

# Wandering Heart



Figuring out faith  
with Peter

*Songs of loudest praise*

Art, reflections, &  
poetry for the  
season of Lent

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## **PSALMS (BOOKS FOUR AND FIVE)**

Worship in a traditional order drawing from the Psalms, Books Four (90-106) and Five (107-150).

### **Opening Hymn**

### **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

LSB 443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joi - ce!

### **Invocation (based on Psalms 107:31-32a,35)**

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD for His loyal love,  
and for the amazing things He has done for people.

**C: Let us exalt Him here in the assembly of the people.**

P: This is what He has done for you, His people:

He turned a desert into a pool of water, and a dry land into springs of water.

He has washed you clean in the water of your baptism:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Let us exalt Him here in the assembly of the people. Amen.**

**Psalm of Praise (Based on Psalm 107:35) See, the Streams of Living Waters** LSB 648 st. 2

2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all  
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er  
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the  
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.

**Confession of Sins (based on Psalm 90:1-3a,7-9,12-14)**

P: O Lord, You have been our protector through all generations.

Even before the mountains came into existence,  
or You brought the world into being,

**C: You were the eternal God.**

P: You make humans return to the dust.

Yes, we are consumed by Your anger;

**C: we are terrified by Your wrath.**

P: You are aware of our sins;

**C: You even know about our hidden sins.**

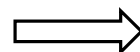
P: Yes, throughout all our days we experience Your raging fury;  
the years of our lives pass quickly, like a sigh.

So teach us to consider our mortality,

**C: so that we might live wisely, seeking forgiveness through Your Son.**

P: Turn back toward us, O LORD,

**C: in grace because of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**



P: How long must this suffering last? Have mercy on Your servants.

**C: Satisfy us in the morning with Your loyal love.**

**Then we will shout for joy and be content all our days.**

P: We pause in the presence of the Lord

**C: Remembering our sins and our need for the Lord's forgiveness.**

**(silent meditation)**

**Absolution (Declaration of Forgiveness) (based on Psalms 111:1-4,9; 116:16-18)**

P: Give thanks to the LORD with your whole heart,

here in the assembly of the congregation.

The LORD's deeds are great, eagerly awaited by all who desire them.

His work is majestic and glorious,

and His faithfulness endures forever.

He does amazing things that will be remembered;

the LORD is merciful and compassionate.

He delivered you, His people, through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ.

who keeps His covenant forever on your behalf.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Yes, LORD! We are indeed Your servants;**

**You saved us from death.**

**We will present a thank offering to You, and call on the name of the LORD.**

**We will fulfill our vows to the LORD before all His people,**

**trusting always in the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Song Praise (based on Psalm 103)**

*Recording (Poor Bishop Hooper)*

bless the Lord oh my soul

let all that's within me bless the Lord

don't forget His benefits who forgives all your sin

who heals your diseases, who pulls you up from the pit

who crowns with lovingkindness and compassion

who satisfies oh satisfies you

slow to anger and abounding in love

He hasn't dealt with our offense as our sins would deserve

for as high as the heavens are above the earth

so great His love for those who fear Him

bless the Lord oh my soul  
let all that's within me bless the Lord  
bless the Lord oh my soul  
let all that's within me bless the Lord

as a father has compassion on his children  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him  
as far as east is from the west He's removed our sin  
for His love is everlasting everlasting everlasting

bless the Lord oh my soul  
let all that's within me bless the Lord  
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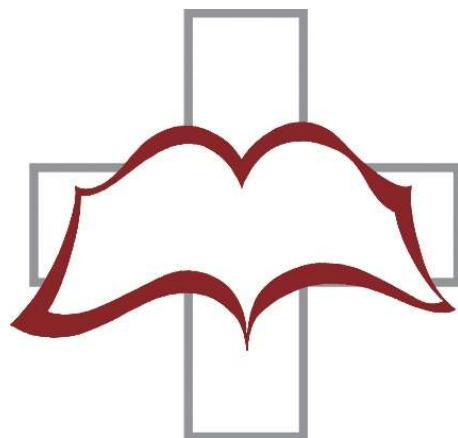
### ***A Reading About Peter***

### ***John 12:12-16 (ESV)***

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

*<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"*

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.



## **Companion Psalm**

**Psalm 118:19-29 (ESV)**

- <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup>Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!
- <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.
- <sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

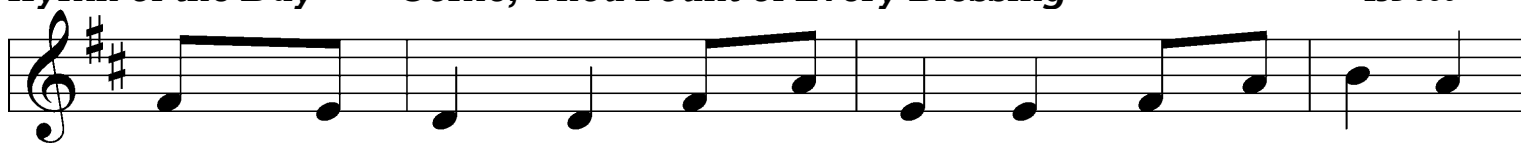
## **Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**      **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

LSB 686



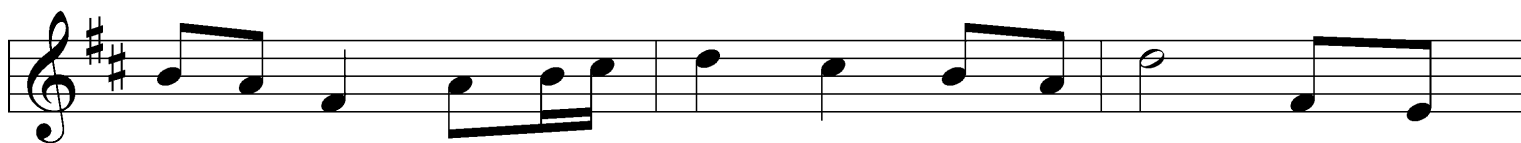
1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



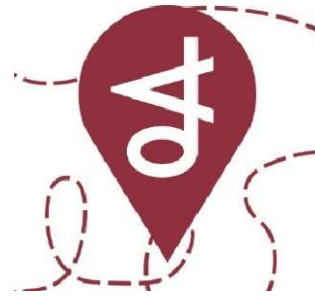
glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

**Devotion**     **“Songs of loudest praise”**

- **Commentary:** *John 12:12-16*  
by Dr. Karoline Lewis
- **Art:** *“Then They Remembered”*  
by the Rev. Lisle Gywnn Garrity
- **Poem:** *“Courage”*  
by the Rev. Sarah Speed



**Confession of Faith (Based on Psalm 145:1-5,7-9,13-17,19,21)**  
**(spoken in unison)**

We will extol You, our God, O King.

We will praise Your name continually.

Every day we will praise You.

We will praise Your name continually.

The LORD is great and certainly worthy of praise.

No one can fathom his greatness:

His Creation of All, His Redemption of All,

His Spirit-led transformation of All who believe.

One generation will praise Your deeds to another,  
and tell about Your mighty acts.

We will focus on Your honor and majestic splendor and amazing deeds.

We will talk about the fame of Your great kindness, and sing about Your justice.

The LORD is merciful and compassionate;

He is patient and demonstrates great loyal love.

The LORD is good to all, and has compassion on all He has made.

Your kingdom is an eternal kingdom,  
and Your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD supports all who fall, and lifts up all who are weighed down by sin.

Everything looks to You in anticipation,  
and You provide them with what they need.

You open Your hand, and fill every living thing with the food it desires.

The LORD is just in all His actions, and exhibits love in all He does.

He satisfies the desire of his loyal followers;

He hears their cry for help and delivers them.

Our mouths will praise the LORD.

Let all who live praise His holy name forever. Amen.



**Offertory (Based on Psalm 145) Be Present in Our Church, O Lord**

LSB 775, alt.

*(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)*



Be pres - ent in our church, O Lord; Be here and  
ev - 'ry - where a - dored; Thy crea - tures bless, and  
grant that we May feast in par - a - dise with Thee.

**Prayers of the Church (Based on Psalm 103:1-5a,6,8,13-14,17a,19,22)**

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

With all that is within you, praise His holy name.

**C: Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

P: Do not forget all His kind deeds.

He is the one who forgives all your sins,

**C: who heals all our diseases,**

P: who delivers your life from the Pit,

**C: who crowns us with His loyal love and compassion,**

P: who satisfies your life with good things,

*(we offer our silent thanks to God)*

As the psalm declares: The LORD does what is fair,  
and executes justice for all the oppressed.

**C: The LORD is compassionate and merciful;**

P: He is patient and demonstrates great loyal love.

*(we offer our silent prayers for our community, nation & world)*

As the psalm declares: As a father has compassion on his children,

**C: so the LORD has compassion on His faithful followers.**

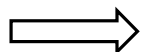
P: For He knows what we are made of; He realizes we are made of clay.

**C: But the Lord continually shows loyal love to His faithful followers,**

P: (...Pastor prays for specific needs. . .)

As the psalm declares: The Lord has established His throne in heaven;

**C: His kingdom extends over everything.**



P: All of His Creation, praise the Lord;

**C: in all the regions of His kingdom, may His praise be heard.**

**Praise the Lord, O my soul. Amen.**

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

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

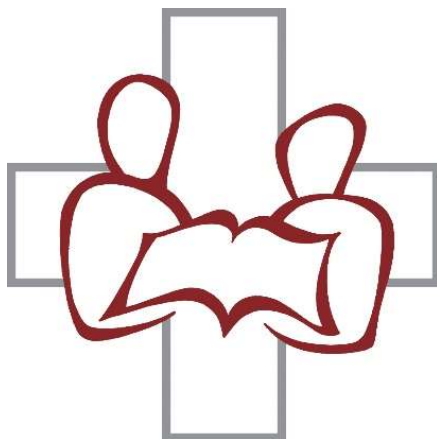
### ***Benediction (Blessing) (based on Psalm 91:1-4, 15a, 16b)***

P: As for you, who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
and reside in the protective shadow of the One-Above-All-Things—  
I say this about the LORD, our God in whom we trust—  
He is your shelter and your stronghold,  
He will certainly rescue you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the destructive plague of eternal death.  
He will shelter you with His wings;  
you will find safety under His wings.  
His faithfulness is like a shield or a protective wall.

**C: When we call out to Him, He will answer us.**

P: He will let you see His salvation  
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

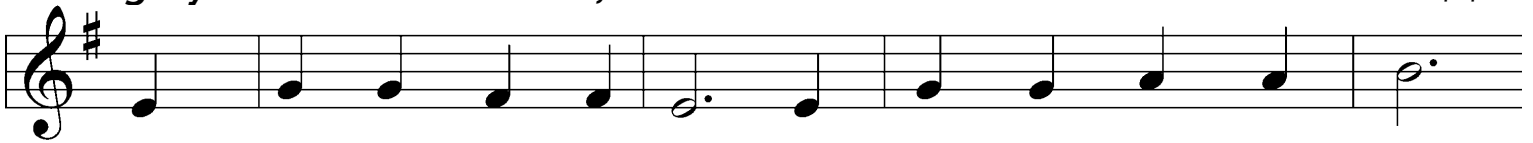
**C: Amen.**



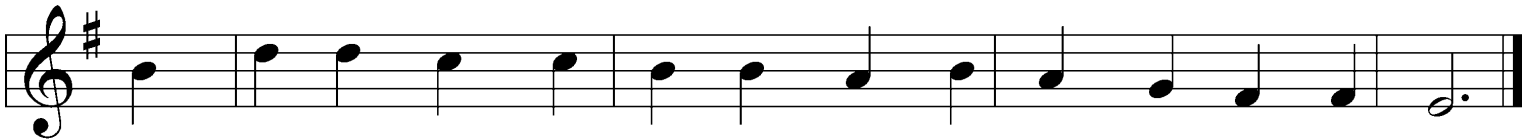
## Closing Hymn

## O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.  
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.  
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

## Announcements



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March 24 - Palm Sunday - 9AM

March 28 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30PM

March 29 - Good Friday  
1 & 6:30PM

March 31  
Easter Sunday  
9AM

*with Special Fellowship following*