

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **338** The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

1. The God of Abraham praise, / Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days; / And God of love;
To him uplift your voice, / At whose supreme command
From earth we rise, and seek the joys / At his right hand.
2. He by himself hath sworn: / I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, / To heav'n ascend:
I shall behold his face, / I shall his power adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace / For evermore.
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, / The Lord, our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, / The Prince of Peace;
On Sion's sacred height, / His kingdom he maintains,
And, glorious with his saints in light, / For ever reigns.
4. The God who reigns on high / The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, Holy, Holy," cry, / "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, / And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, Great I Am, / We worship thee."
5. The whole triumphant host / Give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," / They every cry;
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! / I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are thine, / And endless praise.

Text: based on Jewish Doxology; vers. Thomas Oliver, c. 1770, alt. Tune: anonymous; arr. Meyer Lyon, ca. 1770.

SEQUENCE HYMN **98** Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days / For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, / And close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, / And didst the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, / In thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, / So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and chiefly live / By thy most holy Word.
4. And thro' these days of penitence, / And thro' thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, / Jesus! with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life / Of suff'ring overpast,
An Easter of unending joy / We may attain at last!

Text: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873. Tune: John Day's *Psalter*, 1562.

SERMON HYMN **261** Blessed Jesus, here are we

Liebster Jesu

Blessed Jesus, here are we, / Thy beloved word obeying.
Now these children come to thee / As thou biddest in thy saying:
"Let the little ones be given / Unto me; of such is heaven."

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1706; tr. Winfred Douglas. Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; arr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750), alt.

COMMUNION HYMNS

399 Glory be to Jesus

Bemerton

1. Glory be to Jesus, / Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life blood / From his sacred veins!
2. Grace and life eternal / In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion / Infinitely kind!
3. Blest thro' endless ages / Be the precious stream
Which from sin and sorrow / Doth the world redeem!
4. Oft as earth exulting / Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts, rejoicing, / Make their glad reply.
5. Lift ye then your voices; / Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder / Praise the precious blood.

Text: Italian, 18th century; tr. Edward Cassell, alt. Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1847.

1. Let thy Blood in mercy poured, / Let thy gracious Body broken,
Be to me, O gracious Lord, / Of thy boundless love the token.

Refrain

Thou didst give thyself for me, / Now I give myself to thee.

2. Thou didst die that I might live; / Blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me:
All that love of God could give / Jesus by his sorrows gave me. *Refrain*
3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow, / By the spear-wound and the nailing,
By the pain and death, I now / Claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing. *Refrain*
4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring? / All my penitence I give thee;
Thou art my exalted King, / Of thy matchless love forgive me. *Refrain*

Greek; Tr. John Brownlie, 1907; Music: Johann Crueger's Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1653.

1. My faith looks up to thee, / Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine! / Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away; / O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.
2. My thy rich grace impart, / Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; / As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee / Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.
3. While life's dark maze I tread, / And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide; / Bid darkness turn to day;
Wipe sorrow's tears away; / Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream, / When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll; / Blest Saviour, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove; / O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

Text: Ray Palmer, 1830. Tune: Lowell Mason, 1833.

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 While millions join the theme, I will sing.
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
 And through eternity I'll sing on.

Alexander Means, 1801-1853; tune: *Southern Harmony*, American folk hymn, ca. 1835.

ABLUTION HYMN **453** Before the throne of God above

Before the Throne

1. Before the throne of God above / I have a strong and perfect plea,
 A great high priest whose name is Love, / Who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on his hands, / My name is written on his heart.
 I know that while in heav'n he stands, / No tongue can bid me thence depart,
 No tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair, / And tells me of the guilt within,
 Upward I look and see him there / Who made an end to all my sin.
 Because the sinless Savior died, / My sinful soul is counted free.
 For God the Just is satisfied / To look on him and pardon me,
 To look on him and pardon me.
3. Behold him there! the risen Lamb, / My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
 The great unchangeable I AM, / The King of glory and of grace!
 One with himself, I cannot die; / My soul is purchased by his blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high, / With Christ my Savior and my God,
 With Christ my Savior and my God.

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863.

Tune: Vikki Cook; arr. Andrew Dittman, 2016, alt. © Sovereign Grace Worship (ASCAP), 1997, 2016.

1. We come, O Christ, to thee, / True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, / In whom all life began:
In thee alone we live and move
And have our being in thy love.
2. Thou art the Way to God; / Thy blood our ransom paid;
In thee we face our Judge / And Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Thy love has met thy law's demand.
3. Thou art the living Truth! / All wisdom dwells in thee,
Thou source of ev'ry skill, / Eternal Verity!
Thou great I Am! In thee we rest,
True answer to our ev'ry quest.
4. Thou only art true Life; / To know thee is to live
The more abundant life / That earth can never give;
O risen Lord! We live in thee
And thou in us eternally!
5. We worship thee, Lord Christ, / Our Savior and our King;
To thee our youth and strength / Adoringly we bring;
So fill our hearts, that men may see
Thy love in us and turn to thee!

Text: Margaret Clarkson, 1946. © 1957, ren. 1985, Hope Publishing Company. Tune: John Darwall, 1770.