

Lent 2026

## It Is Finished



*Please leave bulletin on the usher stand.*

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## WE GATHER

*People enter in silence and in near darkness and wait.*

### Opening Song

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

ELW No. 345



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.  
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.  
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

### Opening Litany

*Silence is kept.*

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

### Scripture

*verses - sung by Cantor*

Bring your best to our worst, — bring your  
3  
peace to our pain. God of love, heal your peo - ple.

*Those who live in doubt may find a deeper faith.*

**Refrain**

Each week a different verse will be sung, with Refrain by all after.

- 1) *That those who are near death may see the light of day*
- 2) *That those who live in fear may never walk alone.*
- 3) *That none who cry aloud may cry out in vain.*
- 4) *That the walls we build between us, may we learn to tear them down.*
- 5) *For the healing of creation, that it may be renewed.*

*That those who live in brokenness may know they will be whole.*

**Refrain**

*Silence is kept.*

### Reflection

Intern Kathleen Robinson

*A time of silence is kept for reflection upon the word.  
The silence comes to a close with the invitation to come to the cross.*

## THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS AND INVITATION TO THE CROSS

*During the singing, you are invited to pray at the cross. You may light a taper from the lit candle at the head of the cross and place in a container of sand. You may kneel, place your hand on the cross, or pray or sing from your seat.*

## Prayer at the Cross

*Songs are sung as people pray at the cross.  
Songs will be selected from the song book at the back of the bulletin;  
follow the directions of the leader.*

*The time of prayer ends with:*

Leader:  
Peace be yours. For the heal - ing of the

5 Assembly:  
na - tions, we pray to you, oh God. For the

8  
heal - ing of the na tions, we pray to you, oh God.

*Silence is kept.*

## Closing Prayer

Leader 1: Let us pray. Compassionate God, in Christ's gentle and suffering love you have shown us the way of abundant life. Keep us joined to Christ's life-giving passion, that our hearts may know the joy and freedom for which you have created us, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT OUT

## Sending

Leader 2: As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in Christ.

Leader 1: God almighty, God most merciful bless us, keep us, and grant us peace.

**All: Amen.**

Sending Song "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended"

ELW No. 569



1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;  
 2 We thank you that your church, un - sleep - ing  
 3 As to each con - ti - nent and is - land  
 4 The sun, here hav - ing set, is wak - ing  
 5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,



the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.  
 while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,  
 the dawn leads on an - oth - er day,  
 your chil - dren un - der west - ern skies,  
 like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;



To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;  
 through all the world its watch is keep - ing,  
 the voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
 and hour by hour, as day is break - ing,  
 but stand and grow and rule for - ev - er,



your praise shall hal - low now our rest.  
 and nev - er rests by day or night.  
 nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
 fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.  
 till all your crea - tures own your sway.

Leader 2: Go quietly in peace or remain to pray.

# It Is Finished Songbook

## Be Still, and Know That I Am God

Iona Community, Scotland

1. Be still and know that I am God.

2. Be still and know that I am God.

5. Be still and know that I am God.

Detailed description: This block contains two systems of musical notation for the song 'Be Still, and Know That I Am God'. The first system shows two versions: a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.). The second system starts at measure 5 and includes a double bar line with repeat dots at the end. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Be Still, God Will Fight Your Battles

African American traditional

*Cantor* *ALL* *Cantor* *ALL*

(Be \_\_\_ still) Be \_\_\_ still, God \_\_\_ will fight your bat - tles (Be \_\_\_ still) Be \_\_\_ still, God  
 (Keep a - prayin') Keep a-prayin' - - - (Keep a - prayin') Keep a - prayin'  
 (Keep a - singin') Keep a-singin' (Keep a - singin') Keep a - singin' -

4 *Cantor* *ALL*

\_\_\_ will fight your bat - tles. (Be \_\_\_ Still) Be \_\_\_ still, God \_\_\_ will fight your bat - tles, God  
 (Keep a - prayin') Keep a-prayin'  
 - - - (Keep a - singin') Keep a-singin'

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\_\_\_ will fight your bat - tles if you just keep still.

Detailed description: This block contains three systems of musical notation for the song 'Be Still, God Will Fight Your Battles'. The first system includes lyrics for the Cantor and the congregation (ALL). The second system starts at measure 4 and continues the lyrics. The third system starts at measure 7 and concludes the lyrics. The lyrics are written below the notes.

5 Christ, our peace. You break down the walls that di - vide us;  
 Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

## Come Now, O Prince of Peace

*Ososǎ, ososǎ*

1) Come now O — Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
 5 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your — peo - ple.

- 2) Come now, O God of love, make us one body.  
 Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 3) Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior,  
 Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
- 4) Come, Hope of unity, make us one body,  
 Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

## In Silence We Wait

4 In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you  
come to us; bring us your light.

The musical score for "In Silence We Wait" is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, and G5. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, and A3, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

## O God, We Call

5 O God, we call, O God, we call, from  
9 deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from  
deep in - side we yearn for you.

The musical score for "O God, We Call" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, and G5. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, and A3. The third staff continues the melody with quarter notes G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, and A3, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

# Holy, Holy, Holy -- Santo, Santo, Santo

*Argentine Traditional*

San - to, San - to, San - to, mi cor - a - zon te/a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

5  
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to/e-res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly Lord.

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