

**BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
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Prelude

*Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

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Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Concerns

Liturgy, Lent 1

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have shown your great love toward us by sending your Son into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We give you thanks because you have made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, having rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son,

**In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

BLESS, O MY SOUL, THE GOD OF GRACE

Bless, O my soul, the God of grace;  
His favors claim your highest praise;  
Why should the wonders he has wrought  
Be lost in silence, and forgot?

For he, my soul, has sent his Son  
To die for wrongs which you have done;  
He paid the ransom, and forgives  
The hourly follies of our lives.

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world, though you were in the form of God, you did not consider equality with God something to cling to, but emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. You humbled yourself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Your love compels us to live not for ourselves, but for you.**

We give you thanks because you, our merciful and faithful High Priest, have made reconciliation for the sins of the people. You were despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. You were wounded for our transgressions; you were bruised for our iniquities;

**Upon you fell the punishment that made us whole; and by your wounds we are healed.**

MAKER OF ALL THINGS

Maker of all things, Lord our God,  
Now veiled in feeble flesh and blood,  
To reconcile and set us free  
From endless woe and misery;  
What heights, what depths, of love divine  
In your blest incarnation shine!  
Let heaven and earth unite their praise,  
To magnify your boundless grace.

Lord God, Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son: we give you thanks because you descended upon the Christ, anointing him to bring good news to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free those who are oppressed; and to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor.

**You fill our hearts with the love of God and make our bodies your holy temple.**

From the sin of unbelief,  
From all defilement of the body and spirit,  
From all self-righteousness,  
From every neglect of our duty,

From ingratitude and selfishness,  
From lukewarmness,  
From all indifference to your meritorious life and death,

**Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.**

By your holy incarnation and birth,  
By your early exile,  
By your pure and blameless childhood,  
By your willing obedience,  
By your humility, meekness, and patience,  
By your faithfulness in your earthly calling,  
By your fasting and temptation,  
By your perfect life before God and humanity,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.**

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

**Lead us to repentance for our sins.**

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death,

**Make known to us the mystery of your love.**

Into your open arms stretched out upon the cross,

**Receive us all.**

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood,  
By your innocent suffering and dying,  
By your rest in the grave,  
By your glorious resurrection and ascension,

**Bless us and save us, Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.**

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

**Hear us and help us, gracious Savior.**

You have made God known to us as Father, so that the love with which he has loved you may be in us,

**And you in us.**

Christ, and him crucified,

**Remain our confession of faith.**

LAMB OF GOD, YOU SHALL REMAIN FOREVER

Lamb of God, you shall remain forever  
Of our songs the only theme;  
For your boundless love, your grace and favor,  
We will praise your saving name;  
That for our transgressions you were wounded,  
Shall by us in nobler strains be sounded,  
When we, perfected in love,  
Once shall join the church above.

The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Homily

Prayers for the People

The Celebration of Holy Communion in Celebration of the Atonement

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

COME THE, COME, O FLOCK OF JESUS

Come then, come, O flock of Jesus, covenant with him anew;  
unto him, who conquered for us, pledge we love and service true;  
let our mutual love be glowing, thus the world will plainly see  
that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in thee.

*(Kneeling or sitting.)*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Standing.)*

*(The pastor consecrates both bread and juice.)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE

You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me;  
your holy Word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above;  
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

YOU HAVE CANCELLED MY TRANSGRESSION

You have cancelled my transgression, Jesus, by your precious blood;  
may I find therein salvation, happiness, and peace with God;  
and since you, for sinners suffering on the cross were made an off'ring,  
from all sin deliver me, that I wholly yours may be.

*(All who are able, please stand.)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take eat; this is my body which is given for you.

*(All partake of the bread.)*

#### **Silent Prayer**

By your presence,

By the holy sacraments,

By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me.

*(All partake of the juice.)*

### **Silent Prayer**

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

**Grant to us your peace. Amen.**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death.

**Until he comes.**

WE WHO HERE TOGETHER ARE ASSEMBLED

We who here together are assembled, joining hearts and prayers in one,  
bid ourselves, with love that's un-dissembled, Christ to love and serve alone.  
O may our imperfect songs and praises be well-pleasing unto you, Lord Jesus.  
Say: "My peace I leave with you." Amen, amen, be it so.

### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;  
In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

### Postlude

*Fugue in e minor*

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*Bless the Lord, O My Soul, the God of Grace* TEXT: Isaac Watts TUNE: found in *Hymnodus sacer* (Leipzig, 1625)  
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*Maker of All Things, Lord Our God* TEXT: Unknown TUNE: 7th century Latin melody, arranged by Joseph King and  
found in his *Geistliche Lieder* of 1533.

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* TEXT: John Bowring (1792-1872) TUNE: Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867)

*Lamb of God, You Shall Remain Forever* TEXT: Christian Renatus von Zinzendorf (1727-1752) TUNE: Herrnhag  
worship tune in 1735. Gregor adapted it in 1784.

*Come, Then Come, O Flock of Jesus* TEXT: Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700-1760) TUNE: Mediaeval melody  
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*Break Now the Bread of Life* TEXT: Mary Artemesis Lathbury (1841-1918) TUNE: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888)

*You Have Cancelled My Transgression* TEXT: Johann Rist (1607-1667) TUNE: Samotulsky *Kancional* of 1561

*We Who Here Together Are Assembled* TEXT: Christian Renatus von Zinzendorf (1727-1752) TUNE: Herrnhag  
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