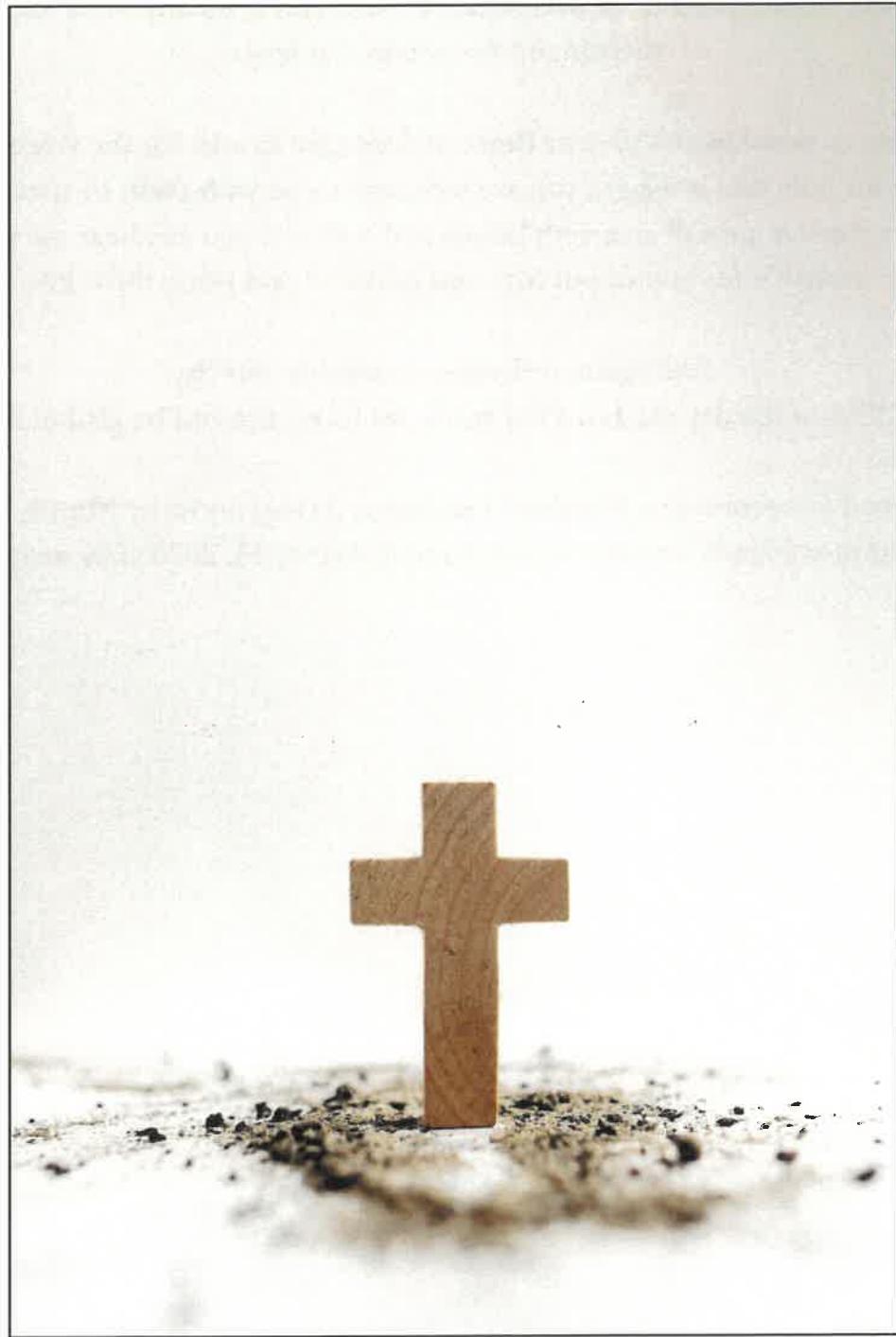


Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026





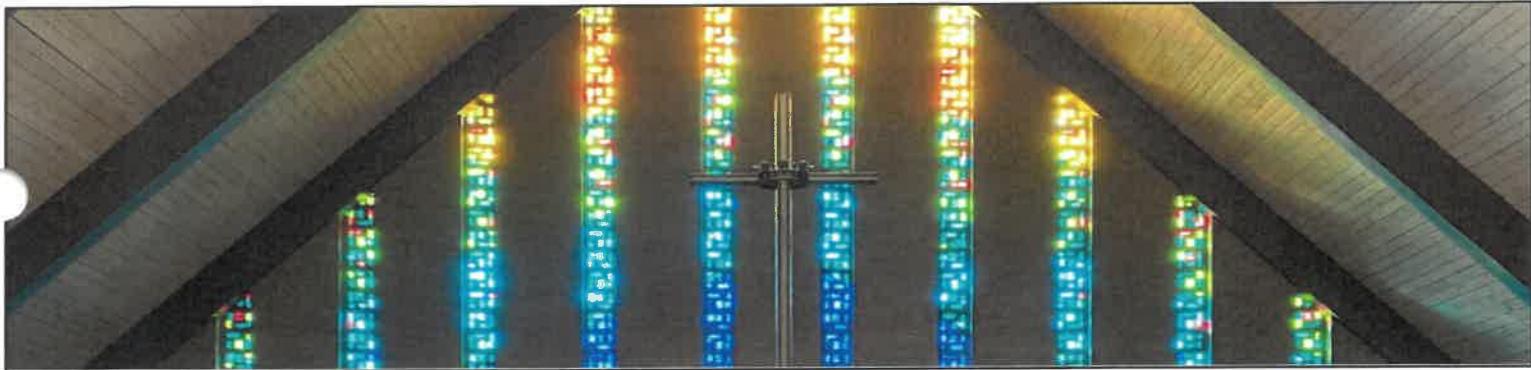
**Welcome to Valley of Peace.
We are glad you are here.**

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance, please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the Narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day.
This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by **March 9, 2026**.
Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, March 15, 2026 after worship.



Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

February 18, 2026

6:30 pm

You are invited to participate in worship by reading the **BOLD** print. When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.

ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is purple hymnal, both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.

If you need any assistance, please ask an usher.

GATHERING MUSIC

Savior, When In Dust to Thee

Robert Lau

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

A Lenten Prayer

Antonin Dvorak

+GATHERING & GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

+OPENING HYMN

ELW #319 *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Shepherding God, lead us each day in your way, caring for our needs, and showing us by your example how to love and care for others. Draw all the world into your loving arms, that all people and creation might flourish. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Before the reading: The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 10:1-18

After the reading: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #336 *Lamb of God*

+INVITATION TO LENT

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

+CONFESSiON OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

People may come forward to receive the ashes.

Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response- God of mercy and grace, we lift our prayers to you.

OFFERING

Dust, Remember You Are Splendor

Krentz & Cherwein

Dust, remember you are splendor: In God's image you were made;
God's own breath breathes in your breathing;
God's own hands shaped you of clay:
noble, precious, and beloved, godliness in dust arrayed.
Splendor, splendor Dust, remember you are splendor.

Dust, remember you are splendor: set aside the works of night;
put away the deeds of darkness; set your face toward God's own light,
nevermore to yoke and trample, nevermore to press and slight.
Splendor, splendor, Dust, remember you are splendor.

Dust, remember you are splendor: strive to walk the narrow way;
follow Christ into the desert; there the Spirit's call obey.
Now, the time returning; now your resurrection day.
splendor, splendor, Dust remember you are splendor.

Dust, remember, you are splendor: like a watered garden grow;
light shall warm you like the dawning; rivers through your glades shall flow;
fruitful, precious, and beloved, you shall God's own splendor show.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, **in your mercy you provide all that we need to live lives abundantly in your name. With humble gratitude we return to you this portion of your generosity to us. Accept these gifts for the sake of Jesus Christ, and use them according to your loving will. Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you our thanks and praise
O God, Creator of our wilderness world,
O God, Savior of the lost,
O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,
we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.

We praise you, O God: We praise, O God.

For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law

We praise you, O God: We praise, O God.

For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.

We praise you, O God: We praise, O God.

You became truly human in Jesus our brother.

For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

On the night before he died he took bread, and gave thanks

Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

And gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

We extol his life. Amen: **Amen.**

We lament his death. Amen: **Amen.**

We celebrate his resurrection. Amen: **Amen.**

Transform us, O God with your lively Spirit.

Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son.

Save us, O God: **Save us, O God.**

Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.

Save us, O God: **Save us, O God.**

Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.

Save us, O God: **Save us, O God.**

Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.

Save us, O God: **Save us, O God.**

At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving,

now and forever. Amen. **Amen.**

+LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.

Amen.

+INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus, our good shepherd, has prepared this table before us, and invites all who hear his voice to come and be fed on the bread and wine in which he is present with and for us. Come and dine; this invitation is for you.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

ELW #814 *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

ELW #472 *Eat This Bread*

ELW #616 *Jesus, Remember Me*

All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace.

We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshippers, the ushers will then invite worshippers physically present to receive communion.

If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into your preference or either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain red wine and the second chalice will contain white grape juice.

If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion. If you prefer not to receive communion at all, please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward or do not want to be visible on the live-stream, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Shepherd, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

ELW #325 *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*

+DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

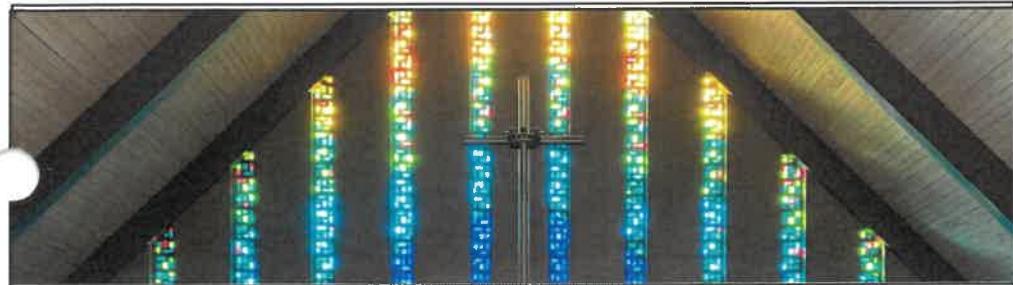
I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

arr. Marilyn Ham

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In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....Pastor Ashley Osborn
Opener/Closer.....Jim Jasper
Ushers.....OPEN, Dee Kendall, Lisa Thanghe & Gina Privratsky
Worship Assistant.....Darcie Rodman
Reader.....Kirsten Kessel
Communion Servers.....Judy Greeninger, Alex Balint,
Barb Mikelson & Paul Mikelson
Technology.....Chuck Rudolph
Altar Care.....Pat Hepner

In Worship on Sunday, February 22 at 10:15 am

Presider/Preacher.....Pastor Michael Stadie
Opener/Closer.....Jim Jasper
Greeter.....Kathy Boesen
Welcome Center.....OPEN
Ushers.....OPEN, OPEN, OPEN & OPEN
Worship Assistant.....Dan Miller
Reader.....Dan Miller
Communion Servers.....OPEN, Jon Larson, Wes Syverson & Paul Mikelson
Faith Moment.....Jon Larson
Technology.....Naomi Dybwig
Coffee Cart.....Gina Privratsky & Lisa Thanghe
Altar Care.....Pat Hepner
CYF Greeter.....Dan Miller

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For more information and a calendar of activities visit www.valleyofpeace.org

Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.



319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Lamb of God

Your Only Son



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Faith of Our Fathers

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1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2–4
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ST. CATHERINE
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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

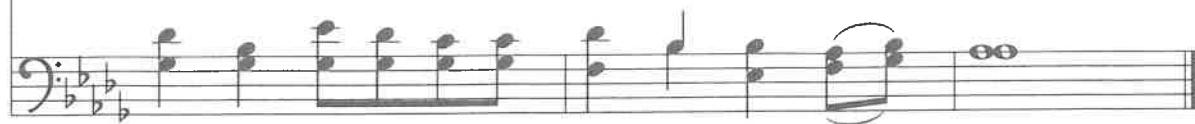
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Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: John L. Bell

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TAKE ME AS I AM
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472

Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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BERTHIER
Irregular

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: Argentine traditionalARGENTINE SANTO
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615

In All Our Grief

1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
 2 Help us to put a side the an - gry word,
 3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
 4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,

O God, you know all that we think or do,
 the clenched - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.
 He lived our grieves and bore all e - vil done,
 then let us know that you in truth are near

you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.
 but through his cross, leave us re - demp - tion has been won.
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: Charles R. Anders, b. 1929

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Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

We Come to You for Healing, Lord 617

1 We come to you for healing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

