

Songbook for Lenten Season 2021



Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin 9:00 a.m. Family Service

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1. Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.
So fill me, and heal me, and bring me back to you.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.
-Mary Rice Hopkins

2. Forty Days and Nights

Forty days and nights he stayed,
forty days and nights he prayed,
all alone, yet unafraid, Jesus in the wilderness.

Jesus went to fast and pray,
faced temptation every day,
from God's love he did not stray,
may we follow in his way.

Forty days and nights he stayed,
forty days and nights he prayed,
all alone, yet unafraid, Jesus in the wilderness.

-Michael Bedford

3. Part of the Plan

'Twas all part of the plan,
since first the world began:
that on the tree He died for me.
'Twas all part of the plan!

'Twas all destined to be
by God's divine decree:
His life He gave, our souls to save.
'Twas all destined to be.

For God ordained from long ago
that Christ the Lord should suffer so,
that by His death the world would know
the glory of His rising!

So come now and be glad!
Why should you heart be sad?
For God's own Son the vict'ry won.
'Twas all part of the plan.

-Natalie Sleeth

4. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

-Robert Robinson

5. Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. [Refrain]

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

-Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin

6. Jesus Bids us Shine

Jesus bids us shine, with a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, as we work for Him,
Bringing those that wander from the paths of sin;
He will ever help us, if we shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

-Susan Warner

7. Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one in thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

-Mary Elizabeth Byrne, tr. Eleanore H. Hull

8. The Glory of These Forty Days

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

-Latin, tr. Maurice F. Bell

9. I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on:

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on:

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

-Sidney Carter

10. Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

-Charlotte Elliott

11. What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

-American Folk Hymn

12. O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

- Taizé

13. Hosanna

Hosanna! Hosanna! Let all the people sing.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to our King.

Open wide the gates of Jerusalem.
Open wide the gates of Jerusalem.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Let all the people sing.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to our King.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Let all the people sing.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to our King.

-Melinda Ramseth Hoiland

14. I Say a Prayer for Peace

I say a prayer for peace,
I say a prayer for love,
I say a prayer for the whole wide world
To join hands in love.

I give my hands for peace,
I give my hands for love,
I give my hands for the whole wide world
To join hands in love.

I take your hands for peace,
I take your hands for love,
I take your hands for the whole wide world
To join hands in love.

I give my heart for peace,
I give my heart for love,
I give my heart for the whole wide world
To join hands in love.

-Marla Perkins