

*He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

**Midweek Lenten Service
March 27, 2019, 7:00 PM**

PRELUDE

HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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RESPONSIVE READING

Show us your mercy, O God,

and grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

for only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care,

and guide in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus

Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Isaiah 28: 12–17, 20

¹² Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called:

I am He; I am the first, and I am the last.

¹³ My hand laid the foundation of the earth,
and my right hand spread out the heavens;
when I summon them, they stand at attention.

¹⁴ Assemble, all of you, and hear!

Who among them has declared these things?

The Lord loves him;

he shall perform his purpose on Babylon,
and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans.

¹⁵ I, even I, have spoken and called him,

I have brought him, and he will prosper in his way.

¹⁶ Draw near to me, hear this!

From the beginning I have not spoken in secret,
from the time it came to be I have been there.

And now the Lord God has sent me and his spirit.

¹⁷ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

I am the Lord your God,
who teaches you for your own good,
who leads you in the way you should go.

²⁰ Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea,
declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it,
send it forth to the end of the earth;
say, ‘The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob!’

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 [KJV]

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25–34

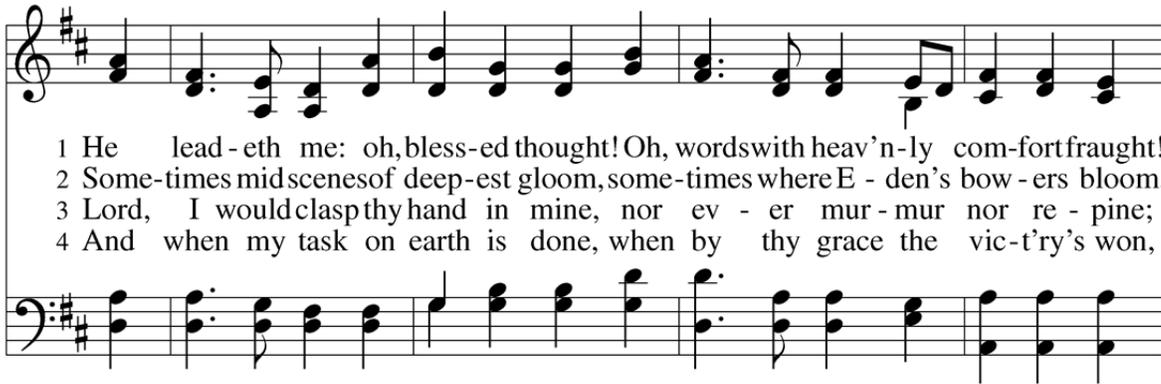
²⁵ [Jesus said,] Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

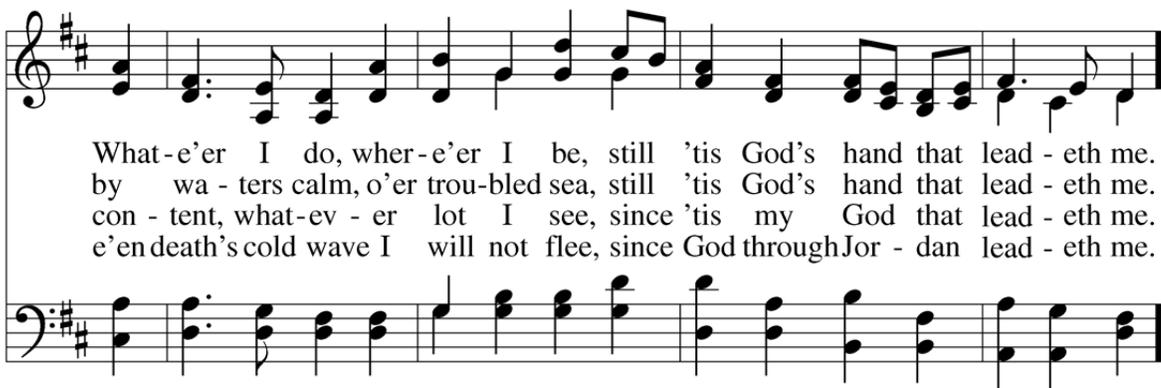
SERMON

HYMN

“He Leadeth Me”

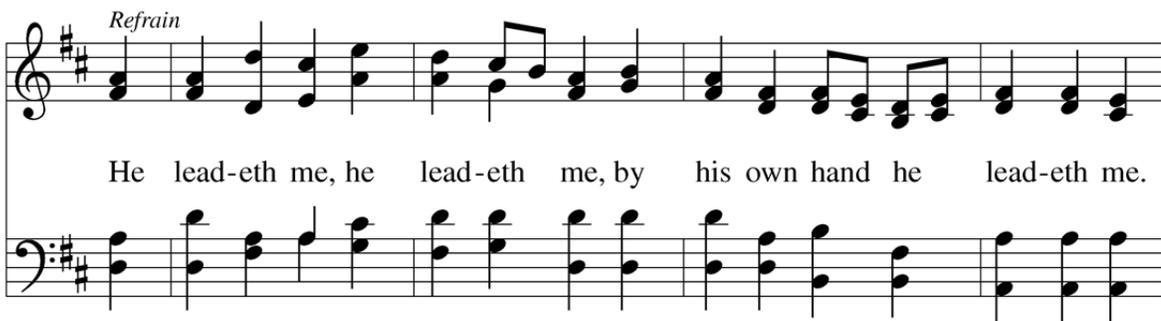


1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

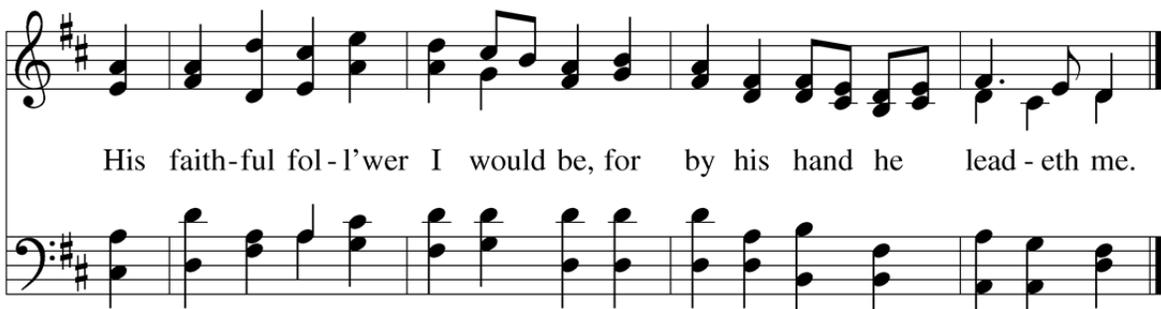


What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
by wa-ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.

Refrain



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

We give thanks to you heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked one may have no power over us. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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DEPART IN PEACE

POSTLUDE