

**Leavetaking Song: Though the Mountains May Fall**

Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust,  
yet the love of the Lord will stand  
as a shelter for all who will call on His name,  
sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget His own?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
He will not abandon you. (refrain)

Should you turn and forsake Him, He will gently call your name,  
Should you wander away from Him,  
He will always take you back. (refrain)



We adore you O Christ  
and we bless you  
for by your holy Cross  
You have redeemed  
the World!

**Opening Song: Loving and Forgiving**

Refrain: Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;  
slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
Loving and forgiving are you.

All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God.  
All by being bless the Lord,  
rememb'ring the goodness of God.

God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain,  
Saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love.  
Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love,  
God remembers not our sins, forgiving and loving is God.

**First Reading: Isaiah 58: 1 - 9****Response to the Reading: Blest Be the Lord**

Blessed be the Lord, blessed be the Lord,  
The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day.

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,  
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.  
His faithful love is all the armor that I need  
To wage my battle with the foe.

**Gospel Acclamation: Thy Word**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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(Repeat "and a light unto my path" at the end of the song)

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end. Thy Word...

**The Gospel according to Matthew 9:14 - 15****Homily****Prayer of the Faithful**

**Holy, holy, holy**, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Memorial acclamation**

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection  
Until you come again!

**Doxology****Our Father**

**Lamb of God**, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**Communion Song: We Belong to You**

We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.  
In our daily living dying and rising, we belong to you.

In the waters of your mercy, when the old becomes the new,  
Souls united in the myst'ry: we belong to you. (refrain)

Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into  
All who seek to find their purpose: we belong to you. (refrain)

When we share the bread you've broken  
with the many and the few,  
We are blessed and we are broken: we belong to you.(ref)

We are called to share your word, Lord,  
in all we say and all we do.  
As our journey moves us onward, we belong to you. (refrain)

**Meditation Song: Tomorrow**