



SURPRISING WORDS FROM OUR SAVIOR'S PASSION

2014
Midweek
Lenten
Worship

The opening hymns and songs of Christian worship mean to "gather" individual Christians into a worshiping assembly. What the traditional service does with hymns, canticles, and opening liturgy, this Lenten gathering rite does with contemporary song and responses.

ENTRANCE SONG

The choir introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated.



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

As watchmen who wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.
I trust in your kindness and redemption and your faithful word.

Refrain

Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape,
even then, O Lord, you were our refuge throughout every age.

Refrain

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

CONFESSION - LORD, HAVE MERCY - ABSOLUTION

M: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

The choir sings the verse. The congregation repeats the last phrase as printed below.

1. Lord Jesus, obedient in the desert: Lord, have mercy.
2. Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation: Christ, have mercy.
3. Lord Jesus, the flood of living water: Lord, have mercy.



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| 1. Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |
| 2. Christ, have mer - cy. | Christ, have mer - cy. |
| 3. Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

All sing the refrain once more.



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

BE SEATED

Psalm of the Day

Psalm Prayer

M: ... for Jesus' sake.

C: Amen.

Passion History according to Matthew

Seasonal Response

M: 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

Sermon

Special Music

Offering

Hymn

STAND

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

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: Amen.

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn

2014 Midweek Lenten Worship

See His Cross

Surprising Words From Our Savior's Passion

March 12	It's No Secret
March 19	It's God's Plan From Beginning To End
March 26	Shed No Tears For Jesus
April 2	Glory Be To Jesus
April 9	Our King Is Crucified

Soup and sandwich meals will be served in the basement after the 11:00 a.m. service and at 6:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. service. Please join us!

Please return this service folder and the inserts to an usher as you leave. Thank you!