

**\*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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LEADER: Come into the light!

**ALL: We know the darkness better. The Light frightens us.**

LEADER: Come into the presence of Love.

**ALL: Our fears and doubts overwhelm us. We feel unable to move.**

LEADER: Come let God's love wash away your sorrow.

**ALL: Please help us. We are filled with fear and sorrow. Bring us healing.**

**"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"** Hymnal No. 269 (Stanzas 1-4)

**VERSE 1:**

Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins  
and close by thee to stay.

**VERSE 2:**

As thou with Satan didst contend,  
and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight,  
in thee to conquer sin.

**VERSE 3:**

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,  
so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live  
by thy most holy word.

**VERSE 4:**

And through these days of penitence,  
and through thy passiontide,  
yea, evermore in life and death,  
Jesus, with us abide.

**CONFESSIO AND PARDON** Hymnal pg. 12 (A Service of Word and Table II)

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LEADER: Let us confess our sins before God and one another...

**ALL: Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name,  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

LEADER: While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**"Abide With Me"**

Hymnal No. 700 (*Stanzas 1-3, & 5*)

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**VERSE 1:**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

**VERSE 2:**

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

**VERSE 3:**

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

**VERSE 5:**

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.