

Processional Hymn #175
Forty Days and Forty Nights

*Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:*

*burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light had fled,
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed.*

*Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of hell?*

*So if Satan, pressing hard,
soul and body would destroy,
Christ who conquered, be our guard;
give to us the victor's joy.*

*Saviour, may we hear your voice –
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide.*

Gradual Hymn #5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.*

Offertory Hymn #180 Giver of the Perfect Gift

*Giver of the perfect gift,
only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift,
trembling at thy throne of grace.*

*Though the accusing voice within
speaks of many a wrong to thee,
thou canst cleanse from every sin;
thou canst set the conscience free.*

*Who can save us, Lord, but thou?
Let thy mercy show thy power.
Lo, we plead thy promise now,
now, in this accepted hour.*

*Oh! may these our Lenten days,
blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise
we may keep thy feast at last.*

*God the holy Trinity,
grant the mercy we implore;
God the One, all praise to thee
through the ages evermore.*

Communion Hymn #173 Creator of the Earth and Skies

*Creator of the earth and skies,
to whom the words of life belong,
grant us your truth to make us wise;
grant us your power to make us strong.*

*We have not known you: to the skies
our monuments of folly soar,
and all our self-wrought miseries
have made us trust ourselves the more.*

*We have not loved you: far and wide
the wreckage of our hatred spreads,
and evils wrought by human pride
recoil on unrepentant heads.*

*For this, our foolish confidence,
our pride of knowledge, and our sin,
we come to you in penitence;
in us the work of grace begin.*

*Teach us to know and love you, Lord,
and humbly follow in your way.
speak to our souls the quickening Word,
and turn our darkness into day.*

Recessional Hymn #564

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee:
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.*

*Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.*

*Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.*