

***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 #178      *Restore in Us, O God***

*Restore in us, O God,  
the splendour of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.*

*O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your power;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flower.*

*Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.*

*4 Three-personed God, fulfil  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.*

***Offertory Hymn #615 Just As I Am***

*Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am – thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down –  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

***Communion Hymn #67***  
***God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living***

*God of all time, all seasons of our living,  
source of our spark, protector of our flame,  
blazing before our birth, beyond our dying --  
God of all time, we come to sing your name.*

*Here in this place, where others have been building,  
we come to claim the legacy of faith,  
take, in our turn the telling of your story;  
and, though we tremble, speak your hope, your truth.*

*Spirit, who draws our fragile selves together;  
Spirit who turns a stranger to a friend,  
be at this table where we greet each other,  
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.*

*Let us not die from poverty of caring;  
let us not starve, where love is to be shared.  
Come, break us open to receive your healing:  
your broken body be our wine and bread.*

***Recessional Hymn #170***  
***The Glory of These Forty Days***

*The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, by whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.*

*Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.*

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lion's might.  
and John, the Saviour's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.*

*Then grant us, Lord, like them to be  
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,  
and give us joy to see thy face.*

*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest;  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in three-fold name adored,  
f3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lion's might.  
And John, the Savior's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.*

*4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too,  
return in fast and prayer to you.  
Our spirits strengthen with your grace,  
and give us joy to see your face.  
From age to age, the only Lord.*