

Sunday, September 7, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING SONG

Take Up Your Cross



1. Take up your cross, the Sav-ior said, If you would
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill your weak
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And let your
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And calm - ly
5. Take up your cross, and fol-low Christ, Nor think till



my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with will - ing
spir - it with a - larm; His strength shall bear your spir - it
fool - ish heart be still; The Lord for you ac - cept - ed
ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a bet - ter
death to lay it down; For on - ly those who bear the



heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
up, And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
death Up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.
home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.
Tune: O WALY WALY, LM: English; harm. by Martin West, b.1929



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 90

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17*



In ev-'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

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- 1. O God, you search me and you know me.
- 2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
- 3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
- 4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
- 5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



- 1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
- 2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
- 3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
- 4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
- 5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



- 1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
- 2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
- 3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
- 4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
- 5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



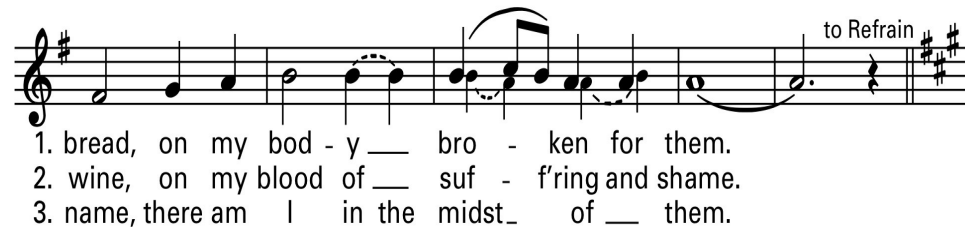
1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - dant in your sight.
5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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COMMUNION HYMN

YOU ARE OUR LIVING BREAD

Michael Joncas



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SONG FOR THE JOURNEY

Blest Be the Lord

Refrain

Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of
mer-cy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of
night, nor the ar-row that flies by day.

Verse 1

1. He will re-lease me from the nets of all my foes.
He will pro- tect me from their wick-ed hands.
Be-neath the shad-ow of his wings I will re-joyce
D.C.
to find a dwell-ing place se-cure.

Verse 2

2. I need not shrink be-fore the ter-rors of the night
nor stand a-lone be-fore the light of day.
No harm shall come to me. no ar-row strike me down.
D.C.
no c-vil set-tle in my soul.

Verse 3

3. Al-though a thou-sand strong have fall-en at my side,
I'll not be shak-en with the Lord at hand.
His faith-ful love is all the ar-mor that I
D.C.
need to wage my bat-tle with the foe.

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