

# *St. James Worship Service*



Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

## *Serving Today*

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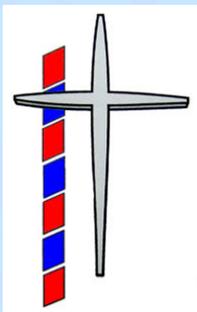
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## *Today's Music*

<b>666</b>	<b><i>What Wondrous Love is This</i></b>
<b>323</b>	<b><i>God Loved the World</i></b>
<b>335</b>	<b><i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i></b>

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666

***What Wondrous Love is This***

**1. 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 bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

**2. When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down**

**beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**3. 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**

**4. 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 God's love for me,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

323

***God Loved the World***

**1. God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.**

**2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
who was made flesh and suffered death;  
all who confide in Christ alone  
are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**3. If you are ill, if death draws near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer;  
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;  
that is the firmest ground of faith.**

**4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.**

**5. All glory to the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
be praise now and eternally!**

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791;  
tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

335

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

**1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

*Refrain*

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

**2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me.**

*Refrain*

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

**3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me.**

*Refrain*

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

**4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river.**

*Refrain*

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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