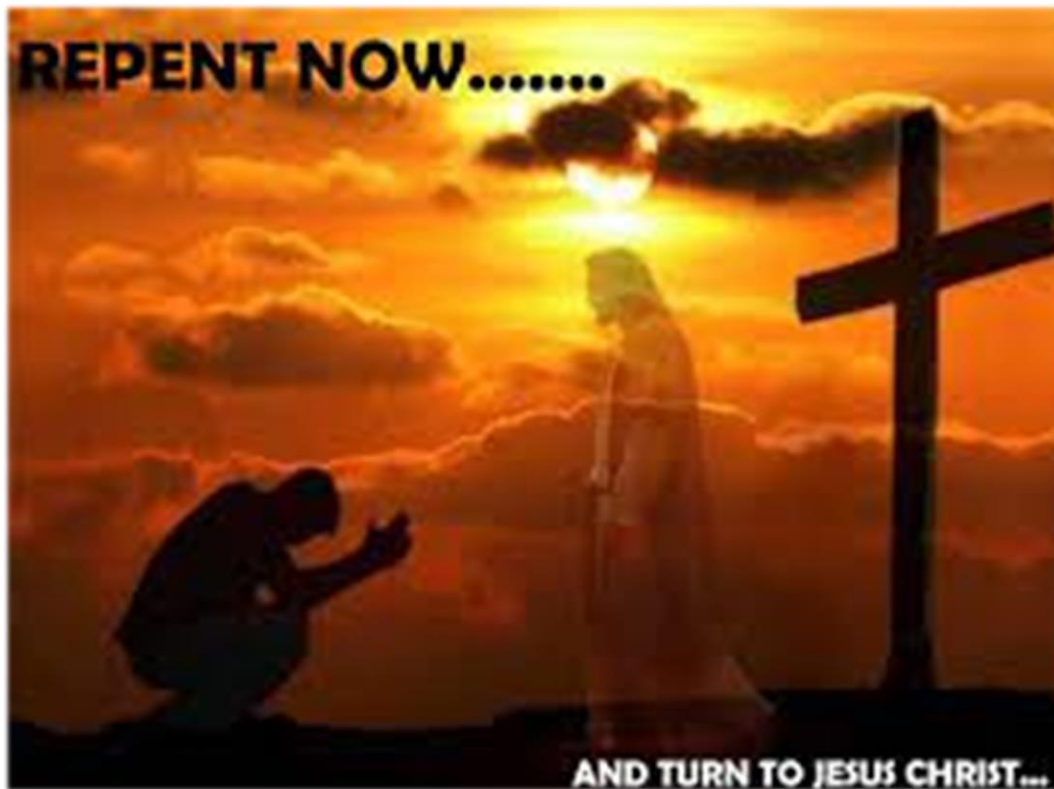


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# OPENING HYMN #106 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

LENT

## 106 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -  
4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,  
lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; You shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE (87 87 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87.

## STAND

M: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

**M:** Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C: Amen**

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***BE SEATED***

***LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU***

***(Psalm 141)***

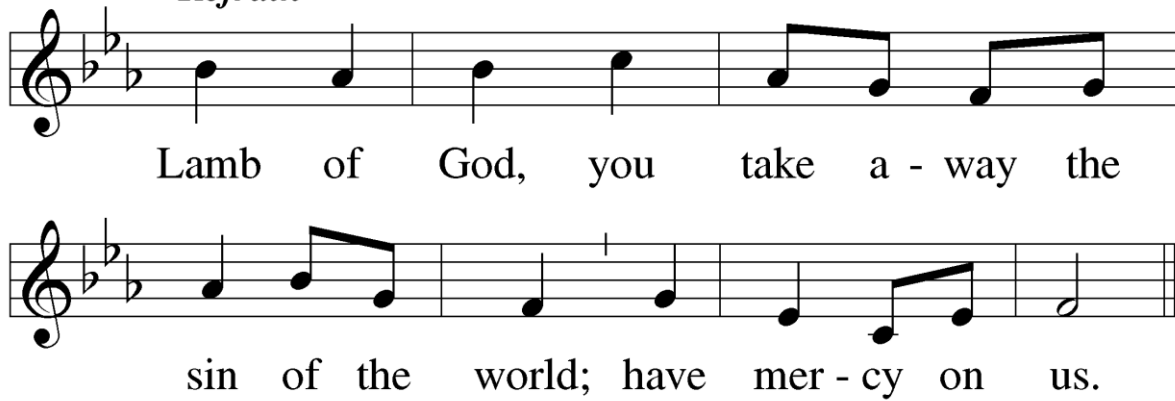
**C:** Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift-ing  
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri - fice.

**M:** Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me?

I am a worm and not a man,\*

scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;\*

they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.\*

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.” ***Refrain***

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks

to the roof of my mouth;\*

you lay me in the dust of death.

A band of evil men has encircled me,\*  
they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them\*  
and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off;\*  
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain:*** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.

***Silence for Meditation***

**PSALM PRAYER:** Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit  
that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our  
minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you  
here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **PASSION HISTORY LESSON: Matthew 27:27-66**

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

<sup>55</sup> There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup> among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup> When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup> And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup> and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went



away. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup> The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ <sup>64</sup> Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” <sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

***SEASONAL RESPONSE:*** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

## **HYMN #104 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”**

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

## Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.  
 life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his  
 Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.  
 hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

**SERMON:** “Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptation”

**SERMON TEXT:** Mark 14:32-38

<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain

here and watch.”<sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.<sup>36</sup> And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”<sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?”<sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

## ***STAND***

## **SONG OF MARY**

# Magnificat

**C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-**

joic - es in God my Sav - ior,            for he has looked with fa - vor

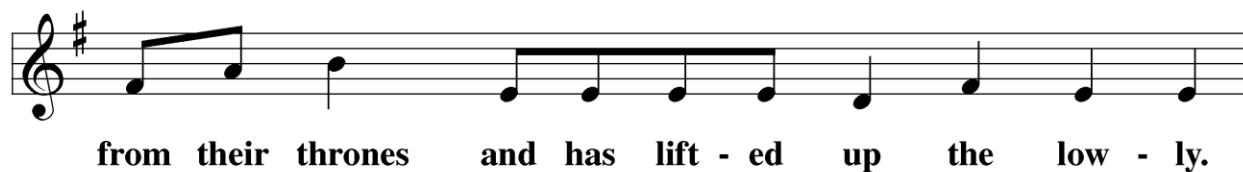
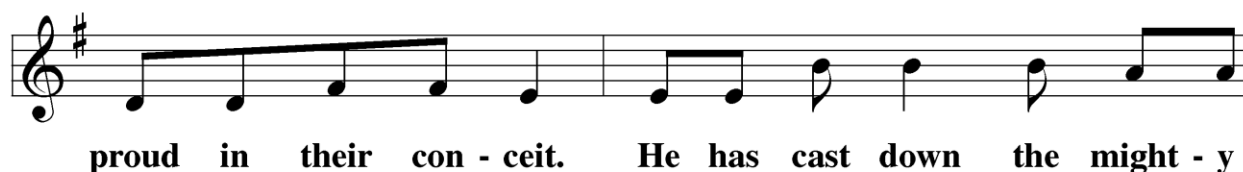
on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions

**will call me bless - ed.      The Al - might-y      has done great**

things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on

those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the



# LORD, HAVE MERCY

## *Kyrie*

**M:** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray,  
O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and

spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



C: Thanks be to God.

**M:** In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



C: A - men.

## **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.**

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## **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**M:** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



# SONG OF SIMEON

## *Nunc Dimittis*



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## BLESSING

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

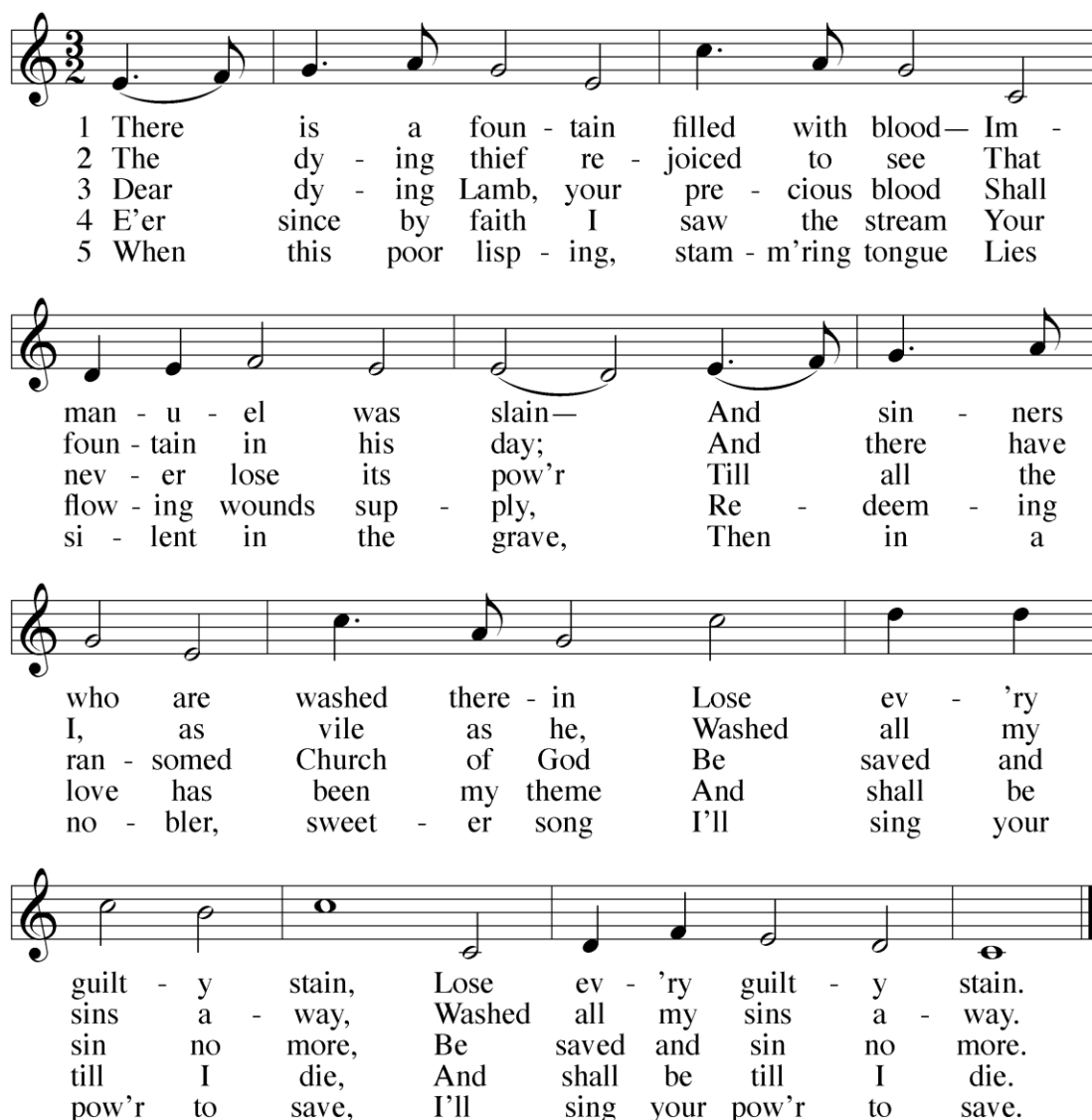
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# CLOSING HYMN #112 “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

LENT

## 112 There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood— Im -  
 2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That  
 3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood Shall  
 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your  
 5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue Lies

man - u - el was slain— And sin - ners  
 foun - tain in his day; And there have  
 nev - er lose its pow'r Till all the  
 flow - ing wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing  
 si - lent in the grave, Then in a

who are washed there - in Lose ev - 'ry  
 I, as vile as he, Washed all my  
 ran - somed Church of God Be saved and  
 love has been my theme And shall be  
 no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your

guilt - y stain, Lose ev - 'ry guilt - y stain.  
 sins a - way, Washed all my sins a - way.  
 sin no more, Be saved and sin no more.  
 till I die, And shall be till I die.  
 pow'r to save, I'll sing your pow'r to save.

Text: William Cowper, 1731–1800. abr., alt.  
 Tune: COWPER (CM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

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