



**FASTING:**

*a journey beyond...*

Daniel 10:3-13

***Ebensburg Presbyterian Church***

***6th Sunday after Epiphany***

***February 14, 2021***

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## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN #142 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there were shadows, peace where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies. Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace. Call us to the mountain once more and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace. Amen (Silent confession)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsively) Romans 5:5

For God loves the world, and His love has been poured out into our hearts through the power Holy Spirit to cleanse us from our sins.

Friends believe the good news of the gospel!

**In Christ Jesus we are redeemed, forgiven, and renewed!**

GLORIA PATRIA

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around.)

## GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Gracious Lord,**

**like Nicodemus, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can be captivated by correctness, intent on right answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, do not let our desire for information dominate our need for trans-formation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience to your will. Amen.**

First Reading: Daniel 10:2-12 Page 727

Second Reading: Matthew 4:2 Page 785

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON FASTING: A Journey Beyond Physical Realm

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN #81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Psalm 109:21-31**

**Prayer for Vindication**

But now, O Yahweh-God, make yourself real to me like you promised me you would. Because of your constant love and your heart-melting kindness,  
come be my hero and deliver me!  
I'm so broken, needy and hurting.  
My heart is pierced through and I'm so wounded.  
I'm slipping down a dark slope, shaken to the core, and helpless.  
All my fasting has left me so weak I can hardly stand.  
Now I'm shriveled up, nothing but skin and bones.  
I'm the example of failure and shame to all who see me.  
They just walk by me, shaking their heads.  
You have to help me, O Lord God!  
My true hero, come to my rescue and save me,  
for you are loving and kind.  
Then everyone will know that you have won my victory,  
and they will all say to the Lord, "You have finished it!"  
So let them curse me if they want,

but I know you will bless me!  
All their efforts to destroy me will fail,  
but I will succeed and be glad.  
So let my Satan-like accusers fail!  
Make them look ridiculous  
if they try to come against me.  
Clothe them with a robe of guilty shame from this day on!  
But I will give my thanks to you over and over  
and everyone will hear my lavish praises.  
For you stand right next to the broken ones  
as their saving hero to rescue them from all their accusers!

#### PRAYER LIST

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Jim Brown

Steve Brulia

Ashton Dixon

Len Dixon

Jamie

John Magyar

Chuck Marcinko

Curtis Mellott

Colleen Wagner

Marilyn Westrick

Randy Wike

Todd Youngblood

## 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780

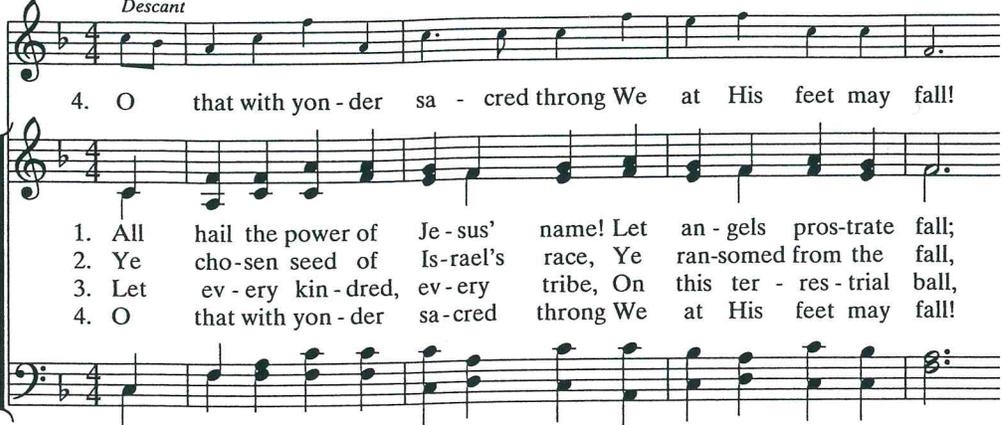
Stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787

Stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787

Oliver Holden, 1793

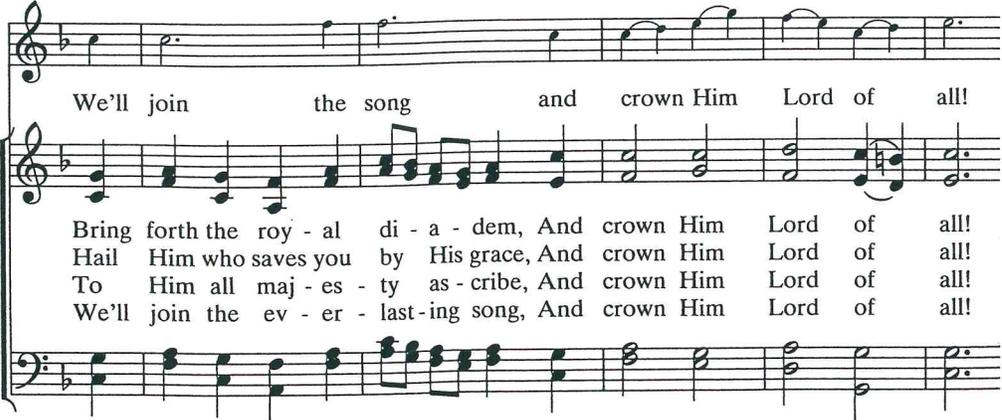
Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

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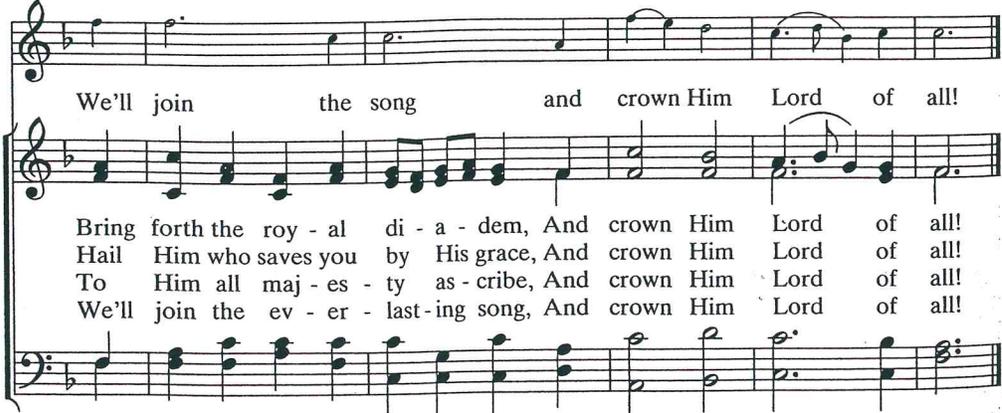
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throug We at His feet may fall!

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - sored from the fall,  
 3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,  
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throug We at His feet may fall!



We'll join the song and crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!  
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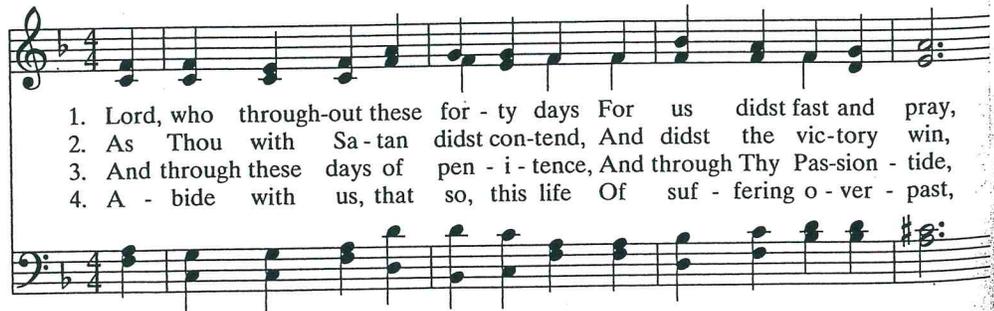
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# 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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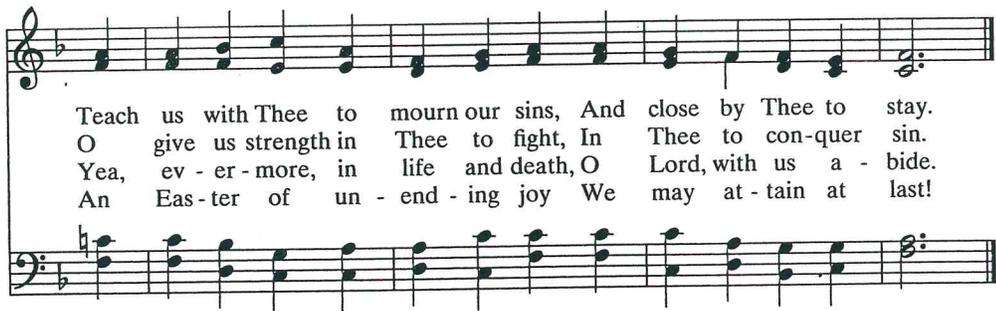
Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Day's Psalter, 1562



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,  
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, And didst the vic-tory win,  
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas-sion - tide,  
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

LENT



Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.  
 O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con-quer sin.  
 Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 An Eas-ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!