

**Ash Wednesday Service** February 17, 2021

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service**.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

**YOUNG CHILDREN** We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

**HOLY COMMUNION** In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** are available in your church mailboxes for you to use for your daily lent devotions.



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# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 26, 2020 12:00 & 7:00 pm

### **AS WE GATHER**

A CALL TO RETURN—Through the words of the prophet Joel, God called to His people and commanded that they turn from their sinful ways and return to Him for His grace and blessings. The images the prophet uses are vivid and disturbing. The situation of God's people is desperate and needs immediate attention. This is a time for listening and responding to the call to return to faithfulness to the God who has ever been faithful to His people. "Return to the Lord, your God" is more than a verse sung as part of the liturgy. It is a heartfelt directive for our lives as together we follow the pathway of Lent.

### THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES IN THE SERVICE TONIGHT

Ashes are a symbol of contrition (sorrow for sin): "I...repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6). They are also vivid reminders of mortality: "For you are dust and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Ashes then are a reminder that we are born sinful and deserve God's wrath. But the good news is spoken by St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:21: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." The ashes that are put on our foreheads in the shape of a cross remind us of our dirty sins that were piled on Jesus when He died on the cross for us. The ash cross on our forehead also reminds us of the first time the sign of the cross was made on our foreheads – in Baptism. There, in the water of Holy Baptism, we were washed clean with the blood of Jesus, and the dirt of our sins was washed away forever.

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION/ LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain Jeffrey Blersch

PASTORAL GREETING

# **PREPARATION** +

Stand

## INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## ASH WEDNESDAY ADDRESS

- Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.
- Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

### PRAYER

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

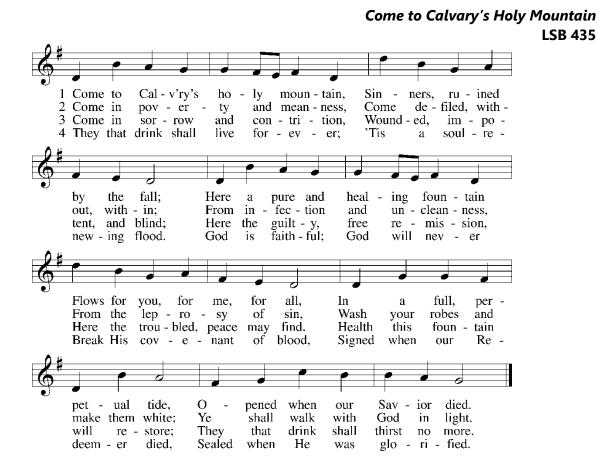
C Amen.

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### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

(Worshippers may approach the altar to receive ashes upon the forehead. Approach the altar down the center aisle, in two rows, and return down the side aisles. The pastors, vicar and elders shall speak the words, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).

**HYMNS** (Worshipers are encouraged to sing softly and meditatively)



#### Jesus, Grant That Balm & Healing LSB 421



5. O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in Your death I trust, Knowing death has lost its power Since You crushed it in the dust. Savior, let Your agony Ever help and comfort me; When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

#### Jesus, Refuge of the Weary LSB 423



#### ANTHEM

Lamb of God Christiansen Adult Choir

Stand

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Holy and gracious God,
- **G** we confess our sin to You.

- P We cannot overcome our own sinful nature. Our desiring, our thinking, our acting, and our speaking—all goods gifts that You provide through Your good creation—we have warped and turned into instruments of sin.
- **C** Lord, have mercy on us.
- We have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, body, mind, and strength. We have neglected the needs of our neighbors—both those closest to us and strangers alike.
- **C** Lord, have mercy on us.
- **P** For the times when our faith has wavered, for moments of arrogance, for petty jealousies, and for the small and big ways we have sought revenge.
- **C** Lord, have mercy on us.
- For placing our own personal needs over the needs of our community and over the needs of other people in our lives.
- **C** Lord, have mercy on us.
- **P** For the times that our hearts have turned away from worshiping You.
- **C** Lord, have mercy on us.
- **P** For the times when we have not prayed as regularly and trustingly as we should.
- **G** Lord, have mercy on us.
- For the times when we have shrunk away from opportunities to give witness to Your grace to us in Christ Jesus.
- **C** Lord, have mercy on us.
- For the times when we have displayed bad attitudes toward those who struggle in life, imagining that we deserve better than they do.
- **G** Lord, have mercy on us.
- For seeking comfort for ourselves and not being as concerned about those who suffer injustice.
- **G** Lord, have mercy on us.

- For explaining our neighbors' actions in unkind ways. For using our words as weapons against others. For standing in judgment over those who most need to hear a word of grace.
- **G** Lord, have mercy on us.
- For the times when we have been careless toward this beautiful world that You created for us to live in.

**G** Lord, have mercy on us.

- For all of the other sins, those of which we are aware and those to which we remain blind, we plead with You to forgive us and to fill us with the power of the Spirit to amend our lives.
- **G** Lord, have mercy on us.
- Because of Jesus' paying the price for our sins on the cross, God readily forgives all who return to Him in repentance and faith. "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:11–14). In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# + Service of the word +

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

<sup>12</sup>"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. <sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? <sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. <sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" <sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. <sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM

#### Psalm 51:1–13

- Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- I Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- II For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.
- I Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

#### Joel 2:12-19

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.
- II Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.
- 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.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

#### 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and

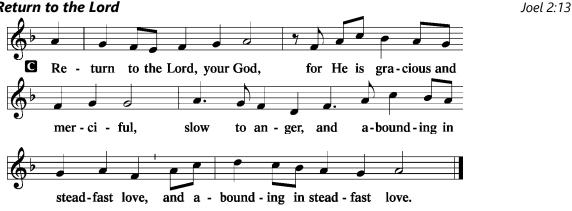
behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**

#### Return to the Lord



#### HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter. P

#### С Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus said:] "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

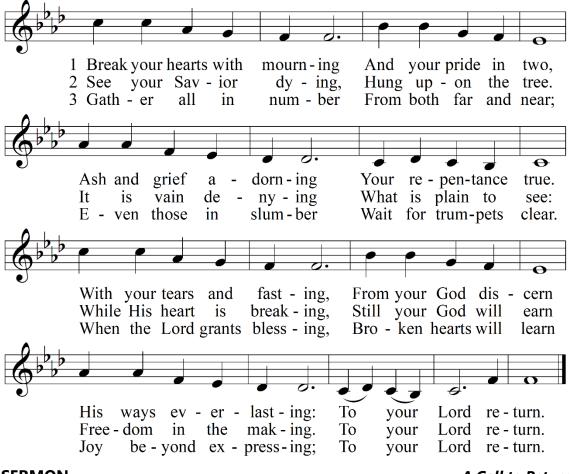
<sup>16</sup> "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

#### Break Your Hearts Words by Lisa Clark Music by Jonathan Kohrs



#### SERMON

A Call to Return Joel 2:12-19 Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☆ everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs

For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:

- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- IP For this congregation, its mission, and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.

- For those who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relive them, let us pray to the Lord:

#### **G** Lord, have mercy.

- For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who are sick, that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

#### **G** Lord, have mercy.

- For those who mourn, that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

#### OFFERING

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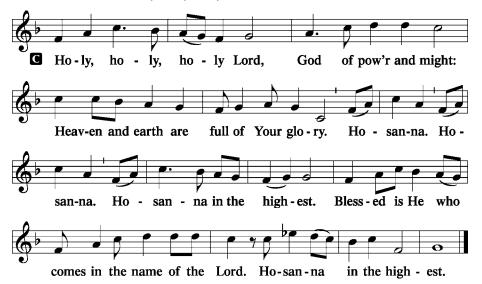
# + THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



### **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)



#### LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-11

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **G** 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

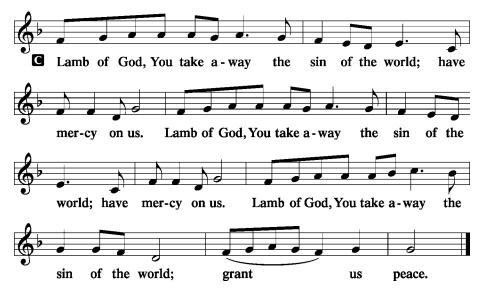
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

#### **PAX DOMINI**~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen!

#### AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)



Sit

#### DISTRIBUTION

#### VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

#### **Personal Examination Before Communing**

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

#### Instructions for Communing

The congregation will be ushered forward to stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When finished, reverence the altar and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

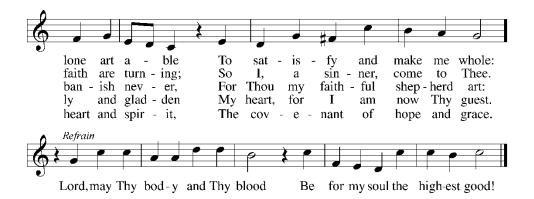
**Non-alcoholic white wine** in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

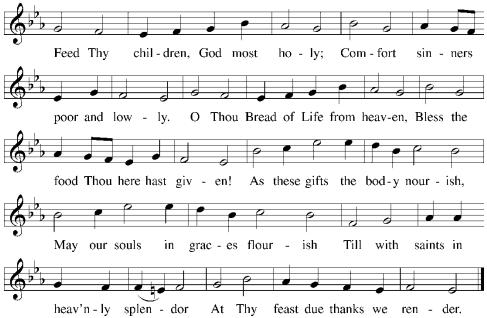
#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### ble, For 1 I come. 0 Sav - ior, to Thy ta \_ weak and 2 Thy yearn - ing heart is filled with fer - vent That sin ners 3 Un wor - thy though I am. 0 Sav ior. Be - cause I With sin 4 Wea - ry and heav - y lad am Ι en; my 5 What high - er gift can we in - her it? It is faith's Bread of is soul: Thou. Life. wea ry my а sal va tion see Who, Lord. to Thee in may have ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt a sin gra - cious soul is Re ceive sore op pressed; me bond and sol id base: It is the strength of

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table LSB 618



#### Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy LSB 774



#### What Wondrous Love Is This LSB 543



Stand

#### DISMISSAL

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### **BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION**

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P	Let us bless the Lord.	Psalm 103:1

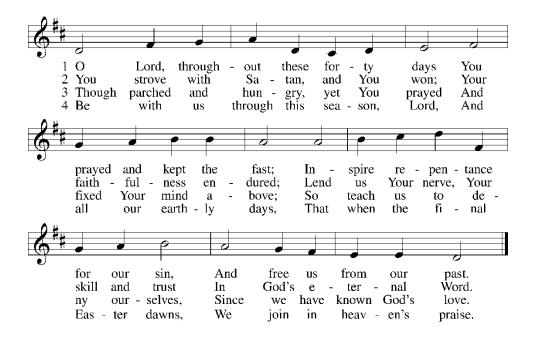
- If Thanks be to God.
- **P** The Lord bless you...and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418



POSTLUDE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Henry V. Gerike

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Acolytes	
Altar Guild	Carol Brandt