



*The Temptation of Christ by the Devil*

# PARADOX

## RIGHTEOUSNESS IN TEMPTATION

*THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 5TH, 2017*



## **WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We are happy that you are here! In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**March 5th, 2017**

A paradox is a statement or problem that either appears to produce two entirely contradictory (yet possible) outcomes, or provides proof for something that goes against what we intuitively expect. During the Sundays in Lent we will look at apparent paradoxes in the life and person of Jesus and in our own lives. Today, we see a paradox in these words: victory in temptation. When God surveys our condition he sees that we are utterly fallen in body and soul with no power to heal ourselves. But God intervenes by sending his Son to take humanity as his own and achieve final victory where sinners have been defeated time and time again. God has intervened with righteousness in the face of our sin!

### **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the Scripture readings, the service notes, and pray this prayer:*

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## FOR FAMILIES

**Children's Activity Sheets** give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for today's service. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

**Children's Church** is a special place for younger children to hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft. You can escort your child to our children's church just before the sermon as noted in the service folder. Children's Church is located in Room 3 and will be on your right as you exit the sanctuary.

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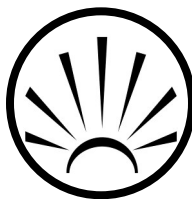
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**Today's Worship:**

"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

# TODAY'S WORSHIP



## MERCIFUL GOD | *Lenten Gathering Rite*

-Please stand

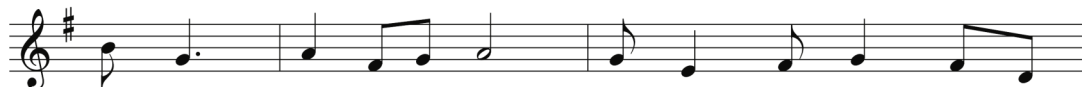
### Refrain



Ash Wednesday: Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God,  
 Lent Gathering: Gath - er your peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God,  
 Lent Communion: Feed us and guide us, mer - ci - ful God:



Chil - dren of dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with  
 Gath - er the long - ing, the lost, and un - sure. Gath - er your  
 Light, when the shad - ows of life cloud our view. Feed us and



ash - es, mer - ci - ful God; Mark us and make us your  
 peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God, Name us and claim us as  
 guide us, mer - ci - ful God, Peo - ple who hun - ger for



own. own, mark us and make us your own.  
 yours. yours, name us and claim us as yours.  
 you. you, peo - ple who hun - ger for you.

**L**leader: Refrain

### **C**ongregation: Refrain

**L** Surely, you alone can save us. You pay our price with precious blood. Reaching through your great compassion, You lift up your people with love.

### **C** Refrain

**L** Surely, you alone uphold us. You give us strength for all our needs. Shielding with a father's favor, You bless us with pardon and peace.

### **C** Refrain

## MORNING RESPONSES

### Worship Notes

**L** In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;  
**C** in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

*Psalm 5:3*

**L** We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,  
**C** but because of your great mercy.

*Daniel 9:18*

**L** May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;  
**C** establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

*Psalm 90:17*

**L** Let me live that I may praise you,  
**C** and may your laws sustain me.

*Psalm 119:175*

**C** Refrain

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*~Please be seated*

We sit at the feet of Jesus, like Mary did, to hear The Word (Luke 10:42). Here is time for meditating, reflecting, strengthening, forgiveness, instruction, and response.

# THE WORD



## FIRST READING | *Genesis 3:1-15 (pg. 5)*

*Though the victory was certain, so was the sacrifice!*

**3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ”

<sup>4</sup> “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup> He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all the livestock

and all the wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly

and you will eat dust

all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity

between you and the woman,


and between your offspring and hers;

he will crush your head,


and you will strike his heel.”

**Refrain** (first time: cantor/choir; second time and as indicated: all)


*[intro only]*



Lord, in the morn - ing I cry to you, I pray and sigh and I




wait on you. Lord, in the morn - ing you hear my voice, you



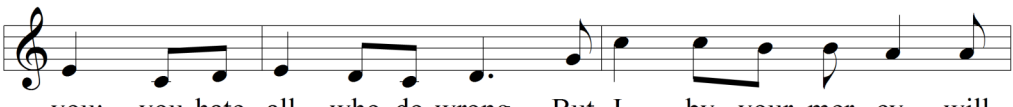
lis - ten to my prayer, my King and my God.

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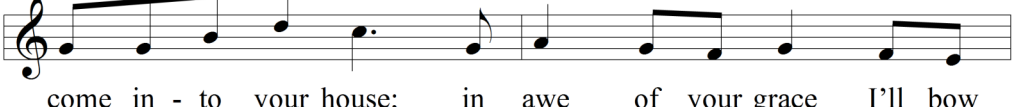
1 All who lie and fill them - selves with pride can - not dwell with  
2 Lead me, Lord, my en - e - mies con - spire. Leave them in their



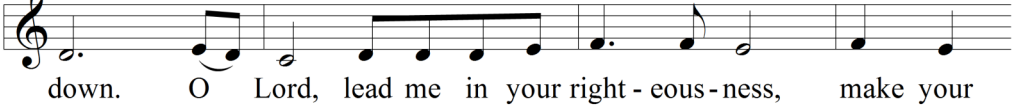
you; you hate all who do wrong. But I, by your mer - cy, will  
guilt; it is you they de - spise. But let those who love you be



come in - to your house; in awe of your grace I'll bow  
glad and sing for joy — all those who take ref - uge in

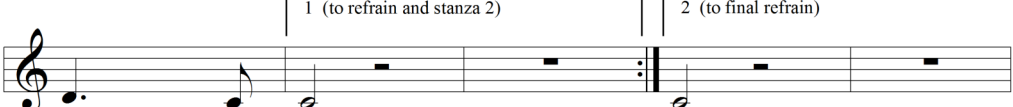


down. O Lord, lead me in your right - eous - ness, make your  
you. O Lord, let your fa - vor, as a shield, guard and



way my path.  
keep your own.

1 (to refrain and stanza 2) 2 (to final refrain)



**SECOND READING | Romans 5:12-19 (pg. 1753)**

*The obedience of Jesus has just as wide an effect as the disobedience of Adam.*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—<sup>13</sup>for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup>Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*During the singing of the hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.*

**Children's Message:**

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**Children's Church:**

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## HYMN | #201 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.*

### Worship Notes

#### **Hymn of the Day:**

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## SERMON | *Matthew 4:1-11 (pg. 1499)*

**4** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.


#### **Sermon:**

*The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.*


YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU | *Te Deum***You are God:**

The song "You are God, We Praise You (in Latin, *Te Deum Laudamus*), is one of the ancient hymns of the Christian Church, dating back to the Fourth century.

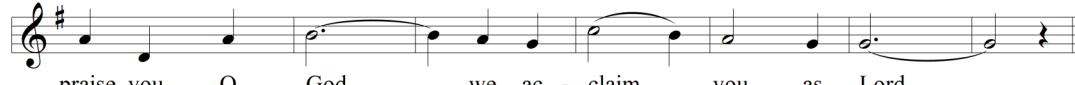
**Refrain**



We praise you, we praise you, O




God, we ac - claim you as Lord. We praise you, we




praise you, O God, we ac - claim you as Lord.

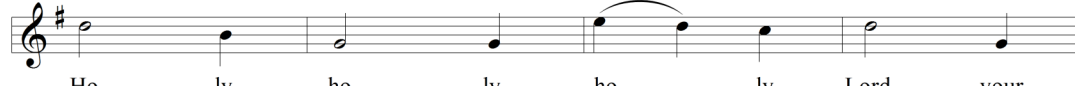
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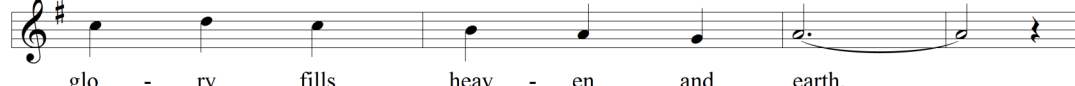
1 Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, your crea - tures a - dore you;  
 2 Proph - ets and a - pos - tles, all right - eous and roy - al,  
 3 Je - sus, King of glo - ry, you came as our broth - er;  
 4 Je - sus, judge of na - tions we 'wait your ar - riv - al;




Heav - en's might - y an - gels sing prais - es be - fore you:  
 Praise you with the mar - tyrs whose hearts you kept loy - al.  
 Low - born to re - deem us - a vir - gin your moth - er!  
 Earth re - duced to ash - es - your blood our sur - viv - al!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, your  
 Chris - tians all through - out the world ac -  
 You re - moved death's aw - ful sting; the  
 Come then, Lord, and help your own, the




glo - ry fills heav - en and earth.  
 claim you as Sav - ior and King:  
 right hand of God is your throne.  
 sheep you have prom - ised to tend.




Words fail to ex - press it; your great - ness de - fies all  
 Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it; to you, God Most High, your  
 Now your bless - ed king - dom is o - pen to all who  
 Bring us in - to glo - ry with all of your saints where

ending for stanzas 1 and 3; then go to next stanza



meas - ures of wealth and worth.  
 cling to your grace a - lone.

ending for stanzas 2 and 4; then go to refrain



Church lifts its voice to sing. We  
 wor - ship will nev - er end. We

## OFFERING

*This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Our Savior Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY | *Kyrie*

*~Please stand*

**[L]** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**[C]** Lord, have mercy.

**[L]** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**[C]** Christ, have mercy.

**[L]** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lost the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**[C]** Lord, have mercy.

**[L]** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**[C]** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**[C]** 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.

*~Please be seated*

### Worship Notes

#### **Offering:**

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

#### **Lord have Mercy:**

We lift up our prayers with a cry for mercy to the Lord. Lord have mercy is one of the most ancient responses of the Christian Church.

#### **Lord's Prayer:**

The Lord's Prayer was given by our Savior to his Church in response to the disciples' request to be taught to pray.

See Matthew 6:9-13.

The conclusion to the prayer, also known as the Doxology, was a common conclusion to ancient prayers.

HYMN | #726 *Christ, the Lord of Hosts Unshaken*

1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en  
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle,  
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle rag - es,  
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing,  
 5 Swift as light - ning falls the ty - rant  
 6 Je - sus, send your an - gel le - gions



By the dev - il's seeth - ing rage,  
 God - ly an - gels by his side;  
 Since the ser - pent's first de - ceit  
 Tram - pled Sa - tan, death de - fied;  
 From his heav'n - ly perch on high,  
 When the foe would us en - slave.



Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;  
 Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,  
 Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,  
 Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,  
 As the word of Je - sus' vic - t'ry  
 Hold us fast when sin as - saults us;



Wins the strife from age to age;  
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride,  
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet.  
 On the wretch - ed tree he died.  
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.  
 Come then, Lord, your peo - ple save.



Con - quers sin and death for - ev - er;  
 Cast him earth - bound with his an - gels;  
 Then the curse of God was spok - en;  
 Yet to life was raised vic - to - rious;  
 Wound - ed by a wound e - ter - nal  
 O - ver - throw at last the drag - on;



Slams them in their steel - y cage.  
 Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.  
 "You'll lie crushed be - neath his feet!"  
 By his life our life sup - plied.  
 Now his judg - ment has drawn nigh!  
 Send him to his fier - y grave.

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

*-Please stand*

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**L** The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

**C Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.**

**L** Let us praise the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## BLESSING

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

**C Amen.**



HYMN | #321 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.  
 With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.  
 Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.

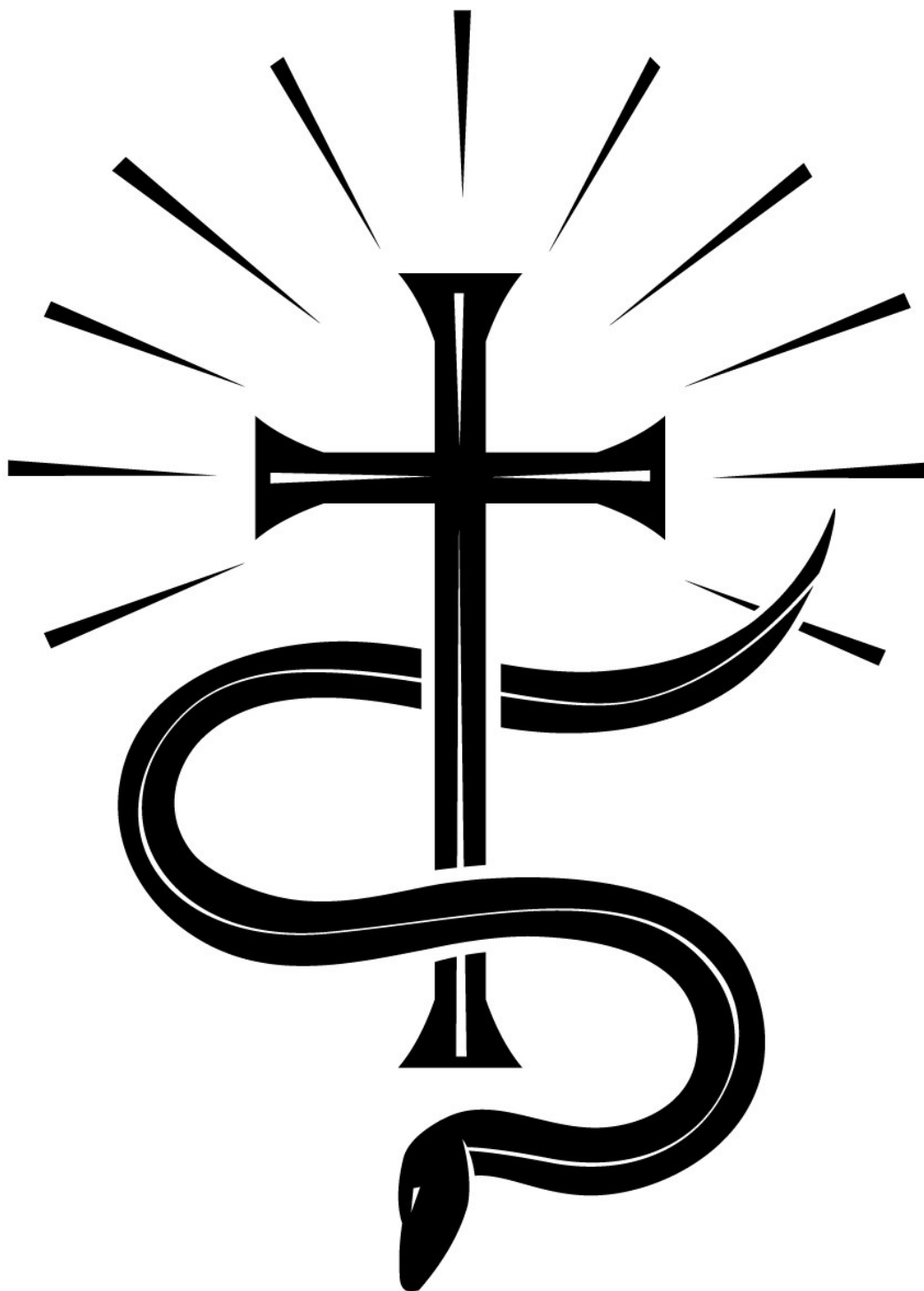


Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,  
 Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

*~Please be seated*





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