

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

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## LORD YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

1. Lord, you give the great commission:  
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the Church neglect its mission  
And the Gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:  
“In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.
3. Lord, you make the common holy:  
“This my body, this my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
Daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us  
Share your children's liberty;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

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# Your Words Are Spirit and Life

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## Refrain

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:  
richer than gold, stronger than death.  
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;  
life everlasting.

1. God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul,  
reviving the weary spirit.

God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom,  
bringing God's wisdom to birth.

2. God's precepts keep us; their purpose is right.  
They gladden the hearts of people.

God's command is so clear it brings us new vision;  
bringing God's light to our eyes.

3. Living by God's truth is holy and sure;  
God's presence is everlasting.

God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice;  
bringing God's justice to earth.

4. God's word is precious, desired more than gold;  
worth more than we dare imagine  
and, sweeter than honey, this word will feed us,  
bringing fulfillment and joy.

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## Rain Down

Jaime Cortez

### Refrain

Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love, God of life.

1. Faithful and true is the word of our God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.  
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;  
full of God's love is the earth.

2. We who revere and find hope in our God  
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.  
God will protect us from darkness and death;  
God will not leave us to starve.

3. God of creation, we long for your truth;  
you are the water of life that we thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,  
all of our hope lies in you.

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