**March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Lent – Email/At Home Missal**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10th, 2024 –MARCH 17th, 2024:**

**You will find the video for March 3rd, 2024, at the following YouTube link:** [**https://youtu.be/RIbzcA9EiUo**](https://youtu.be/RIbzcA9EiUo)

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**Announcements: Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***

**Mar. 17 Annual General Meeting** *(further details coming!)*

1. Mar. 23 Grebel and University of Waterloo March Break Open House *(see below for further details)*
2. **Mar. 24 Palm Sunday** *(see below for further details)*
3. **Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship** *(see below for further details)*
4. **Mar. 29 Good Friday Service** *(see below for further details)*
5. **Mar. 31 Easter Breakfast** *(see below for further details)*
6. Apr. 5-7 Bishop’s spiritual Retreat for Lay Persons *(see below for further details)*

**Apr. 11 Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth** *(see below for further details)*

Apr. 16 Public Lecture– *(see below for further details)*

Aug. 11-23 Ontario Mennonite Music Camp *(see below for further details)*

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of March 10 – March 17, 2024**

1. Monday 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
2. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
3. Wednesday
4. Thursday
5. Friday
6. Saturday **10:00 am Choir Practice *(Sanctuary)***

Sunday **10:00 am Worship Service** **followed by AGM** – A passage from **Mark 13:1-8, 24-37** *(The end*

 *of the age; call to be watchful.)*

1. **…………………………………..**

**Pastor Laura is out of the office March 11-16. If you require emergency pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Stephen Weber at 519-623-1604.**

1. **…………………………………..**
2. **“Praying the Catechism” – Cancelled on Wednesday March 13, 2024 – will resume again on March 20th.**
3. **…………………………………..**
4. **Weekly Bible Study – Cancelled on Wednesday March 13, 2024 – will resume again on March 20th.**
5. **…………………………………..**

**Pastoral Visit: Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.**

1. **…………………………………..**

**Prayer List: Bill, Don, Tammy, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Carol, Jeff, Aaron, MacKenzie, Rhett, Jan Ken, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne, Sherri, Avery.**

1. **…………………………………..**

**It's Maple Syrup Time at St. Peter's. The Maple Syrup we supply is from a local 5th generation farm, producing Maple Syrup for over 100 years. Since 2018 all of our Maple Syrup is "Certified Organic."**

**"It's truly the best Maple Syrup I have ever tasted." Pastor Monika 1 litre Mason Jars are $24.00.**

**Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to order Maple Syrup.**

1. **…………………………………..**

**Our friends at Esta Chocolates have the perfect for Easter gifts. Easter Cone Bags; 15 assorted Truffles, wrapped individually, and packaged, ready to share, with family, friends, and colleagues. $10.00 / Package. Please see Alex for additional Easter Chocolates. Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to order.**

1. **…………………………………..**

**We need you to help feed our neighbourhood!** The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email rosemary@freedomcentre.ca.

1. **…………………………………..**
2. Move with Robert(Free Exercise Class Mondays 1:00 – 2:00 pm, YMCA Certified Fitness Instructor – Wear exercise shoes/bringwater/no registration required/ arrive by 12:45 pm – Trillium United Church, Cambridge)
3. **…………………………………..**
4. Grebel and University of Waterloo March Break Open House | Saturday, March 23, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Planning to study at the University of Waterloo? Tour the university and see what it would be like to live on campus in a small, Christian residence at Conrad Grebel University College while studying at Waterloo. Meet current students, learn about academic programs, and explore the residence. Free parking. All are welcome. Visit [grebel.ca/events](http://grebel.ca/events) for more information.
5. **…………………………………..**
6. **Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 24th: In the spirit of those who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem by laying cloaks along his way, in place of waving palm branches on Palm Sunday, you are invited to bring textiles (new pairs of socks and underwear – all sizes accepted), which will be donated to The Bridges in Cambridge. This Emergency Shelter is in need of more men’s clothing than women’s, but would graciously accept either. In turn, they would keep some women’s clothing for their clients, but would pass on any in abundance to the women’s shelter in Kitchener. They are also in need of men’s gently used belts – again any size, and these items will be also be collected and then sent to them with the textiles.**
7. **…………………………………..**
8. **Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship – Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 PM. We will gather as Jesus gathered on this night with his disciples, sharing a simple meal and the Lord’s Supper. Both the meal and worship will be hosted in the sanctuary. Those joining by zoom are invited to have your dinner with us.**
9. **…………………………………..**
10. **Good Friday Worship – Friday, March 29th at 10:00 AM**
11. **…………………………………..**

**Please join together on Sunday March 31, 2024, 8:30 – 9:45am for Easter Morning Continental Breakfast**

**There is a sign-up list in the Narthex for contribution to the breakfast.**

1. **…………………………………..**

**Community Event - “Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth” - Thursday, April 11 7:00-8:30PM at St Peter’s (810 King St E). Praying with the labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation. Join us to learn more about this practice from a Christian perspective. The evening will include:**

* **A short teaching**
* **The opportunity to walk a labyrinth using your feet or finger**
* **Make and take your own finger labyrinth**

**There is no cost to attend this workshop but we appreciate pre-registration if possible to ensure we have enough supplies. Call 519-653-4721. All are welcome! Please note, we are semi-accessible (chair lift).**

1. **…………………………………..**
2. April 16, 2024 Public Lecture – The Gospel of Peace (John Dear – Priest/Peace Activist/Author; Nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. – No Charge (donations welcome); copies of ‘The Gospel of Peace’ will be available $25 (cash). All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway N. Guelph.
3. **…………………………………..**
4. Ontario Mennonite Music Camp is a place where youth in grade 6-12 develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, August 11 to 23, 2024. Register by April 12 for early-bird camp fees. [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc)
5. **…………………………………..**

**Presiding Pastor: Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Barb Burden**

**Reader: Barb Jones**

**Welcome remarks**

**Call to Worship**

P: Come, bring your whole self to worship —

***C: mind and body, heart and soul.***

P: Love for God and love for our neighbor come together

***C: for we cannot do one without the other.***

P: This is the foundation of faith and life:

***C: to love with all we have and all we are.***

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**Gathering Hymn: ACS # 1041 ‘God Is Love’**

God is love. God is love;

 let us love one another as God first loved us.

 God is love. God is love.

 God is love.

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**Greeting**:

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

***C: And also with you.***

**Prayer of Confession**

P: Loving God, you made us for community and called us to care for one another.

***C: We confess that we often care mostly for ourselves.***

***We look for ways to score points, to get ahead, to be right, to secure our futures,***

***and so it is impossible to find common ground.***

***Forgive us when we cannot see the forest for the trees.***

***Forgive us when we idolise generosity we have no intention of practicing.***

***Forgive us when we do not live up to our responsibility to care for each other.***

***Forgive us when we demand vulnerability from some but refuse to be vulnerable ourselves.***

***Forgive us when we seek recognition and honor and glory instead of the greater good.***

P: Set us back on your path to real relationship,

where we can see each other as fellow travelers made in your image,

and learn to love one another as you have loved us.

We ask in the name of the One who embodies your Love, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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**Kyrie: ACS Setting 12 *(page 31)***

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

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**Prayer of the Day:**

We come to listen, O God,

with delight and anticipation,

not sure what you will say next.

With every word you challenge our expectations,

invite us to your narrow way,

and re-set us in your paths of righteousness.

May your love be our guide this day

bringing us into your kingdom.

Amen.

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**Lenten Acclamation: ACS Setting 12 *(page 34)***

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.\*

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**Reader: Mark 12:28-44**

**The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.**

***C: Glory to you, O Lord.***

*May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbours, all people, and all God’s creation.*

One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”

Jesus replied, “The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,* *and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself*. No other commandment is greater than these.”

The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “Why do the legal experts say that the Christ is David’s son? David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said, *The Lord said to my lord, ‘Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool.’* David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ so how can he be David’s son?” The large crowd listened to him with delight.

As he was teaching, he said, “Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly.”

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who’s been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on.”  *(CEB)*

The Gospel of the Lord. ***C: Praise to you, O Christ.\****

**Engaging with the Story**

**Mark 12:28-44**

**Living Wholly**

This week we find Jesus again in the temple teaching and engaging with various groups of people in the days leading up to his death. And again today, his interactions involve the legal experts – or scribes – who he’s already had some run ins with earlier.

The legal experts or scribes were the advisors and high officials to the priests. They are educated and know a lot about the Hebrew scriptures. They would have been part of the upper classes and recognized as authoritative teachers of Jewish law and custom by their fellow citizens.

And they were among those who opposed Jesus. They have already openly challenged his authority to teach in the temple.

Which makes it all the more curious that the legal expert who engages Jesus in today’s text, is not adversarial. He seems genuinely impressed with how Jesus has responded so far to the challenges thrown his way. Certainly, we can’t know his motivations in asking Jesus “which commandment is the greatest.” But what’s more important is how he responds to Jesus’ answer: to love God and to love one’s neighbour.

When the legal expert realizes that Jesus has answered the question similarly to how he would have also answered, there is this moment of grace. Jesus tells the man that he’s not far from God’s kingdom. And there’s this beautiful moment of two people from opposing camps coming close enough to find some common ground with each other. It’s beautiful and, unfortunately, it’s the exception, given what came before and what comes next.

After this interaction, Jesus carries on teaching in the temple, and he immediately issues a warning his listeners to watch out for the legal experts. Although many consider them to be some of the most faithful people in society, Jesus points out how they like to seek honour for themselves while neglecting the needs of the most vulnerable around them.

Jesus may have shared a moment with one legal expert, but overall he’s not a fan. And against the legal experts, whom Jesus critiques harshly, Jesus points to a widow putting two small coins in the collection box of the temple.

Two small coins, but it was everything she had. For Jesus, this is what faithful living looks like. For Jesus, this is what it looks like in practice to love God with all your heart, being, mind, and strength.

He doesn’t come out and say it directly, but again Jesus is teaching what it means to follow in his way. He is showing us again what it means and what it looks like to be one of his disciples.

To be a disciple means striving to give everything we have to God. The word “everything” in this passage comes from the Greek work “holos,” which is also where we get the word “holistic” from. Hence our theme today, Living Wholly.

I point this out because I think it helps us see that Jesus isn’t just talking about the money the widow gives. Rather, Jesus is talking about how she is giving from her whole being – her whole life. It’s another way of teaching that discipleship is about whole life living. It’s about giving our whole selves to God.

It’s about having integrity in all areas of our lives – and living fully integrated lives. Which is why I think Jesus has such harsh words for the legal experts. They act one way in public and another way in private. They seek honour and respect from their community, and yet dishonour and disrespect the needs of the most vulnerable around them.

God calls us to whole life living. Not to hold back in any area of our life the gifts and talents and resources that we have been given. Not to have any part of our life or our being that isn’t offered to God – because we are, in our wholeness – in our whole being, loved by God.

This is what it is to love God with all our heart, all our being, all our mind, and all our strength. To give our whole lives – everything we have – in service to God. Which, in turn, is also always in service to our neighbours. For when we love God, it will be evident in how we treat one another. And when we love our neighbours, it’s an expression of our love for God.

Jesus calls us this way of whole life living so that the world might be a kinder and more hopeful place. Jesus calls us to this way of living so that the most vulnerable in our world are looked after. Jesus calls us to this way of living so that we too might know what it feels like to be vulnerable and to know that as we give ourselves away, God will continue to provide for us.

Following in Jesus’ way is not an easy path. Something that grows ever clearer the closer we come to Holy Week. True discipleship always pushes us outside of our comfort zones. And this is necessary, because this is how we grow more deeply in faith. This is how we learn to trust God. This is how we live out the greatest commandment to love God and love our neighbour. My prayer for us this day is that the Spirit will give us the courage to live our lives wholly for God. And that for us as a community, to put before us opportunities that invite us to do just that. AMEN

**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 725 ‘When the Poor Ones’ *(Cuando el pobre)***

1 When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;

 when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;

 when the wounded offer others strength and healing:

***Refrain***

 ***We see God, here by our side, walking our way;***

 ***we see God, here by our side, walking our way.***

2 When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;

 when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;

 when we choose love, not the hatred

all around us: ***Refrain***

3 When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;

 when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;

 when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: ***Refrain***

4 When the goodness poured from heaven

fills our dwellings;

 when the nations work to change war into peace;

when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: ***Refrain***

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

(Each petition will end with ‘In your mercy…’, and the

Congregation will sing – **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer**.\*

Together let join our prayers for the sake of the world God so deeply loves.

We pray that our whole community might be bound together in love, lifting each other up and journeying hand in hand along your way. We pray, too, that your world might choose this way of love. In your mercy…. **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

For those who have been taken advantage of, manipulated, or pushed to the margins, we ask for your care and strength. For those who are entrenched and cannot see a way to change without losing everything, we ask for your mind-opening Spirit. In your mercy…. **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

For those who have been abused in the name of love, we ask for your healing. For those too afraid to offer their whole self to you or to another, we ask for your courage. For those longing for another way, we ask for your vision. In your mercy…. **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

For those who are hurting in body, mind, or spirit, we ask for your gift of wholeness. Embrace with your love Avery, and each beloved one on our prayer list, and those we name before you now aloud or silently in our hearts…In your mercy…. **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

We bring our praise, O God, along with our commitment to live according to your word, to love you and love our neighbor, and so find ourselves in your kingdom. May all we say and do flow from your love for us, and our love for you and your world.

We ask in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

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**Share the peace of Christ:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ELW # 870 ‘We Praise You, O God’ (verses 1 & 3)**

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;

 in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

 we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

3 With voices united our praises we offer

 and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

 With you, Lord, beside us,

 your strong arm will guide us.

 To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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**Offering Prayer:**

Jesus, you are the bread of life

and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered

that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food

but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.\***

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**You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.**

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY**](https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**ACS Setting 12: ‘Preface…’ *(Lent) (spoken)***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts

and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,

that, renewed in the gift of baptism,

we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ELW Setting 12: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy…’ *(page 36 )***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and God of might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**\*

**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

On the night before he showed us the full extent of his love,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

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 Christ’s table where all are fed and none go hungry. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ELW Setting 12 - Lamb of God *(page 40) &***

 **ELW # 800 ‘Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart’**

**ELW Setting 12 - Lamb of God *(page 40)***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.\*

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**ELW # 612 ‘Healer of Our Every III’**

***Refrain***

 ***Healer of our ev'ry ill,***

 ***light of each tomorrow,***

 ***give us peace beyond our fear,***

 ***and hope beyond our sorrow.***

1 You who know our fears and sadness,

 grace us with your peace and gladness;

 Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. ***Refrain***

2 In the pain and joy beholding

 how your grace is still unfolding,

 give us all your vision, God of love. ***Refrain***

3 Give us strength to love each other,

 ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;

 Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. ***Refrain***

4 You who know each thought and feeling,

 teach us all your way of healing;

 Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. ***Refrain***

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion:**

Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,

now make us one loaf to feed the world;

in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.\*

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**Blessing:**

It is an endless dance —

to love God, we must love our neighbor,

and to love our neighbor well, we must love God.

Go to join that dance,

sharing the love of God,

the generosity of Christ +,

and the strength of the Holy Spirit with all whom you meet.

Amen

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**Sending Hymn: ELW # 808 ‘Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song’**

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;

I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:

you alone are our life and our peace and our love.

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,

to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.

For you saved me by giving your body and blood.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;

but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

And with all of the family you saved by your love,

we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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**Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace, offering your whole self in service to God and neighbour.

***C: Thanks be to God.\****

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