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The Rev. Seldon M. Walker, Rector Suzanne Daniel, Music Director The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop Diocesan

> THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 30, 2025 | 10:30 AM

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Your presence is thuly a plessing to our church family.

The Word of God

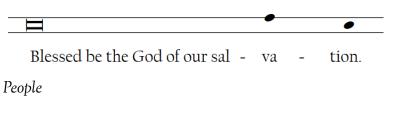
Worship begins with a moment of silence and the music of the prelude. Please silence all electronic devices.

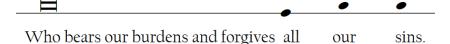
Welcome & Announcements (beginning at 10:20)

Moment of Silence & Prelude

The Acclamation (from the back of the church)

Celebrant





The Entrance Hymn 366 vs 1, 6, 7



Confession of Sin (BCP p. 351)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

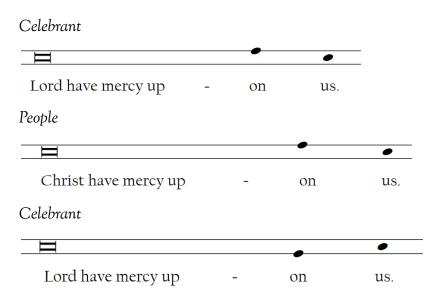
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Kyrie



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Reading

Reader A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Church in Corinth.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; st

I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *

but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

All stand

Sequence Hymn 489, vs 1, 5, 6

Back of bulletin

Presider

People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands'." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found'."

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

The Rev. Seldon M. Walker

A period of silence for reflection will follow the Message.

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

The People stand or kneel as able and respond to each petition using the following form

Music - O Lord Hear My Prayer -Jacques Berthier (sung once at beginning and once at end)

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

Intercessor...God of redemption,PeopleHeal our hearts and make us whole.

The Concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Thanksgivings

The Thanksgiving Basket for March will go to two longtime nonprofits dedicated to helping low-income elderly and/or disabled residents stay in homes that are in good repair: Housing Partnerships Inc. of the Historic Triangle and Rural Housing Partnership based in Gloucester. Altar arrangements are given to the glory of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

This is the table not of the Church, but of the Lord and all baptized Christians are welcome to come to the table. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. If you are not baptized and would like to come forward for a blessing, please know that you too are welcome.

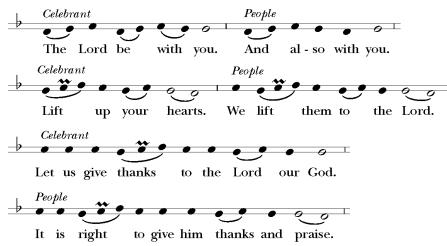
The Offertory Sentence (BCP p. 376)

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

The Offertory

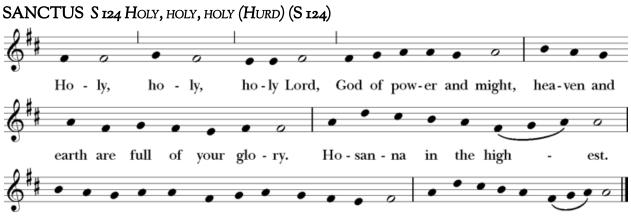
At the Reception of the Offering (sung by all) Tune: Erhalt uns, Herr Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 1 (Enriching our Worship) The People remain standing.



Presider

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints,

past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

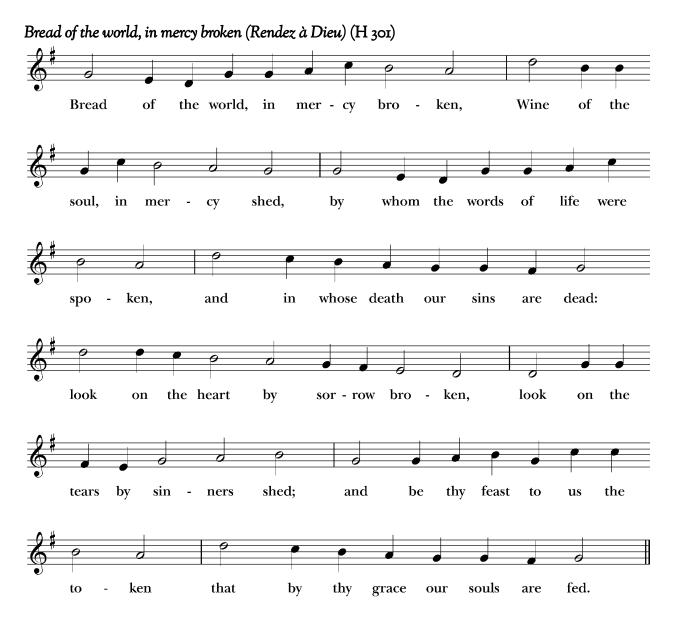
Celebrant and People

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A moment of silence is held.

Fraction Anthem (BCP p. 364)



The Invitation (BCP p. 364)

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Distribution of Communion

In the Diocese of Southern Virginia intinction is currently not authorized by individual communicants. Intinction has consistently been shown to be the practice that is the least hygienic and most conductive of bacterial germs. Therefore, and to be in line with the guidelines of our Diocese, Grace will now only allow sipping from the chalice by individual communicants and that chalice will be wiped with a purificator following each individual who sips. If you wish to have your wafer dipped, the Eucharistic Minister will dip it for you. Please hold the wafer in your hands so that the Eucharistic Minister can see that you wish to have your wafer dipped. If you do not wish to sip or have your wafer dipped, please know that receiving Communion in one kind (i.e. bread only) is a sufficient and perfectly acceptable Communion practice. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy administering the bread. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. Thank you.

Communion Music

Hymn WLP 795 Hymn LEVAS II 101 Post Communion Prayer Presider and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

The people remain standing or kneeling as able

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 686

The Dismissal

Presider	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Service Assistants

Acolytes Apple-Rose Powell Andrew Seiter Caitlin Tant

Usher Todd Winegrad

Lay Assistants Rufus Burney Bruce Fisher Henry Morgan

Jerry Twigg

Vestry Jann Seiter Back of bulletin Back of bulletin

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This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I-CHURCH 9:45 A.M. PRE-SERVICE CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH 11:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM

Monday, March 31 7:30-8:05 A.M. Centering Prayer-Online 10-11:45 A.M. AGING WITH GRACE-PARISH HALL 4-5 P.M. ENDOWMENT BOARD-RIVERVIEW

TUESDAY, APRIL I

8:30-9:30 A.M. CENTERING PRAYER-RIVERVIEW 10:30 A.M. STAFF MEETING-PARISH HALL II A.M.-2 P.M. BOOK SHOP OPEN 6:30-8 P.M. CREATION CARE CIRCLE 3-ONLINE 6:30-7:30 P.M. WORSHIP COMMITTEE-ONLINE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

9:45-10:10 A.M. DAY SCHOOL CHAPEL-CHURCH 10-11:30 A.M. CREATION CARE CIRCLE 2-RIVERVIEW NOON HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH 5:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS-CHURCH 6-7:30 P.M. LENTEN BOOK STUDY-PARISH HALL 6-8 P.M. ORIGINAL MEN'S GROUP-RIVERVIEW 6-8 P.M. BELOVED COMMUNITY COMMITTEE-ONLINE

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

II A.M.-2 P.M. BOOK SHOP OPEN 4-5:30 P.M. GRACEFUL KNITTERS-RIVERVIEW 6:30-8 P.M. THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP-RIVERVIEW 7-9 P.M. AA MEETING-PARISH HALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

7:30-9 A.M. MEN'S BREAKFAST-PARISH HALL 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. CURSILLO-RIVERVIEW 7-9 P.M. AA MEETING-PARISH HALL

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I-CHURCH 9:45 A.M. PRE-SERVICE CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH 11:30 A.M. THRIVE PENINSULA INFO DURING COFFEE HOUR-PARISH HALL 11:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM



PRAYERS OF THE PARISH

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The saints who have gone before us

We pray for Those who Serve our Country

Brendon Baez, Erica Baez, Adrian Bogart III, Adrian Bogart IV, Meghan Collins, Bryce Everette, James Gouger, J.J. Jones, Thomas Lopez, Justin Mowery, Max Poelker, Andrew Sainsbury, Alex Szlamczynski, Donald Washburn, William Washburn

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SPECIAL NEEDS & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Linda Jones (family of Judith Rheinstrom), Katie Forbes (friend of Grace), Sherri Brunson, Martin Field (brother of Vance Field), Nicole Taylor (daughter of Aleyne Hamers), Scott Michaels (son of Kathy Michaels), Jennifer & Isaiah Felton, Melinda Reed, Dorothy Burke (sister of Marilyn Staton), Bruce Fisher, Donna, John, Dee Holland Brock & Melitta Holland (family of Sandy Armstrong), Ron Tschida (brother of Marlene Bryan), William Stoecker (uncle of Jim Stoecker), Virgie Twigg, Wayne Hall (family of Lamar & Warren Hall), Danielle & Tom Cannella, Dick Swift, Domick Earle, Kathy Archibald (sister of Alex Frisch), Jim Carson (friend of The Rev. Pam Webb), Kevin Ketchum (son of Avis & Harland Ketchum), Harland Ketchum, Lou Stack, Madeline Sell, The Rev. Pam Buelow (retired priest in the Diocese of Southern Virginia), David McAllister (family of Kathy Michaels), Dan Webb, Stewart Connor (family of The Rev. Pam Webb), Mr. Johnson (friend of Gigi Carter), Debra Clapp (friend of Bonnie Griffith), Joan Stewart-Altman, Foster Ryan, Thea (friend of The Rev. Pam Webb), Linda Crane, Todd Winegrad, Rachel, Josh & Cassie Dutro (family of Karen & John Dutro), Grif Mahan, Teresa Haskin (family of Ellen & Scott Thacker), George Thomas (brother of Peggy Lansinger), Erin Tschida (niece of Marlene Bryan), Nichele Browne Cooper and Lisa Browne (daughters of Sylvia & Ivar Browne), Gary (family of Lou Stack), Tom Hodgson, Barbara Mowery, Sarah Farmer, Mary Jackson, Leland Barnett (family of Caroline Griffith), Liz & Jerry Landgraf, Bob Spencer (brother of Lamar Hall), Kenita Carter (daughter of Gisele Carter), the people of Israel and Palestine, the people of Ukraine.

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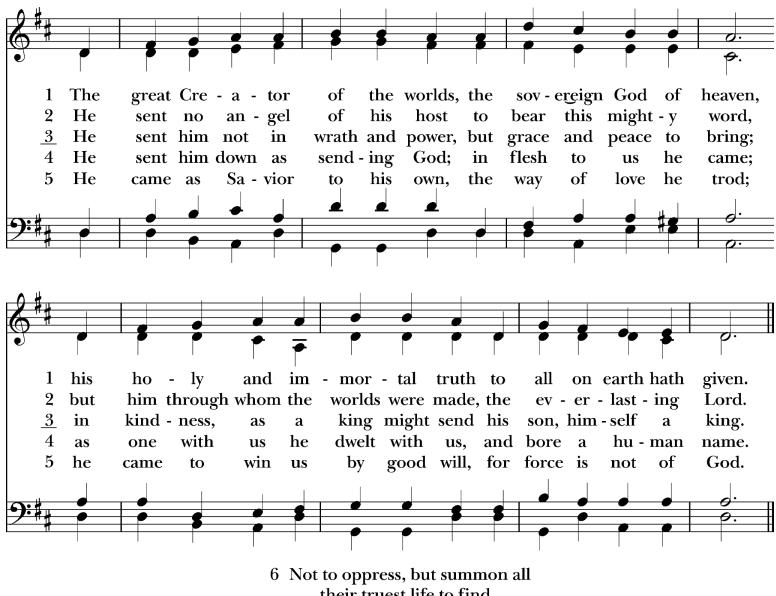
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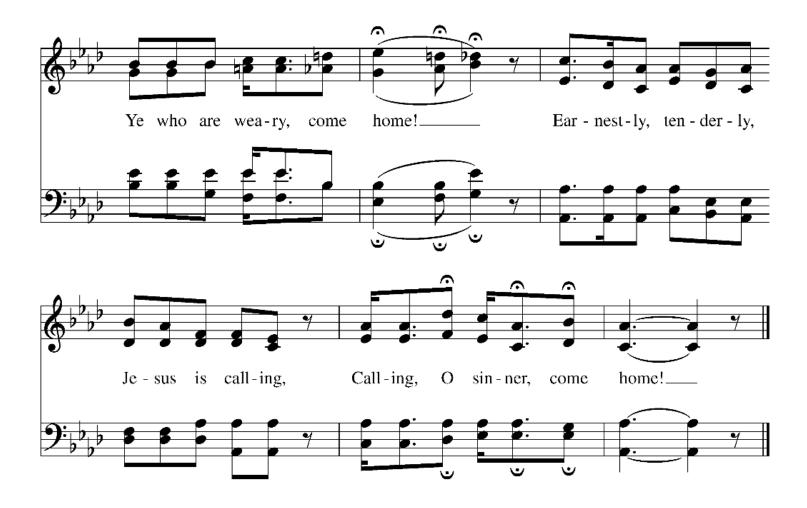


their truest life to find, in love God sent his Son to save, not to condemn mankind.

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Childcare (up to 5 years old) and Children's Chapel (K-5th Grade) are located on the lower level of the Parish Hall

The Nursery will remain open until 11:45 a.m. Children's Chapel participants will join the congregation at the Peace.

Overflow seating available in the Parish Hall

Consecrated bread will be located on the small Altar in front of the television. Parish Hall worship participants are always welcome to walk to the Historic Church for communion as well.

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