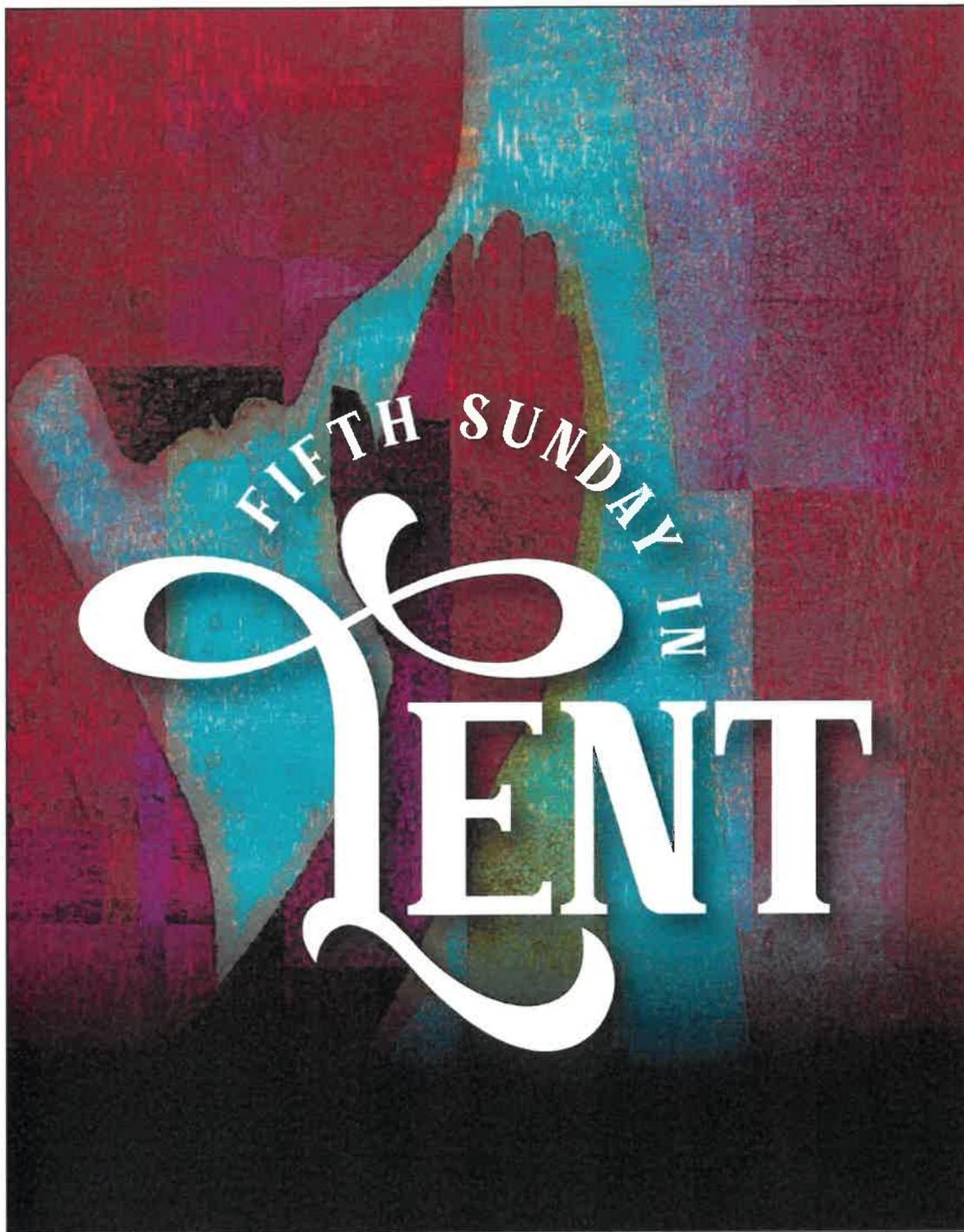


# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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 **October 5, 2026**.

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, October 11, 2026 after worship.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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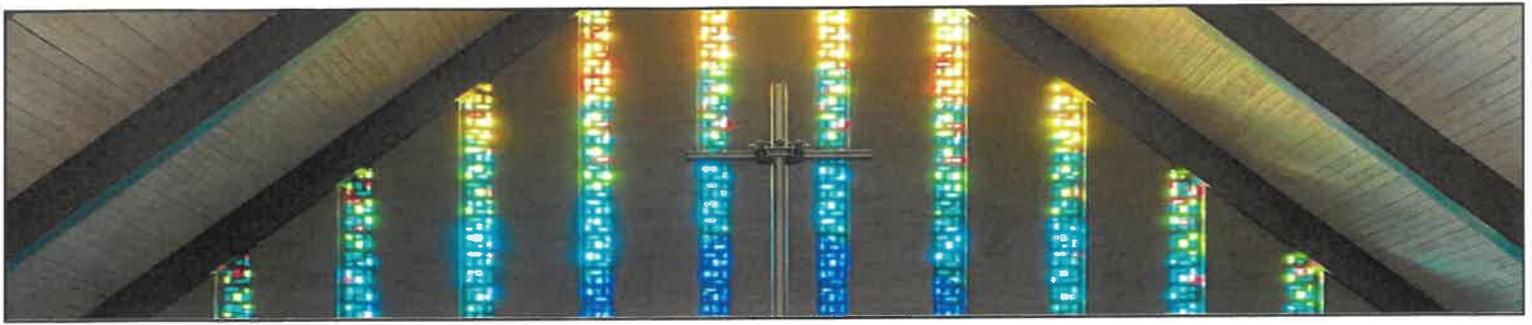
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### Reconciling In Christ Statement

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.



## Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

March 22, 2026

10:15 am

*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      *Sweet Hour of Prayer with I Need Thee Every Hour*      arr. Victor Labenske

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship the God who made heaven and earth.

**We sing praises to one who brings justice to the oppressed.**

Praise God who upholds the orphan and widow.

**We praise our God, who reigns forever!**

+OPENING HYMN

*ACS #1093 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another

*Pause for silence and reflection*

**Most Holy God, we come to you in need of grace. Time and again we have forgotten your simple and loving call—to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We have forgotten your promise to care for us, and in our fear, we have made choices that hurt us, those around us, and even those we don't know. Remind us who we are and whose we are, and show us the way to amend our wrongs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend.**

Have no fear, little flock, for God loves you exactly as you are, and desires nothing more than to restore you to wholeness. Know that you are freed from sin and death now and forever. **Amen.**

+GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, In this season of Lent, we remember how you walked willingly into the arms of death on a cross. Help us to put our entire lives into your hands in complete surrender, trusting that you will carry us through whatever trials we face. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 19:1-16a

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY                    RED ELW #343 *My Song is Love Unknown* (v. 1-4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

*Lord of the Dance*

arr. D. Hart

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die. Refrain

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt on high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you in you if you live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Refrain

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **You are a generous, faithful, and just God, even when we fall short of those expectations of us. Accept these gifts we offer to you today as expressions of our willingness to grow beyond our perceived limits and soar, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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.**

It is right, and it is good, to give you thanks, O God, for you are faithful even when we are not.

From the beginning, you have spoken life into being; a light shining in the shadows, a Word that does not abandon the world.

In this Lenten season, you call us again into the wilderness: to pray more deeply, to fast from what numbs or distracts us, to return to you with honest hearts.

In Jesus, your Word made flesh, you draw near to us. Jesus taught with clarity, loved with courage, and lived with a freedom rooted in trust in you.

He fed the hungry, restored dignity to the wounded, and showed us a way of life shaped not by fear, but by love.

Even as suffering drew near, he remained faithful, entrusting himself completely to your care.

Remembering all that you have done for us, and trusting in all that you promise to do, we gather at this table, seeking renewal for the journey ahead.

On the night before he gave himself up for us, Jesus gathered with his disciples.....

Remembering his life, his death, and his promise, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. As we receive them, renew us for the Lenten journey. Strip away what is false. Heal what is wounded. Strengthen what is weak.

Teach us again how to pray, how to fast, how to live with humility and love.

Abide with us, O Christ, as the branches abide in the vine, that our lives may bear the fruits of justice, mercy, and compassion.

All glory is yours, now and forever. **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

This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the cup of grace, poured out for you. Come with empty hands. Come with honest hearts. Come, and be renewed for the way ahead.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

RED ELW #334 *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* (all verses)

*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 worshipers, 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.*

## +COMMUNION BLESSING

## +PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## +BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN                      RED ELW #339 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

## +DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

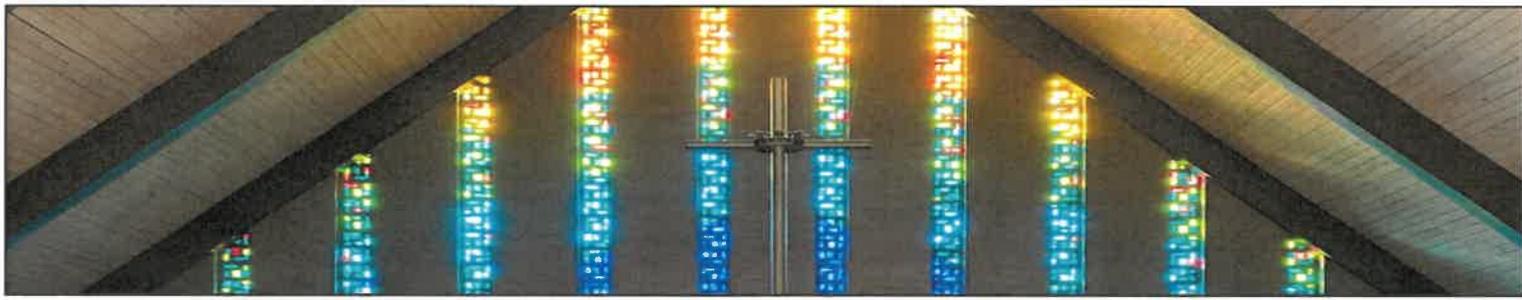
*Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

Charles Callahan

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## Worship Volunteers

	<u>Sun. March 22, 2026 at 10:15 am</u>	<u>Wed. March 25 at 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sun. March 29, 2026 at 10:15 am</u> <u>Palm Sunday</u>
<b>Presider/Preacher</b>	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
<b>Opener/Closer</b>	Paul Mikelson	Jon Larson	Paul Mikelson
<b>Greeter</b>	Ann Dybvig	n/a	Erik Daniels
<b>CYF Greeter</b>	Darcie Rodman	n/a	Darcie Rodman
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Chrys Johnson	n/a	Lisa Rothschild
<b>Ushers</b>	Barry Terrass, Judy Greeninger, Casey Balint & Alex Balint	<b>OPEN</b>	Lynn Schneider, Ken Schneider, Darlene Lamker & Dean Lamker
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Diane Hinderlie	n/a	Becca Anderson
<b>Reader</b>	Wes Syverson	Barb Mikelson	Barry Terrass
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Wes Syverson, Dee Kendall, Dan Miller & Darcie Rodman	n/a	Diane Hinderlie, Heidi Boesen, Anna Campbell & Darcie Rodman
<b>Faith Moment</b>	Darcie Rodman	n/a	Pastor Ashley Osborn
<b>Technology</b>	Naomi Dybvig	<b>OPEN</b>	Evelyn Anderson
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	Nancy Rogness	n/a	n/a
<b>Altar Care</b>	Kathy Boesen	Kathy Boesen	Kathy Boesen

For more information and a calendar of activities visit [www.valleyofpeace.org](http://www.valleyofpeace.org)

# In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the  
 2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,  
 3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your  
 4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it  
 firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.  
 match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,  
 A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,  
 Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,  
 Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,  
 Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us  
 sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and  
 Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we  
 lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,  
 breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 glimpse your face,  
 of the Lamb,

Text: Anonymous, China; tr. Francis P. Jones, 1890–1975; adapt. Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

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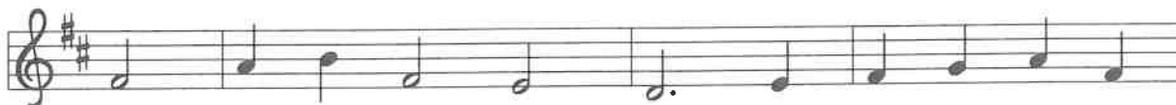


5 This is my ending,  
this my resurrection;  
into your hands, Lord,  
I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for;  
now I can possess it.  
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master!

## My Song Is Love Unknown

# 343



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might  
stow; the world that was his own would not its  
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas  
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that  
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my  
to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is  
life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!  
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.  
suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

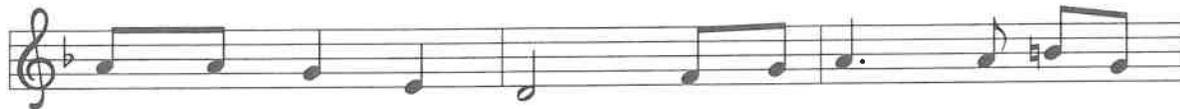


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## Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 riv - er, you the sea.

*One of the following may be sung as the final stanza at the appropriate time.*

*General*

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
 give new strength to our believing,  
 give us faith to live your word.

*Lent 1*

From the dawning of creation  
 you have loved us as your own;  
 stay with us through all temptation,  
 make us turn to you alone.

*Lent 2*

In our call to be a blessing,  
 may we be a blessing true;  
 may we live and die confessing  
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

*Lent 3*

Living Water of salvation,  
 be the fountain of each soul;  
 springing up in new creation,  
 flow in us and make us whole.

*Lent 4*

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
 make us children of your light.  
 Give us hearts to live more nearly  
 as your gospel shining bright.

*Lent 5*

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
 God who lives beyond our death,  
 hold us close through each tomorrow,  
 love as near as ev'ry breath.



# Christ, the Life of All the Living

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1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

