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Terms and Abbreviations Used in Hymns

abbr. abbreviated
abr. abridged
adapt. adapted/adapted by
admin. administered by
alt. altered
arr. arranged
attr. attributed to
b. born
c. circa, about
cent. century
coll. collected
composite a combined translation from the works of various authors
d. died
ed. edited by/edition
harm. harmonized by
para. paraphrased by
ren. renewed
rev. revised
st. stanza
sts. stanzas
tr. translated by/translation/translator
vol. volume

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INTRODUCTION

Our Lord is the Lord who serves. Jesus Christ came into the flesh not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. On the cross He offered Himself as a spotless sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. Through His perfect life and death, He accomplished forgiveness and salvation for all before the Father in heaven. By His empty tomb and ascension into heaven, He declared His victory over sin and death to all the world. Seated now at the Father’s right hand, He graciously serves His Church with the gifts of salvation. On the Last Day, He will come again to gather His elect from every nation to celebrate the feast that will have no end.

Our Lord serves us today through His holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world. At Holy Baptism, He puts His name upon us, pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts, and rescues us from sin, death, and the devil. Through Holy Absolution, He pronounces His forgiveness again and again. With His holy Word, written in Scripture and preached into our ears, He daily proclaims His abiding love for us through all the joys and sorrows of life in this world. In His Holy Supper, He gives us His own body and blood to eat and drink as a priceless gift to nourish and strengthen us in both body and soul.

The Lord’s service calls forth our service—in sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to Him and in loving service to one another. Having been called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, we receive His gifts with thankfulness and praise. With psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, we joyfully confess all that God has done for us, declaring the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Our song joins with the song of every saint from every age, the new song of Christ’s holy people, declaring: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev. 5:12).

Within the Lutheran tradition, the wedding of the Word of God to melody was modeled by the reformer himself. Martin Luther had a high regard for music and urged the Church to use it wisely as a vehicle for proclaiming the Gospel. “Next to theology,” he wrote, “I accord to music the highest place and the greatest honor.” Retaining the best of pre-Reformation hymnody, as well as adding a great number of new hymns to the Church’s song, Luther and succeeding generations of hymnwriters continue to inspire the faithful to lift their voices in praise and thanksgiving to the triune God.

This heritage of word and song has been highly valued throughout the history of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Even before the Synod’s formation, a new, German-language hymnal was already in development, edited by the Synod’s first president, C. F. W. Walther. With the transition to English came several books: Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book (1889, 1912), The Lutheran Hymnal (1941), and, most recently,
Lutheran Worship (1982). Each of these hymnals not only handed on the treasures of the past but also offered contemporary expressions of word and song in service to the Gospel.

Lutheran Service Book now continues the Church’s song into the twenty-first century. Officially accepted at the Synod’s 2004 Convention, Lutheran Service Book is a careful blending of the best of The Lutheran Hymnal and Lutheran Worship. It offers treasured melodies and texts that have nourished God’s people for generations.

In every age God also blesses His people by raising up hymnwriters who have honed their craft to create rich and fresh expressions of praise. Produced during the most prolific period of English-language hymn writing in the history of Christendom, Lutheran Service Book delivers a rich feast of Gospel-centered hymns from every age and from many lands.

Lutheran Service Book is offered with the prayer that it may be used in all its fullness to give voice to the prayer, praise, and thanksgiving of God’s holy people as they are graciously served by Him through Word and Sacrament.

ABOUT THE COVER
The most prominent feature of the cover design is the cross. The dark, innermost portion of the cross is a reminder of the darkness of Good Friday, when our Lord “humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). The prominent, gold leaf cross is a reminder of the resurrection of our Lord. God raised Him “from the dead and gave Him glory, so that [our] faith and hope are in God” (1 Peter 1:21). The eight embossed squares surrounding the cross remind us of Christ’s resurrection on Sunday, the eighth day, and the inauguration of a new creation through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). Taken as a whole, the cross design gives the impression of ongoing expansion—even as the Gospel continues to be proclaimed until the end of time “in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

To the left of the cross are depicted the means of grace, through which the Gospel goes forth into our lives and to all the world. From top to bottom are an open Bible (Word of God), a shell with drops of water (Holy Baptism), and Communion vessels with grains of wheat and fruit of the vine (Lord’s Supper). On the back cover, the Holy Trinity is pictured in the form of the “hand of God” (the Father), a cross (the Son), and a dove (the Holy Spirit).
### The Church Year

#### Sundays and Seasons

**The Time of Christmas**

**Advent Season**
- First Sunday in Advent \(B/V\)
- Second Sunday in Advent \(B/V\)
- Third Sunday in Advent \(B/V\)
- Fourth Sunday in Advent \(B/V\)

**Christmas Season**
- **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD** \(W\)
  - Christmas Eve
  - Christmas Midnight
  - Christmas Dawn
  - Christmas Day
- First Sunday after Christmas \(W\)
- Second Sunday after Christmas \(W\)

**Epiphany Season**
- The Epiphany of Our Lord \(W\)
- First Sunday after the Epiphany \(W\)
  - The Baptism of Our Lord
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- Third Sunday after the Epiphany \(G\)
- Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany \(G\)
- Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany \(G\)
- Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany \(G\)
- Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany \(G\)
- Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany \(G\)
- Last Sunday after the Epiphany \(W\)
  - The Transfiguration of Our Lord

**The Time of Easter**

**Pre-Lent Season**
- Septuagesima \(G\)
- Sexagesima \(G\)
- Quinquagesima \(G\)

**Lenten Season**
- Ash Wednesday \(B/K/V\)
- First Sunday in Lent \(V\)
- Second Sunday in Lent \(V\)
- Third Sunday in Lent \(V\)

**Holy Week**
- Palm Sunday \(S/N\)
  - **Sunday of the Passion**
    - Monday in Holy Week \(S/N\)
    - Tuesday in Holy Week \(S/N\)
    - Wednesday in Holy Week \(S/N\)
    - Holy (Maundy) Thursday \(W/S/N\)
    - Good Friday \(B/K\)
    - Holy Saturday \(B/K\)

**Easter Season**
- **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD** \(W/G/O\)
  - Vigil of Easter
  - Easter Tuesday
  - Easter Sunrise
  - Easter Wednesday
  - Easter Day
  - Easter Evening/Easter Monday
- Second Sunday of Easter \(W\)
- Third Sunday of Easter \(W\)
- Fourth Sunday of Easter \(W\)
- Fifth Sunday of Easter \(W\)
- Sixth Sunday of Easter \(W\)
- The Ascension of Our Lord \(W\)
- Seventh Sunday of Easter \(W\)

**Pentecost** \(R\)
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**The Time of the Church**

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### Feasts and Festivals

#### November
- 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

#### December
- 21 St. Thomas, Apostle
- 26 St. Stephen, Martyr
- 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- 29 Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus
  - New Year’s Eve

#### January
- 1 Circumcision and Name of Jesus
- 18 The Confession of St. Peter
- 24 St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor
- 25 The Conversion of St. Paul
- 26 St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor

#### February
- 2 The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord
- 24 St. Matthias, Apostle

#### March
- 19 St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus
- 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord

#### April
- 25 St. Mark, Evangelist

#### May
- 1 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles
- 31 The Visitation (3-Year Lectionary)

#### June
- 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle
- 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

#### July
- 2 The Visitation (1-Year Lectionary)
- 22 St. Mary Magdalene
- 25 St. James the Elder, Apostle

#### August
- 15 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord
- 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- 29 The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

#### September
- 14 Holy Cross Day
- 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 29 St. Michael and All Angels

#### October
- 18 St. Luke, Evangelist
- 23 St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr
- 28 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
- 31 Reformation Day

#### November
- 1 All Saints’ Day

### Occasions

- Anniversary of a Congregation
- Mission Observance
- Christian Education
- Harvest Observance
- Day of Thanksgiving
- Day of Supplication and Prayer
- Day of National or Local Tragedy

*The observances listed in **boldface** are principal feasts of Christ and are normally observed when they occur on a Sunday. The other festivals may be observed according to local custom and preference.*

*The letters indicate the suggested colors: B = blue, BK = black, G = green, GO = gold, R = red, S = scarlet, V = violet, W = white.*

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COMMEMORATIONS

Our churches teach that the remembrance of the saints is to be commended, in order that we may imitate their faith and good works according to our calling.

Augsburg Confession 21

The Lutheran reformers understood that there was great benefit in remembering the saints whom God has given to His Church. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession (Article 21) gives three reasons for such honor. First, we thank God for giving faithful servants to His Church. Second, through such remembrance our faith is strengthened as we see the mercy that God extended to His saints of old. Third, these saints are examples by which we may imitate both their faith and their holy living according to our calling in life.

The calendar of commemorations given below lists a number of men and women from both the Old and New Testaments and from the first 19 centuries of the Church’s life. (Other New Testament persons and events are given with the Feasts and Festivals calendar on page xi.) Their defense of the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith and/or their virtuous living have caused these individuals to stand out over time as persons worthy of recognition. In every case, the purpose of our remembrance is not that we honor these saints for their own sake, but as examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made manifest to the glory of His holy name and to the praise of His grace and mercy.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

January
2 J. K. Wilhelm Loehe, Pastor
10 Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, Pastors and Confessors
20 Sarah
27 John Chrysostom, Preacher

February
5 Jacob (Israel), Patriarch
10 Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul
13 Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos
14 Valentine, Martyr
15 Philemon and Onesimus
16 Philipp Melanchthon (birth), Confessor
18 Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor
23 Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor and Martyr

March
7 Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs
17 Patrick, Missionary to Ireland
31 Joseph, Patriarch

April
6 Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Dürer, Artists
20 Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor
21 Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian
24 Johann Walter, Kantor

May
2 Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor
4 Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor and Missionary
5 Frederick the Wise, Christian Ruler
7 C. F. W. Walther, Theologian
9 Job
11 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs
21 Emperor Constantine, Christian Ruler, and Helena, Mother of Constantine
24 Esther
25 Bede the Venerable, Theologian

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**June**
1 Justin, *Martyr*
5 Boniface of Mainz, *Missionary to the Germans*
12 The Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, AD 325
14 Elisha
25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession
26 Jeremiah
27 Cyril of Alexandria, *Pastor and Confessor*
28 Irenaeus of Lyons, *Pastor*

**July**
6 Isaiah
16 Ruth
20 Elijah
21 Ezekiel
28 Johann Sebastian Bach, *Kantor*
29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany
30 Robert Barnes, *Confessor and Martyr*
31 Joseph of Arimathea

**August**
3 Joanna, Mary, and Salome, *Myrrhbearers*
10 Lawrence, *Deacon and Martyr*
16 Isaac
17 Johann Gerhard, *Theologian*
19 Bernard of Clairvaux, *Hymnwriter and Theologian*
20 Samuel
27 Monica, *Mother of Augustine*
28 Augustine of Hippo, *Pastor and Theologian*

**September**
1 Joshua
2 Hannah
3 Gregory the Great, *Pastor*
4 Moses
5 Zacharias and Elizabeth
16 Cyprian of Carthage, *Pastor and Martyr*
22 Jonah
30 Jerome, *Translator of Holy Scripture*

**October**
7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, *Pastor*
9 Abraham
11 Philip the Deacon
17 Ignatius of Antioch, *Pastor and Martyr*
25 Dorcas (Tabitha), Lydia, and Phoebe, *Faithful Women*
26 Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt, *Hymnwriters*

**November**
8 Johannes von Staupitz, Luther’s *Father Confessor*
9 Martin Chemnitz (birth), *Pastor and Confessor*
11 Martin of Tours, *Pastor*
14 Emperor Justinian, *Christian Ruler and Confessor of Christ*
19 Elizabeth of Hungary
23 Clement of Rome, *Pastor*
29 Noah

**December**
4 John of Damascus, *Theologian and Hymnwriter*
6 Nicholas of Myra, *Pastor*
7 Ambrose of Milan, *Pastor and Hymnwriter*
13 Lucia, *Martyr*
17 Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men
19 Adam and Eve
20 Katharina von Bora Luther
29 David

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For the Three-Year Lectionary, each set of appointed readings is assigned to a specific seven-day period during the season after Pentecost and given a “proper” number. When Easter falls late, the proper numbers immediately following Trinity Sunday are skipped, and the readings resume with the proper number appropriate to the seven-day period. For the One-Year Lectionary, the propers appointed for the Trinity Season follow immediately after Trinity Sunday, and the Sundays immediately prior to the Last Sunday of the Church Year are skipped.
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### DATES OF EASTER

Easter Day is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21. This full moon may happen on any date between March 21 and April 18 inclusive. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday following. Easter Day cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls in the seventh week before Easter. The Ascension of Our Lord occurs on a Thursday, forty days after Easter Day. The Day of Pentecost is seven weeks, or the fiftieth day, after Easter Day.

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GLOSSARY

Absolution. Announcement of forgiveness following the confession of sins. See page 151, left-hand column, and pages 291 and 293.


Alleluia. Hebrew word meaning “praise the LORD.” Also spelled “Hallelujah.”

Amen. Hebrew word meaning “it is true, reliable.” Spoken as the congregation’s affirmation of a prayer or blessing.

Antiphon. A verse of Scripture repeated at the beginning and end of a psalm or Introit.


Benediction. A blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the conclusion of the service. The Aaronic Benediction is from Numbers 6:24–26 (page 166). The Apostolic Benediction is from 2 Corinthians 13:14 (page 228).


Canticle. Sung liturgical text, usually drawn from the Bible (for example, the Magnificat and Benedictus).

Collect (KAH-lekt). A brief, structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion.

Compline (KOM-plin). Service of prayer at the close of the day. See pages 253–59.

Creed. From the Latin for “I believe.” Words of faith confessing the teachings of Holy Scripture. The three Ecumenical Creeds are the Apostles’ Creed (page 159), the Nicene Creed (page 158), and the Athanasian Creed (pages 319–20).

Divine Service. The name for the regular, weekly service that includes the celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Doxology. Words of praise addressed to the triune God. Hymns that conclude with a doxological stanza are so indicated with a △.

Epistle. From the Greek word for “letter.” In the Divine Service, the Epistle is the second reading, usually drawn from a letter in the New Testament.

Funeral Pall. Large, white cloth that covers the casket, reminding us that we are clothed in Christ’s righteousness through Baptism (Gal. 3:27).


Gloria Patri (GLOW-ree-uh PAH-tree). Latin for “glory to the Father.” A Trinitarian doxology used to conclude a psalm or Introit.

Gradual. A liturgical response, drawn from the Bible, that follows the Old Testament Reading.

Hosanna. Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now” (Matt. 21:9). Included in the Sanctus.

Introit (inn-TRO-it). From the Latin for “enter.” Psalm verses sung or spoken at the beginning of the Divine Service.

Many of these entries occur more than once in Lutheran Service Book. Page references are generally given for only the first occurrence. Pronunciation of some words may vary.

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Invocation. From the Latin “to call upon.” The words “In the name of the Father and of the ? Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19b) are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our Baptism. See page 151.

Kyrie (KIH-ree-ay). From the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” which means “Lord, have mercy” (Mark 10:47). See page 152.

Lectionary. A list of appointed Scripture readings for the Sundays, festivals, and occasions of the Church Year.

Litany. A structured form of prayer for all conditions of humanity, consisting of a series of petitions and responses. See pages 288–89.

Liturgy. From a Greek word meaning “public service.” See also Divine Service.


Ordinary. The parts of the service that remain the same from week to week, such as the Kyrie and Sanctus.

Paschal Candle. A large candle used during Eastertide and at baptisms and funerals to signify the presence of the risen Christ among His people.


Phos Hilaron (FOHS HILL-uh-rah-n). Greek for “joyous light.” See page 244.

Preface. The versicles and responses at the beginning of the Service of the Sacrament, followed by the Proper Preface, which changes from season to season. See pages 160–61.

Propers. The parts of the service, such as the Scripture readings, Introit, and hymns, that change according to the Sunday or festival of the Church Year.

Responsory. Scripture verses sung or spoken after the reading of Scripture in Matins, Vespers, and Compline. See pages 221–22.

Rubrics. From the Latin for “red.” Instructions, which are often printed in red, for the minister(s) and congregation concerning how to conduct a service.


Salutation. “The Lord be with you” (2 Tim. 4:22), followed by the response “And also with you,” or “And with your Spirit.” See page 172.


Verse. Portions of Scripture sung or spoken immediately before the Holy Gospel in the Divine Service, usually with Alleluias before and after.

Vespers. Evening service of psalms, readings, and prayers. See pages 229–34.

Words of Our Lord. The words of Jesus, spoken by the pastor over the bread and wine in the Service of the Sacrament, by which the body and blood of Christ are truly present, distributed, and received. Also known as the Words of Institution. See page 162.

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The psalms are pointed for singing. Each psalm verse is divided into two parts, with an asterisk (*) indicating the point of division. Most of the text of each half verse is sung to a reciting tone (á). At the point of the vertical line (|) the final two or three syllables are sung to the notes provided. Ordinarily there is one syllable of text for each note. When there are only two syllables, the first syllable is sung to two notes.

In addition to a number of single tones, three double tones are also provided. Two verses of text are sung to these tones. Double tones are especially appropriate for longer psalms and work best when sung to a psalm with an even number of verses.

Any psalm can be sung to any tone. It is best, however, that the tone, which can range from cheerful and bright to somber and austere, be appropriate to the text.
1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.
3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.*
In all that he does, he prospers.
4 The wicked are not so,*
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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9 Mountains and all hills,*
  fruit trees and all cedars!
10 Beasts and all livestock,*
  creeping things and flying birds!
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,*
  princes and all rulers of the earth!
12 Young men and maidens together,*
  old men and children!
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
  for his name alone is exalted;*
  his majesty is above earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
  praise for all his saints,*
  for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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1 Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,*
  his praise in the assembly of the godly!
2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker;* let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
3 Let them praise his name with dancing,* making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;* he adorns the humble with salvation.
5 Let the godly exult in glory,* let them sing for joy on their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats*
  and two-edged swords in their hands,*
7 to execute vengeance on the nations* and punishments on the peoples,
8 to bind their kings with chains* and their nobles with fetters of iron,
9 to execute on them the judgment written!* This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;* praise him in his mighty heavens!
2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
3 Praise him with trumpet sound;* praise him with lute and harp!
4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;* praise him with strings and pipe!
5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;* praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!* Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A HYMN OF INVOCATION may be sung.

Stand

The sign of the cross ✝️ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝️ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8–9

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝️ Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19–23]

C Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

C Amen.
SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT, PSALM, or ENTRANCE HYMN

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy

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HYMN OF PRAISE

During Advent and Lent, the HYMN OF PRAISE is omitted.

Gloria in Excelsis – Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

The service continues with the SALUTATION on page 156.
This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

C

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Refrain Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. Refrain
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Stanza 4 Refrain
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Final Refrain

Final Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.

Let us pray.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.

Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT or FIRST READING

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM or GRADUAL

EPISTLE or SECOND READING

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

The congregation sings one of the following, or the choir may sing the appointed Verse.

Common

John 6:68

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. _______, the _______ chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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The *Creed* may be confessed here or after the *Sermon*.

Sit

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**SERMON**

Stand

**CREED**

**Nicene Creed**

CO I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life *everlasting* of the world to come. Amen.

*Us men* means all people.

*Christian:* the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

**OR**

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
    maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
    born of the virgin Mary,
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,
    was crucified, died and was buried.
    He descended into hell.
    The third day He rose again from the dead.
    He ascended into heaven
    and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
    From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
    the holy Christian Church,
    the communion of saints,
    the forgiveness of sins,
    the resurrection of the body,
    and the life everlasting. Amen.

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
[1 Timothy 2:1–4]
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY
Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation.
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

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va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the
courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

If there is no Communion, the service concludes with the LORD’S PRAYER (page 162), a concluding collect, and the BENEDICTION.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:

P  It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

P  Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P  Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (401)

C  Amen.
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

C 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.

Matthew 6:9–13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24

The service continues with the Pax Domini on the following page.
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.

Matthew 6:9–13

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit
DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

One of the following canticles or an appropriate hymn is sung. During Lent, “Thank the Lord” is not sung.

Thank the Lord

P Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ry-one what He has done.

C Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

H He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giving. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

OR

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Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29–32

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (402)

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (403)

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (404)

Amen.

OR

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.
DIVINE SERVICE
Setting Three

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A HYMN OF INVOCATION may be sung.

Stand

The sign of the cross ☩ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins
unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to
grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner,
confess unto You all my sins
and iniquities with which I
have ever offended You and
justly deserved Your temporal
and eternal punishment. But I
am heartily sorry for them and
sincerely repent of them, and I
pray You of Your boundless
mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings
and death of Your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, to be gracious
and merciful to me, a poor,
sinful being.

P Almighty God, our maker and
redeemer, we poor sinners
confess unto You that we are by
nature sinful and unclean and
that we have sinned against You
by thought, word, and deed.
Wherefore we flee for refuge to
Your infinite mercy, seeking and
imploring Your grace for the
sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God,
who has given Your only-
begotten Son to die for us,
have mercy upon us and for
His sake grant us remission of
all our sins; and by Your Holy
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19–23]

Amen.

Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

Amen.

Stand
SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT, PSALM, or ENTRANCE HYMN

*When the INTROIT is used, the following Gloria Patri may be sung.*

*C* 

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE  ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest

During Advent and Lent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav’n-ly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is spoken or chanted.

Amen.

Sit

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OLD TESTAMENT or FIRST READING

After the reading:
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM or GRADUAL

EPISTLE or SECOND READING

After the reading:
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

The congregation sings one of the following, or the choir may sing the appointed Verse. During Lent, the Alleluia is omitted.

OR

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. ________, the ________ chapter.

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After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CREED

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Us men means all people.

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

After the SERMON the pastor may say:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

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new a right spirit within me. Cast me not a-

way from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit

from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1–4]

If there is no Communion, the service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer (page 196), a concluding collect, and the Benediction.
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

2 Timothy 4:22

[Colossians 3:1]

[Psalm 136]

Meet means fitting, proper.

The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

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SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna,

hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He,

blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for “heavenly hosts.”
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”

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LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer may be spoken by all or sung as follows:

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.
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread,

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.

This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.
DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.
C Amen.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29–32)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

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One of the following collects is spoken or chanted:

**A** Let us pray.

**A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (402)

**C** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (403)

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**SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

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BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.
Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

O come, let us worship Him.

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
For the Lord is a great God,
Made the sea and the dry land.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
And a great king above all gods.
And His hand formed the dry land.
And to the Holy Spirit;

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
O come, let us worship and bow down,
For He is our God,
as it was in the beginning.

Psalm 95:1–7

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Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Responsories for Lent and Easter are found on the following page.
Lent

Verse

1 We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
2 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
3 We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

To Refrain

He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Easter

Verse

1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

To Refrain

Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

A SERMON or Catechetical Instruction may follow.

Glory be to the Father
CANTICLE

Stand

The Te Deum, Benedictus (page 226), or another canticle (936, 939–941) is sung.

TE DEUM ~ We Praise You, O God

We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; The noble army of martyrs praise You.

All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl - edge You:

To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
You are the king of glory, O Christ;

To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise You.
also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

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5 When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God.

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
6 in the glory of the Father.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come.

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
6 to be our judge.

You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin:
original text, “You did not spurn the virgin’s womb.”
We therefore pray You to help Your servants, O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Govern them and lift them up for ever. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. Make them to be numbered with Your saints. Day by day we magnify You. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You. In glory ever lasting. And we worship Your name for ever and ever. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, and you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; through the tender mercy of our God; for He has visited and redeemed His people; who have been since the world began; and to remember His holy covenant, to serve Him without fear; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways; when the day shall dawn upon us from on high; and to the Holy Spirit; and has raised up a horn of salvation for us; that we should be saved from our enemies; the oath that He swore to our father Abraham, in holiness and righteousness before Him; to give knowledge of salvation to His people; to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; as it was in the beginning.
1 in the house of His ... servant David,
2 and from the hand of ... all who hate us;
3 to ... grant us that we,
4 all the ... days ... of our life.
5 in the forgiveness of their sins,
6 to guide our feet in ... to the way of peace.
7 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
And let my cry come to You.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.

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Collect of the Day

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (409)

C Amen. OR

Stand

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

L and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.
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## SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

### HYMN

*Stand*

### OPENING VERSICLES

| L | This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. | Psalm 118:24 |
| C | From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. | Psalm 113:3 |

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<td><strong>L</strong> Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.</td>
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<td><strong>L</strong> Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> Teach me Your paths.</td>
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<td><strong>L</strong> Sanctify us in Your truth.</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> Your Word is truth.</td>
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*Psalm 84:10; 25:4; John 17:17*

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<td><strong>L</strong> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.</td>
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<td><strong>L</strong> Prepare the way of the Lord.</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> Make His paths straight.</td>
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<td><strong>L</strong> Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.</td>
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*Psalm 50:2–3a; Isaiah 40:3; 45:8*

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<td><strong>L</strong> Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> Jesus said: If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.</td>
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<td><strong>L</strong> Christ was wounded for our transgressions.</td>
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<td><strong>C</strong> He was bruised for our iniquities.</td>
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*Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*

| L | From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. | Psalm 113:3 |

| C | Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. |

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Isaiah 12:2b–6

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.”

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the

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Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sit

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READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

After each reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms, hymns, or choral music may be sung between the readings.

RESPONSORY

Common

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28

Advent

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:5, 6b

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

1 John 2:1; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1

Lent

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Stand

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CATECHISM
One or more of the following parts of the Small Catechism may be spoken.

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

- maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

- who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
- born of the virgin Mary,
- suffered under Pontius Pilate,
- was crucified, died and was buried.
- He descended into hell.
- The third day He rose again from the dead.
- He ascended into heaven
- and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
- From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

- the holy Christian Church,
- the communion of saints,
- the forgiveness of sins,
- the resurrection of the body,

Lord’s Prayer

C 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.

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A responsive reading from the Small Catechism (pages 321–330) may follow.

Stand

SERMON or CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION

HYMN

The Offering may follow.

Stand

PRAYER

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (422)

Collect of the Day

L . . . one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (405)
C Amen.
The prayers may conclude with one of the following:

**Morning Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (423)

**Evening Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (424)

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

During Lent, another canticle is sung.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Pass-over Lamb has been sacrificed.

Raised from the dead, He will never die again.

Death has no more dominion over Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia.
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Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God. Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. [Psalm 103:1]

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.
An appropriate baptismal hymn may be sung. The candidate(s), sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the entrance of the nave or at the font.

When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”  
Matthew 28:18b–19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R Name

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P ☩ Name, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ☩ forehead and upon your ☩ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,  
according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood,  
yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family,  
eight souls in all.  
You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea,  
yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground,  
foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism.
Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold name(s) according to Your boundless mercy and bless him/her/them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him/her/them, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself / she herself / they themselves has/have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he/she/they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he/she/they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (501)

Amen.

If the sponsors were previously enrolled, the service continues below with the Holy Gospel.

From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles’ Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord’s Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

The pastor addresses the sponsors.

Is it your intention to serve name of candidate(s) as sponsors in the Christian faith?

Yes, with the help of God.

God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

Amen.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13–16 NKJV

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

\[\text{C} \quad \text{Our Father who art in heaven,} \]
\[\text{hallowed be Thy name,} \]
\[\text{Thy kingdom come,} \]
\[\text{Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;} \]
\[\text{give us this day our daily bread;} \]
\[\text{and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;} \]
\[\text{and lead us not into temptation,} \]
\[\text{but deliver us from evil.} \]  

Matthew 6:9–13

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font. A hymn may be sung during the procession. Then the pastor says:

\[\text{P} \quad \text{The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even } + \text{ forevermore.} \]

\[\text{C} \quad \text{Amen.} \]

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

\[\text{P} \quad \text{Name(s), do you renounce the devil?} \]
\[\text{R} \quad \text{Yes, I renounce him.} \]

\[\text{P} \quad \text{Do you renounce all his works?} \]
\[\text{R} \quad \text{Yes, I renounce them.} \]

\[\text{P} \quad \text{Do you renounce all his ways?} \]
\[\text{R} \quad \text{Yes, I renounce them.} \]

\[\text{P} \quad \text{Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?} \]
\[\text{R} \quad \text{Yes, I believe.} \]

\[\text{P} \quad \text{Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?} \]
\[\text{R} \quad \text{Yes, I believe.} \]

\[\text{P} \quad \text{Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?} \]
\[\text{R} \quad \text{Yes, I believe.} \]

\[\text{P} \quad \text{Name, do you desire to be baptized?} \]
\[\text{R} \quad \text{Yes, I do.} \]

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

\[\text{P} \quad \text{Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.} \]

\[\text{C} \quad \text{Amen.} \]

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The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**C** Amen.

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

**P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

**A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you _a member / members_ of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and _an heir / heirs_ with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus’ name as our _brother(s)/sister(s)_ in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted _name(s)_ the new birth in Holy Baptism and made _him/her/them_ _a member / members_ of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and _an heir / heirs_ of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as _he/she/they_ _has/have_ now become Your _child/children_ , You would keep _him/her/them_ in _his/her/their_ baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure _he/she/they_ may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (503)

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace _be_ with you.

**C** Amen.

All return to their places.
INDIVIDUAL
CONFESSION AND
ABSOLUTION
Based on the Rite
in Luther’s Small Catechism

You may prepare yourself by meditating on the Ten Commandments (pages 321–322). You may also pray the penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, or 143).

If you are not burdened with particular sins, do not trouble yourself or search for or invent other sins, thereby turning confession into a torture. Instead, mention one or two sins that you know and let that be enough.

When you are ready, kneel and say:
Pastor, please hear my confession and pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God’s will.

Proceed.

I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord’s name I have not honored as I should;
my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love have its way with me,
and so my love for others has failed.
There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.

If you wish to confess specific sins that trouble you, continue as follows:

What troubles me particularly is that . . .

Confess whatever you have done against the commandments of God, according to your own place in life.

The pastor may gently question or instruct you—not to pry or judge—but to assist in self-examination.

Then conclude by saying:
I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
Amen.

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Do you believe that my forgiveness is God’s forgiveness?
Yes.
Let it be done for you as you believe.

_The pastor places his hands on the head of the penitent and says:_

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
_Amen._

_The pastor may speak additional Scripture passages to comfort and strengthen the faith of those who have great burdens of conscience or are sorrowful and distressed._

_The pastor concludes:_
Go in peace.
_Amen._

_You may remain to say a prayer of thanksgiving. Psalms 30, 31, 32, 34, 103, or 118 are also appropriate._
These brief services are intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families, and in other settings.

When more than one person is present, the versicles and responses may be spoken responsively, with one person reading the words in regular type and the others responding with the words in bold type. Prayers that are in bold type are to be prayed by all.

For the readings, several verses have been recommended for each particular time of day. These may be used on a rotating basis. The value in using these few texts lies in the opportunity to learn them well. For those desiring a more complete selection of readings, daily lectionaries, such as the one found on pages 299–304, may be followed. Readings from the Small Catechism (pages 321–330) may also be incorporated into the services.

In the prayers “for others and ourselves,” the following suggestions may be used to establish a pattern of daily and weekly prayer.

**Sunday:** For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.

**Monday:** For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one’s calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

**Tuesday:** For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

**Wednesday:** For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

**Thursday:** For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood.

**Friday:** For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

**Saturday:** For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God’s Word on the Lord’s Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ’s holy gifts.
MORNING

The sign of the cross ✝️ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✝️ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. Psalm 5:3

My mouth is filled with Your praise, and with Your glory all the day. Psalm 71:8

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. Psalm 51:15

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken.

An appointed reading or one of the following is read: Colossians 3:1–4; Exodus 15:1–11; Isaiah 12:1–6; Matthew 20:1–16; Mark 13:32–36; Luke 24:1–9; John 21:4–14; Ephesians 4:17–24; Romans 6:1–4.

A portion of the Small or Large Catechism may be read.

The Apostles’ Creed is confessed.

Lord’s Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayers:
Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (441)

Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (423)

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Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. [Psalm 103:1]

Then go joyfully to your work.
The sign of the cross ✝️ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✝️ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me.

Evening, morning, and noon
I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;
He will never let the righteous fall.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken.

An appointed reading or one of the following is read: 1 Corinthians 7:17a, 23–24; Luke 23:44–46; Matthew 5:13–16; Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23; Mark 13:24–27; John 15:1–9; Romans 7:18–25; Romans 12:1–2; 1 Peter 1:3–9; Revelation 7:13–17.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Mark 10:47

Lord's Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayer:
Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy’s sake we pray. (442)

Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to direct and rule us according to Your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (443)

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]
EARLY EVENING

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

A candle may be lighted.

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

Joyous light of glory:
of the immortal Father;
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.

A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken.

An appointed reading or one of the following is read: Luke 24:28–31; Exodus 16:11–21, 31;
10:7–18; Ephesians 6:10–18a.

A portion of the Small or Large Catechism may be read.

Lord’s Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayer:
Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name’s sake. (444)
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. [Psalm 103:1]

Mealtime Prayers

Asking a blessing before the meal
Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (445) Small Catechism

Returning thanks after the meal
We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen. (446) Small Catechism
CLOSE OF THE DAY

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

To herald Your love in the morning,

Your truth at the close of the day.

Psalm 92:1–2


The Apostles’ Creed is confessed.

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which You have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal You to the nations

and the glory of Your people Israel.

Luke 2:29–32

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayers:

Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. (447) Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (424) Small Catechism

Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

Thanks be to God.

Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.

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The Advent of Our King

1 The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
2 The everlasting Son Incarnate designs to be,
3 O Zion’s daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again

And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.
Himself a servant’s form puts on To set his servants free.
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true members all unite With Him in heav’n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day

Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,

Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! “Christ is near,” we hear it say. “Cast away the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, its sun, all pardon down from heav’n. Let us haste, with world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us.

2 Star-tied at the solemn warning, Let the Father and the Son With the ever-works of darkness, All you children of the day!”

3 See, the Lamb, so long ex-pected, Comes with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be for-giv’n; with His mer-cy And with words of love draw near.

4 So, when next He comes in glo-ry And the sloth dis-pelling, Shines up-on the morn-ing skies.

5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, do-min-ion To the liv-ing Spir-it While e-ter-nal a-ges run! These materials may be reproduced for purposes of review only. Permission from specific copyright holders must be obtained before using any of these materials in worship.
When All the World Was Cursed

1 When all the world was cursed
By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came
With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal
The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown,
As Savior he proclaimed.

2 Before he yet was born,
He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord
Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream,
A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him
Of whom the prophets told:

3 Behold the Lamb of God
That bears the world's transgression,
The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing,
Behold the Lamb of God,
Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy
Will full atonement win:

4 O grant, dear Lord of love,
That we receive, rejoicing,
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior's way.
Until we live with Him
In His eternal day.


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ADVENT

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Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. 
2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heav’n afar. 
3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Sleep in heav’nly peace. Sleep in heav’nly peace. 
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!


Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85; Spanish tr. Federico Fliedner, 1845–1901 
Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787–1863; setting: Traditional

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1 ¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!
   Todo duerme en derredor.
   Entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
   bella anunciando al niño Jesús
   brilla la estrella de paz,
   brilla la estrella de paz.

2 ¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!
   Oye humilde el fiel pastor
   coros celestes que anuncian salud,
   gracias y glorias en gran plenitud,
   por nuestro buen Redentor,
   por nuestro buen Redentor.

3 ¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!
   Ved qué bello resplandor
   luce en el rostro del niño Jesús
   en el peñabre, del mundo la luz,
   astro de eterno fulgor,
   astro de eterno fulgor.

Note: The text below, known to some in The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod, is an alternate wording of stanza I.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das heilige Elternpaar,
Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind.
To Jordan Came
the Christ, Our Lord

1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Father’s pleasure;
   Baptized by John, the Father’s Word spoken. Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell wonder. The Father’s voice from heav’n came down,

2 O hear and mark the message well, For God Himself has tend ing; The Holy Spirit like a dove Was given us to treasure. This heav’nly washing And so receive this token. Our Lord here with His Up on the scene descending; The triune God as now shall be A cleansing from transgression Word en-dows Pure water, freely flowing. loved Son, In whom My heart has pleasure. sur ing us, With promises compelling,

3 These truths on Jordan’s banks were shown By mighty word and And by His blood and agony Release from death’s oppression. A new life now awaits us. stowing The Baptism of His blessing, measure The word that He has spoken.” dwell ing To comfort and sustain us.

4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Elizabeth Quitmeyer, 1911–88, alt.
Tune: David Lee, b. 1956
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In his catechism hymn on Baptism, Luther uses the biblical narrative concerning Christ’s Baptism to teach the meaning of Baptism for our lives. Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

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5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
   “Go out to ev’ry nation,  
   And bring to them the living Word  
   And this My invitation:  
Let ev’ryone abandon sin  
   And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
   Full pardon and remission  
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”

6 But woe to those who cast aside  
   This grace so freely given;  
   They shall in sin and shame abide  
   And to despair be driven.  
For born in sin, their works must fail,  
   Their striving saves them never;  
Their pious acts do not avail,  
   And they are lost forever,  
Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
   Is water as we pour it.  
   Before the eye of faith unfolds  
   The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.  
   For here it sees the crimson flood  
   To all our ills bring healing;  
   The wonders of His precious blood  
   The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

Come, Join in Cana’s Feast

1 Come, join in Ca-na’s feast  
   Where Christ is hon-o red guest.  
2 The old wine now is gone  
   From jars that stand a-par t.  
3 But Christ, the Word made flesh,  
   Bids wa- ter turn to wine.  
4 Come, friends, and share the feast:  
   Here drink the wine sup plied  
5 For now He lives and reigns  
   Through all e - ter - ni ty  
He wel - comes all who come to taste  
   The wine His hands have blessed.  
No long - er can it sat - is - fy  
   The yearn-ing, thirst - ing heart.  
He fills our emp-ty cups a-gain  
   With grace and truth di - vine.  
By Him who is both guest and host—  
   For us, the cru - ci fied.  
With Fa - ther, Spir-it, Three in One,  
   The glo-ri ous Trin - i ty.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., b. 1923  
Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Hymn accompaniment: 410

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431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Je - wish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav’n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Believ - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;

Could give the guilt-y con-science peace Or wash a-way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con-fess my sin.
When hang-ing on the curs-ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed-ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Tune: William Daman, c. 1540–91; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
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432 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son

1 In si - lent pain the e - ter-nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ-teous-ness;
3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;

In dark - ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther’s will.
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.
To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:

Our Lord tenderly reaches out to all the world with nail - scarred hands, inviting us to see in His eyes God’s love from all eternity. Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Christopher M. Idle, b. 1938
Tune: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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Matt. 10: 3–9; 27: 45–54; 1 Peter 2: 24
Heb. 10: 1–4, 12; Heb. 9: 12–14; Gal. 3: 13; Rev. 5: 6–14

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Glory Be to Jesus

Up- lift-ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic-to-ry,
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him-self to save the lost;
For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,
He loved us to the utter-most And paid for our release.
And those who love Him see His scars And look into His eyes.

1 Peter 1:18–19; Eph. 1:6–8; Rev. 7:9–14

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O Sons and Daughters of the King

1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n-ly hosts in glo-ry sing, To-day the grave has lost its sting!
2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faith-ful wom-en went their way To seek the tomb where Je-sus lay.
3 An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks un-to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal-i-lee.”
4 That night the a-pos-tles met in fear; Among them came their mas-ter dear And said, “My peace be with you here.”
5 When Thom-as first the tid-ings heard That they had seen the ris-en Lord, He doubt-ed the dis-ci-ples’ word.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be.”
7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; “You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.
9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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O Sons and Daughters of the King

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’n-ly hosts in glo-ry sing, Today the
grave has lost its sting! Al-le-lu-ia!

2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faith-ful wom-en went their way To seek the
tomb where Jesus lay, Al-le-lu-ia!

3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks un-to the three, “Your Lord will
go to Gal-i-lee.” Al-le-lu-ia!

4 That night the a-pos-tles met in fear;
A-mong them came their mas-ter dear And said, “My
peace be with you here.” Al-le-lu-ia!

5 When Thomas first the tid-ings heard
That they had seen the ris-en Lord, He doubt-ed
the dis-ci-ples’ word. Al-le-lu-ia!

6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.

Refrain

Alleluia!  Refrain

Mark 16:5–7; John 20:24–29

The Refrain is sung once at the beginning of the hymn and a second time at the conclusion of the hymn.
Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

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Praise Be to Christ

1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see
   The image of the

2 Praise be to Him whose sovereign sway
   And will upholds cre-

3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High,
   The fullness of the

Father shown, The first-born Son revealed and known,
   The truth and a-tion’s plan; Who is, before all worlds began
   And when our God-head shares; And yet our hu-man na-ture bears,
   Who came as

grace of deity; Through whom cre-a-tion came to birth,
   world has passed away: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
   man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace

Whose fingers set the stars in place, The un-seen pow’rs, and
   Re-demp-tion’s price and source and theme, A-live, the first-born
   Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
Tune: Johann Störls . . . Schlag-Gesang Und Noten-Buch, Stuttgart, 1744;
setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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Christ Is the World’s Redeemer

1 Christ is the world’s Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heav’nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.

2 Christ has our host surround’ed With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
Then Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suffering for the sinful, Our full redemption won.

3 Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphanty.
And now, to heav’n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had n’er departed, His Father’s and His own.

4 Glory to God the Father, The unbe-gotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole-begotten Son,
All the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

Tune: Irish

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Tune: Irish

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O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life

1 O Christ, who shared our mortal life And ended death’s long reign,
2–3 Insert appropriate stanzas.
4 Death’s power holds us still in thrall And bears us toward the tomb.

Who healed the sick and raised the dead And bore our grief and pain:
Death’s dark-ning cloud hangs like a pall That threatens earth with doom.

We know our years on earth are few, That death is always near.
But You have broken death’s embrace And torn away its sting.

Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that conquers fear!
Re-store to life our mortal race! Raise us, O Risen King!

Alternate tune: KINGSFOLD (444)

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### Raising of Jairus’ Daughter (Matt. 9:18–19, 23–26 or Mark 5:21–43)

5 A ruler proud but bent by grief  
   Knelt down before Your feet:  
   “My precious daughter’s gripped  
   by death!  
   Come now and death defeat!”

6 You pressed through crowds to reach  
   the child  
   Whose limbs with death grew cold.  
   “She is not dead; she only sleeps!”

   The weeping folk You told.  
   And then You took her hand and called,  
   “My child, I bid you rise!”

   She rose! And all stood round You, Lord,  
   With awed and wond’ring eyes!

### Raising of the Widow’s Son (Luke 7:11–17)

7 The ranks of death with trophy grim  
   Through ancient streets once trod  
   And suddenly confronted You,  
   The mighty Son of God.

   A widow’s tears evoked Your Word;  
   You stopped the bearers’ tread.  
   “Weep not!” in pity then You spoke  
   To her whose son was dead.

8 The ranks of death, the Lord of Life  
   Stood face to face that hour;  
   And You took up the age-old strife  
   With words of awesome pow’r.

   “Young man, arise!” You ordered loud,  
   And death defeated lay.  
   The widow’s son cast off his shroud  
   And strode from death away.

### Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1–45)

9 Two weeping sisters, worn by grief  
   And mired in depths of gloom,  
   Stood watching where their brother lay  
   Within a rock-sealed tomb.

   When, Lord, You met them as they  
   mourned,  
   You wept compassion’s tear.

   But Martha, sore with sorrow, said,  
   “He’d lived had You been here!”

10 “I am the Lord of life and death!”  
   You answered Martha’s cry,  
   “And all who hear and trust  
   My Word  
   Shall live, although they die!”

   You walked the path to Laz’rus’ tomb,  
   You called him forth by name,  
   And living, loving once again,  
   From death to life he came!
Salvation unto Us Has Come

1 Salvation unto us has come
   By God's free grace and favor;

2 What God did in His Law demand
   And none to Him could render

3 It was a false, misleading dream
   That God His Law had given

4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,
   Sin held its sway unceasing;

Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Caused wrath and woe on every hand
For man, the vile offender.
That sinners could themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The task was useless and in vain,
Our guilt was ever increasing.

Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world stand alone;
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the world abhors;
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light;
None can remove sin's poisoned dart
Or purify our guilty heart.

He is our one Redeemer,
Law requires, and lost is our condition.
Sin to light that lurks within our nature.
So deep is our corruption.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Tune: Eislech Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
   Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God’s anger stilled,
   Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed
   Which over us impended.
8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
   And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
   The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
   No comfort and no blessing.
6 Since Christ has full atonement made
   And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
   And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
   For You have paid my ransom.
9 Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone
   And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
   With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
   The proof that faith is living.
7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
   Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!”
   No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
   And I shall never perish.
10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
   To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
   All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav’n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
   Your blessèd name we hallow.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8–9
Lord, ’Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

1 Lord, ’tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be; For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy heart and mind; Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy bound-less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex-pi-a-tion, Priest and

2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark-ened grace not chosen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me heav’n-ly glo-ries blind. Now I worship none a-bove Thee; King en-throned a-bove. Praise the Spir-it of sal-va-tion,

3 Praise the God of all cre-a-tion; Praise the Fa-ther’s Washed and cleansed and set me free And un-to this For Thy grace a- lone I thirst, Know-ing well that, Him by whom our spir-its live. Un-di-vid-ed

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789–1855, alt.
Tune: Erbauli cher Mu-si-ali-cher Chri-tent-Hatz, Basel, 1745; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Proper 5, Series A
587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

1 I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word. Our reason cannot take my hope of bliss away. But, Lord, with You become a steadfast trust retain; And then at my death the truth of God profound; Who trusts in human side me, I shall be undismayed; And led by Your good pasture, Lord, take me home to You, Your riches to wisdom relies on shifting ground. God’s Word is all sufficient, It makes divinely sure; And me, O Savior, A firm faith bestow; Then death, Lord, keep me until Your heav’n I gain, Where trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure. I shall bid defiance To ev’ry evil foe. I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

Hymn accompaniment: 820

Text: Edmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Tune: Concessit nobi, Augsburg, 1540

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Jesus Loves Me

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
2 Jesus loves me! He who died Heav’n’s gates to open wide.

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

1 Cristo me ama, bien lo sé; su Palabra me hace ver que los niños son de aquel quien es nuestro amigo fiel.
2 Cristo me ama, me salvó, en la cruz por mí murió; mi pecado perdonó; vida eterna me donó.

Estribillo Sí, Cristo me ama; sí, Cristo me ama; sí, Cristo me ama; la Biblia dice así.

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All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

1 All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven, And in whose daily life is prized
2 You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception, Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-ever.
3 But all of that was washed away—Immersed and drowned forever. The water of your Baptism day
4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—Our shame is fully covered With all that He once sacrificed And freely

Christ once given: Consider now what God has done, The out exception. For like your parents’ flesh and blood, Turned
for us suffered. For here the flood of His own blood Now

gifts He gives to every one Baptized into Christ Jesus! Inward from the highest good, You constantly denied Him. all our sinful selves employed According to our nature, makes us holy, right, and good Before our heav’n-ly Father.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. Jon D. Vieker, b. 1961
Tune: Etlich Christlicher Lieder, Wittenberg, 1524
The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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Rom. 6:1–10; Eph. 5:25b–26; Ezek. 36:25–27; Gal. 3:26–27
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5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
   And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
   In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
   And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
   In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
   Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
   Bestowed on you forever!

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

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685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure;
Through a world that would deceive us And to bear our cross.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience conquer death;
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He has risen.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He
from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus,

4 Let us also live with Jesus; He hasrisen sin our spirit's lure. Onward in His footsteps treading,
is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter,

Tune: Georg G. Bohtz, 18th cent.; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
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Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Proper 17, Series A
TRUST

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

1 From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside.
2 When those whom I regarded As trust-worth-y and sure.
3 The Lord my life arranges; Who can His work destroy?
4 Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done.
5 Praise God with acclamation And in His gifts rejoice.

But gently will reprove me And be my constant guide.
Have long from me departed, God's grace shall endure.
In His good time He changes All sorrow into joy.
He sent His greatest treasure In Jesus Christ, His Son.
Each day finds its vacation Responding to His voice.

He stretches out His hand In evening and in morning,
He rescues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
So let me then be still: My body, soul, and spirit
He every gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend expressing

My life with grace adorning Wher-ev-er I may stand.
I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have with in.
His tender care inherit It Ac-cord-ing to His will.
Are by His kind-ness given. Praise Him with thank-ful hearts!
The love of God brings blessing That will for-ev-er last!

6 Yet even though I suffer The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

7 For thus the Father willed it, Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it And brought eternal day,
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Tune: Recueil de plusieurs chansons, Lyons, 1557, alt.
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Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

1. Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav’n and earth possesses; Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppress es. In You alone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation, Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.

2. Though Satan’s wrath Be set our path And world-ly scorn as sail us, While You are love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppress es. In You alone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation, Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.

3. In all the strife Of mort-al life Our feet will stand secure ly; Temp-ta-tion’s love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppress es. In You alone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation, Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.

Ps. 73:25–26; Heb. 12:2–3; Rom. 8:38–39; Titus 3:5–7

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Joachim Magdeburg, c. 1525–after 1587, st. 1; Harmonia cantionum, Leipzig, 1597, sts. 2–3; tr. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804–99, alt.

Tune: Claudin de Sermisy, c. 1490–1562

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Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way;

For if You lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow’r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,

To help me over my weakest hour.
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am blind without Thy light to see.

Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Ps. 5:8; 25:5

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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life’s way;
2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,

Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.

Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;

So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un to the end.

Tune: P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860; setting: Service Book and Hymnal, 1958
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723 The Lord Is My Light

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my salvation. The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear? ¿Quién te me re? ¿Quién me hará temblar?

I There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His house forever, To gaze on the beauty of the Lord All the days of my life.

Irregular meter

Psalm 27

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Lorraine Florindez, b. 1926; tr. Jon D. Vieker, b. 1961
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2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Every day I will seek Your face. Though my father and mother may forsake me, The Lord will receive me.

3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, along a level way. I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord in the land of all the living.

2 No me es-condas tu rostro, Señor, bus-caré to-do el di-a tu ro-stro. Si mi pa-dre y mi ma-dre me a-ban-do-nan, el Señor me co-ge-rá.

3 Oh Señor, enseña-me el ca-mi-no, gui-a-me por la sen-da ver-da-de-ra. Go-za-ré de la di-cha del Se-

Refrain

Refrain

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754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing hand;
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se - cure.
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis - mayed;
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for you In ways to rouse your won - der At

sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the tem - pests A - long their thun - d’rous ways Will find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can win your Fa - ther’s fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un - ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.
keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow’rs Will til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.

5 O blessèd heir of heaven, You’ll hear the song resound Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned.
6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless Until we see the ending Of all our life’s distress.
   When in your right hand your maker Will place the victor’s palm, And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care.
   And you will thank Him gladly And at our end then bring us To heav’n to praise You there.

Ps. 37:5, 125:4; Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:6-7

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In the Very Midst of Life

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

1 In the very midst of life Snares of death surround us;
2 In the midst of death’s dark vale Pow’rs of hell o’er-take us;
3 In the midst of utter woe When our sins oppress us,

Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe confound us?
Who will help when they assail, Who secure will make us?
Where shall we for refuge go, Where for grace to bless us?

Thou on-ly, Lord, Thou on-ly! We mourn that we have great-ly
Thou on-ly, Lord, Thou on-ly! Thy heart is moved with ten-der-
To Thee, Lord Je-sus, on-ly! Thy pre-cious blood was shed to

erred, That our sins Thy wrath have stirred. Ho-ly and righ-teous God!
ness, Pit-ies us in our dis-tress. Ho-ly and righ-teous God!
win Full a-tone-ment for our sin. Ho-ly and righ-teous God!

Ho-ly and might-y God! Ho-ly and all-mer-ci-ful
Ho-ly and might-y God! Ho-ly and all-mer-ci-ful
Ho-ly and might-y God! Ho-ly and all-mer-ci-ful

Sav-i-or! E-ter-nal Lord God! Save us lest we per-ish
Sav-i-or! E-ter-nal Lord God! Save us from the ter-ror
Sav-i-or! E-ter-nal Lord God! Lord, pre-serve and keep us

In the bit-ter pangs of death. Have mer-cy, O Lord!
Of the fi-ery pit of hell. Have mer-cy, O Lord!
In the peace that faith can give. Have mer-cy, O Lord!

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Text: Romans 14:7-8; 2 Corinthians 1:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:53-54

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May God Bestow on Us His Grace

1 May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich pro-
2 Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev-ry
3 O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works in-

To life eternal guide us, That we His
The voice of exultation. For Thou shalt

Everlasting health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!

And also to the nations show Christ’s riches without
Thy people’s pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe pos-

nourish, In righteous paths to keep them.
Now let our hearts say, “Amen!”

Tune: Der Lxvj. Deus Misereatur, Magdeburg, 1524

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May God Bestow on Us His Grace

1 May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich and free.
2 Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of every one.
3 O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increase.

To life eternal guide us, That we His saving health may know,
Thy Word is rich in blessing, May God the Father, earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;
His gracious will and pleasure,
And all the nations show Christ’s riches without God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!

And also to the peoples pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish, In righteous paths to keep them.
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us. Now let our hearts say, “Amen!”

Ps. 67:1–2; 96:10–13; Is. 55:10–11; 62:1–2

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My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD.*
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation.

There is none holy like the LORD; there is none beside You,*
there is no rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,*
let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,*
and by Him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,*
but the feeble bind on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,*
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,*
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life;*
He brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich;*
He brings low and He exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;*
He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’S,*
and on them He has set the world.

He will guard the feet of His faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,*
for not by might shall a man prevail.

The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces,*
against them He will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;*
He will give strength to His king and exalt the power of His anointed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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I Will Greatly Rejoice in the Lord

Gaudens gaudebo

1 I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;*
   my soul shall exult | in my God,
2 for He has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;*
   He has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,
3 as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,*
   and as a bride adorns herself with her | jewels.

Refrain

4 For as the earth brings | forth its sprouts,*
   and as a garden causes what is sown in it to | sprout up,
5 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise* to sprout up before all the | nations.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
   and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
   is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

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Kyrie! God, Father

Ky-ri-e! God, Fa-ther in heav’n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-ci-ous love,

Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

Ky-ri-e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va-tion for all You came to bring.

O Lord Je-sus, God’s own Son, Our me-di-a-tor at the heav’n-ly throne:

Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca-tion. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

Ky-ri-e! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the

gift we need the most, And bless our life’s last hour, That we leave this

sin-ful world with glad - ness. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

Kyrie eleison (KIH-ree ay oh-LEYE-ee-sohn): Lord, have mercy.
This setting of the Kyrie follows the ancient practice of expanding a liturgical text.
Here the stanzas express a trinitarian interpretation of the threefold Kyrie.
Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Latin, 9th cent.; German version, Ordenung der ceremonien; Naumburg, 1537/38; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
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Kyrie — I 943

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie eleison (KIH-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-sohn): Lord, have mercy.

Text: Traditional  
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–94

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Kyrie — II 944

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie eleison (KIH-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-sohn): Christe (KRIS-tay)

Text: Traditional  
Music: Russian Orthodox

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