. The benediction will occur at the end of the Vigil. Secondly, after parts 1 and 2, the congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.

PSALM 88

Sung by a soloist

O LORD, the God who saves me,
day and night I cry out before you.
May my prayer come before you;
turn your ear to my cry.
For my soul is full of trouble
and my life draws near the grave.
I am counted among those
who go down to the pit;
I am like a man without strength.
I am set apart with the dead,
like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more,
who are cut off from your care.
You have put me in the lowest pit,
in the darkest depths.
Your wrath lies heavily upon me;
you have overwhelmed me
with all your waves.
You have taken from me my closest friends
and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape;
my eyes are dim with grief.
I call to you, O LORD, every day;
I spread out my hands to you.
Do you show your wonders to the dead?
Do those who are dead rise up
and praise you?

Is your love declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in Destruction?
Are your wonders known
in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds
in the land of oblivion?
But I cry to you for help, O LORD;
in the morning my prayer
comes before you.
Why, O LORD, do you reject me
and hide your face from me?
From my youth I have been afflicted
and close to death;
I have suffered your terrors
and am in despair.
Your wrath has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me.
All day long they surround me like a flood;
they have completely engulfed me.
You have taken my companions
and loved ones from me;
the darkness is my closest friend.

After the completion of the psalm, there is no blessing, for this is only day one of the Triduum. Our worship continues for two more days.

The church is darkened. The congregation leaves the sanctuary in silence. Please do not converse with one another inside the church. There will not be a greeting line at the doorway. You may remain for silent prayer and meditation if you desire.

We gather tomorrow evening at 7:00PM to reflect upon our Savior's death.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 88 is sung by a soloist. During the singing of the psalm, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.

- ✘ **Candles extinguished** — *Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." The events of Good Friday snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when he suffered, so we extinguish our candles.*
- ✘ **Altar book removed** — *The Altar Book and hymnal guides our worship together as we hear his Word and respond with prayer and songs of praise. As Jesus suffers these normally joyful sounds grow quiet.*
- ✘ **Communion vessels removed** — *Jesus offered his body and blood as the payment for our sins. They have been given to us in, with and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Supper. As he was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.*
- ✘ **Paraments removed** — *Paraments are the cloths that cover our altar and display symbols of our God and salvation. Purple, the color of Lent, also points to the purple robe Jesus wore as the soldiers mocked him. As Jesus was stripped of the purple robe, and of his dignity, so we remove the paraments from the altar.*
- ✘ **The altar is draped in black** — *Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. It is draped in black to remind us of the death of our Savior in our behalf.*

Part I — Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday derives its name from the words Jesus spoke to his disciples on this evening: *"A new command I give you: Love one another"* (John 13:34). The Latin word for command is *mandatum*, where we get *Maundy*. On Maundy Thursday, Christ gave a mandate to his followers — to love one another as he has loved us. He demonstrates the full extent of his love by humbly washing his disciple's feet and by feeding them his very flesh for their salvation. Clearly, Christ loves us more than life. Reconciled to God through the flesh and blood of Christ, we are empowered to follow his command to love each other.

It was on this evening nearly two thousand years ago that Jesus and his disciples gathered together in a large upper room in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This meal commemorated the deliverance of God's people from the clutches of slavery in Egypt. All the firstborn sons of Egypt died that night, but all Israel was saved. They were saved because the blood of the Passover Lamb they had sacrificed marked their doors. The angel of death saw the blood on their doorframes, and passed over their homes as he went throughout the land of Egypt killing the firstborn. This evening we celebrate the fact that **Christ is our Passover Lamb**. In sacrificing himself, Jesus ends the need for the Passover, and replaces it with a much greater meal when he institutes the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **The Lord's Supper** is celebrated tonight using freshly baked unleavened bread, identical to what was used at Passover.



The stripping of the altar. The post-communion portion of the service takes us from the upper room in Jerusalem where the disciples celebrated the Passover to the Garden of Gethsemane, in preparation for Good Friday. The altar, which is one of the most prominent symbols of Christ in the church, is solemnly stripped of its vestments in memory of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane. The service ends in silence. The congregation hears no closing blessing...yet.

In keeping with the solemnity of the day, there will be no post-service music.

Silence for meditation is appreciated.

God bless your worship.

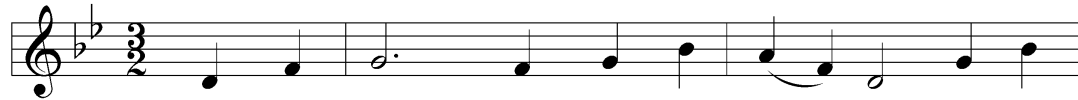


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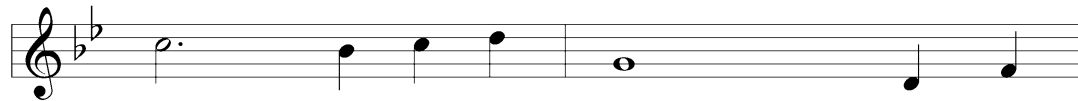
✠ The Gathering ✠

HYMN

When You Woke That Thursday Morning



1 When you woke that Thurs-day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing
 3 What was there that you could give them that would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, all one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright



Teach - er, faith - ful Friend, Thoughts of
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be
 nev - er be out - spent, What great
 bod - y, you the head, When we
 vis - ion glo - ri - ous, And your



self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing
 with your dear ones on - ly for a
 gift that would out - live them, what last
 meet, by you in - vit - ed, you are
 saints will know the rap - ture that your

CLOSING PRAYER

M: O God the Father,
 source of all goodness,
 in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity.
 We thank you that through him you have given us
 pardon and peace in this sacrament.
 We also pray that you will not forsake us
 but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit
 so that we willingly serve you day after day,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C:

In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
 part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
 va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

how the day would end; Lamb of
 qui - et hour a - part; Sin - less
 will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me
 with us, as you said. One with
 heart de - sired for us, When the

God, fore - told for ag - es, now at last the
 Lamb and fall - en crea - tures, one last pas - chal
 and the world you love me, know me as the
 you and one an - oth - er in a u - ni -
 longed - for peace and un - ion of the great - est

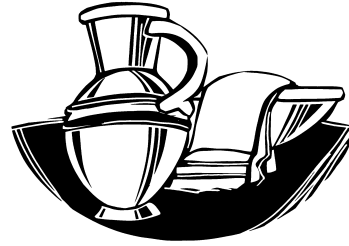
hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 Lamb of God; Do this in re - mem - brance
 ty sub - lime, See in us your sis - ter,
 and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -

wag - es: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, one in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

The hymn writer Jaroslav Vajda vividly recounts the events of Maundy Thursday as they may have looked from the perspective of our Savior.

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.



Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

Silence for meditation

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared This feast for
2 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
3 Lord, I be - lieve what you have said; Help me when
4 Grant that we wor - thi - ly re - ceive Your sup - per,



our sal - va - tion; It is your bod - y
Word be - liev - ing That your true bod - y
doubts as - sail me. Re - mem - ber that I
Lord, our Sav - ior, And, tru - ly griev - ing



and your blood, And at your in - vi - ta - tion
and your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
for our sins, May prove by our be - hav - ior



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, And there is
Your sup - per in this vale of tears Re - fresh - es
That we are thank - ful for your grace And day by



you for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
naught you can - not do, For you, Lord, are al - might - y.
me and stills my fears And is my price - less trea - sure.
day may run our race, In ho - li - ness in - creas - ing.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

**C: we lift up our hearts with thanksgiving and praise.
Through the blood of your covenant,
you have made us worthy to receive your Holy Supper.
In this sacrament, time and eternity meet
as we celebrate a foretaste of the feast now enjoyed
by all who are in heavenly glory.
As we receive your true body and blood,
we rejoice in our salvation through you,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

There are three distributing ministers tonight. We commune in tables of 12 to 14.

The first minister will distribute the bread.

The second minister will then walk by you carrying the individual cups of wine. If you wish to partake of the common cup, do not take an individual cup. If you wish to partake of an individual cup, take one when the assistant comes by and hold it in your hand. Do not drink it yet.

The third minister will then distribute the common cup. If he sees you have an individual cup, he will motion you to drink it at that time. If he sees you do not have an individual cup, he will give you the common cup.

Using a single loaf of bread and a common cup is meant to symbolically convey the message of 1 Corinthians 10:17. "We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of one loaf."

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all.
For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule
in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

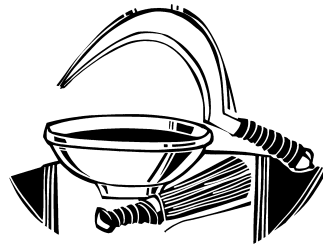
FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD -a lasting ordinance.



JESUS, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

M: Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy, have mercy on us.

M: Bread of life and saving cup...

ALL:

... you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

M: Loving Savior, Prince of Peace...

ALL:

... you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

M: Jesus, Lamb of God...

ALL:

... you take a-way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy, and grant us your peace.

✘ The Sacrament ✘



We follow the historic Christian practice of *close communion*. We ask that only members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran or one of our sister congregations partake of the sacrament. If you are not a member, please speak to one of the pastors before communing.

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116

M: Refrain

C: **Refrain**



I will take the cup of life, I will call God's name all my days.

M: How can I make a return for the goodness of God?
This saving cup I will bless and sing, and call the name of God!

C: **Refrain**

M: The dying of those who keep faith is precious to our God.
I am your servant called from your hands. You have set me free!

C: **Refrain**

M: To you I will offer my thanks and call upon your name.
You are my promise for all to see. I love your name, O God!

C: **Refrain**



SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

✠ The Prayers ✠

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, pictured in the ancient Passover feast, now giving to us your own body and your own blood in Holy Communion. Just as the Passover lambs assured the Israelites of God's promise to deliver them from death,

C: Strengthen our belief that the bread is your real body and the wine is your real blood, given to us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

M: Prepare us to receive this sacrament remembering your death and repenting of our sins.

C: Unite us by our oneness of faith throughout this congregation and our synod, and love us to the end that we may love others as you have loved us.

M: We rejoice in our fellow believers who have been instructed in your Word and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, who are now ready to receive Holy Communion.

C: Equip them with every spiritual blessing for doing your will.

M: We pray for those absent from the sacrament because of their own neglect.

C: Call them in your mercy to return and renew their faith.

M: Keep in your care those unable to receive the sacrament often because they are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, serving in the military, or otherwise separated from the fellowship of believers. Encourage them so that they do not lose hope.

C: Be gracious to us all and nourish us with this feast, that we remain faithful unto death, and become partakers of the wedding feast of the Lamb. Amen.

Special prayers and petitions may follow

M: Here us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: We bring these and all our petitions confidently in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray.

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

M: O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish.



C: O Lord, have mer - cy!

M: May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood, for us plead
In all trial, fear and need.



C: O Lord, have mer - cy!

M: May God bestow on us his grace and favor
To please him with our behavior
And live together here in love and union,
Cherishing our blest communion.



C: O Lord, have mer - cy!

M: Let not your good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heavenly-minded he make us.
Give your Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity.



C: O Lord, have mer - cy!

THANK OFFERING

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Corinthians 11:26

M: Refrain

C: Refrain



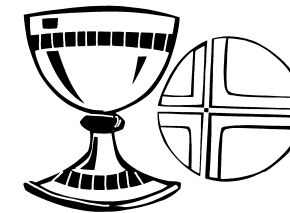
Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ,



King of end - less glo - ry!

M: When you eat this bread and drink of this cup
you proclaim the death of the Lord.

C: Refrain



¹It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

²The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble,
 2 By faith I call your ho - ly ta - ble
 3 What high - er gift can we in - her - it?
 4 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior,
 5 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed;



For weak and wea - ry is my soul;
 The tes - ta - ment of your deep love,
 It is faith's bond and sol - id base;
 Your blood, which you for me have shed—
 I live in you and you in me.



O Je - sus, you a - lone are a - ble
 For by your gift I now am a - ble
 It is the strength of heart and spir - it,
 These are my life and strength for - ev - er;
 No sor - row fills my soul; de - light - ed,



To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 To know the heart of God a - bove.
 The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.
 By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 It finds its peace on Cal - va - ry.



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!