

St. Benedict Parish  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Mass Hymn sheet

Gathering Hymn

AMAZING GRACE

NEW BRITAIN



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved \*a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

\*Alternate text: "and set me free!"

Text: CM; verses 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; verse 5, anon., fr. *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790.  
Music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 23: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

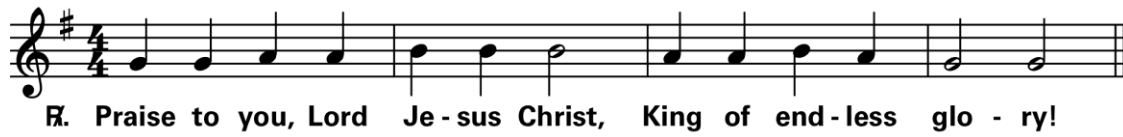


**R. The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.**

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## Gospel Acclamation

### LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. IX-A



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## Serran Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant that we beseech You through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

Amen.

Preparation Hymn

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your  
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant  
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der  
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and  
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.  
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!  
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.

# Communion Hymn

## HOLY DARKNESS

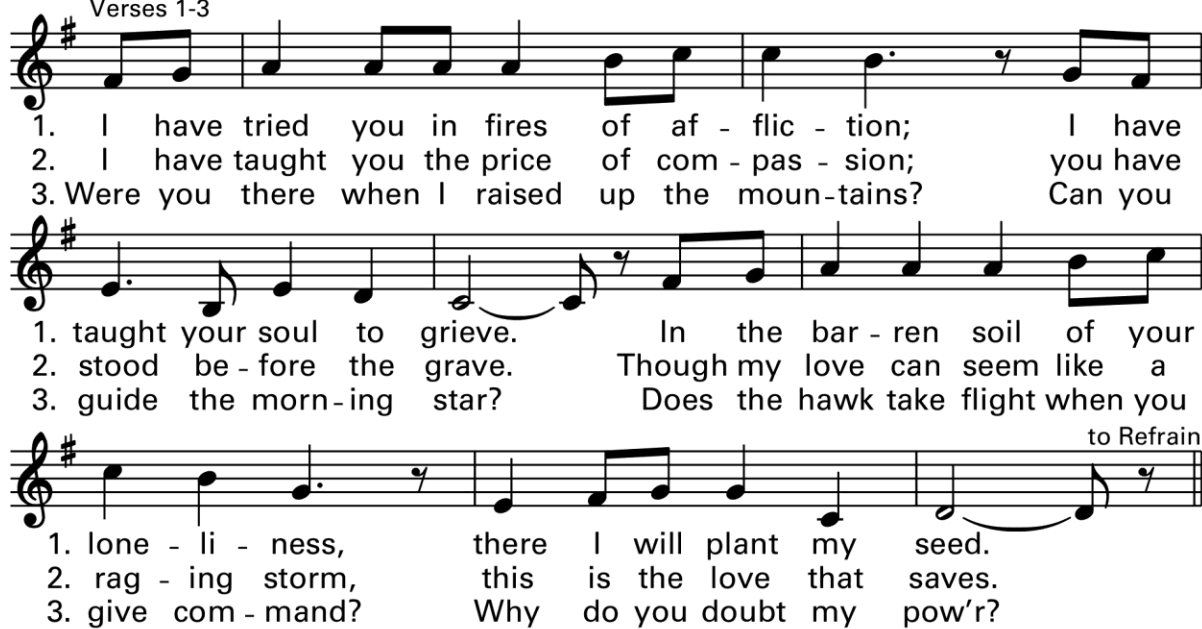
Dan Schutte

Refrain



Ho - ly dark - ness, bless - ed night, heav - en's an - swer  
hid - den from our sight. As we a - wait you, O God of  
si - lence, we em - brace your ho - ly night.

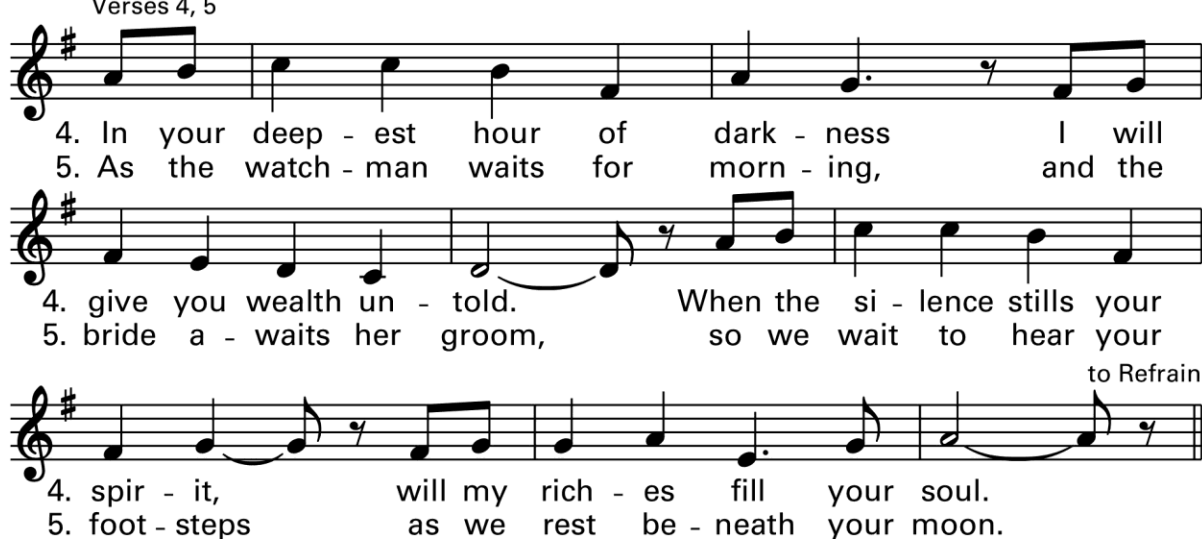
Verses 1-3



1. I have tried you in fires of af - flic - tion; I have  
2. I have taught you the price of com - pas - sion; you have  
3. Were you there when I raised up the moun - tains? Can you  
1. taught your soul to grieve. In the bar - ren soil of your  
2. stood be - fore the grave. Though my love can seem like a  
3. guide the morn - ing star? Does the hawk take flight when you  
to Refrain

1. lone - li - ness, there I will plant my seed.  
2. rag - ing storm, this is the love that saves.  
3. give com - mand? Why do you doubt my pow'r?

Verses 4, 5



4. In your deep - est hour of dark - ness I will  
5. As the watch - man waits for morn - ing, and the  
4. give you wealth un - told. When the si - lence stills your  
5. bride a - waits her groom, so we wait to hear your  
to Refrain

4. spir - it, will my rich - es fill your soul.  
5. foot - steps as we rest be - neath your moon.

# Recessional Hymn

## LEAD ME, LORD

John D. Becker

Verses

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
3. Blest are they who through their life-times sow the seeds of

1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.

1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly

1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to

seek and to find the nar-row way. Be my way;

be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -

day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.