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Terms and Abbreviations Used in Hymns

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

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
Second Sunday after the Epiphany *G*
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

*3-Year
Lect.*

The Time of Easter

Pre-Lent Season

Septuagesima *G*
Sexagesima *G*
Quinquagesima *G*

*1-Year
Lect.*

Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday *BK/V*
First Sunday in Lent *V*
Second Sunday in Lent *V*
Third Sunday in Lent *V*

Fourth Sunday in Lent *V*
Fifth Sunday in Lent *V*

Holy Week

Palm Sunday *S/V*
Sunday of the Passion
Monday in Holy Week *S/V*
Tuesday in Holy Week *S/V*
Wednesday in Holy Week *S/V*
Holy (Maundy) Thursday *W/S/V*
Good Friday *BK*
Holy Saturday *BK*

Easter Season

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD *W/GO*
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*
Pentecost Eve
The Day of Pentecost
Pentecost Evening/Pentecost Monday
Pentecost Tuesday

The Time of the Church

The Season after Pentecost

The Holy Trinity *W*
Second through Twenty-seventh Sunday
after Pentecost (*3-Year Lectionary*) *G*
First through Twenty-sixth Sunday after
Trinity (*1-Year Lectionary*) *G*
Last Sunday of the Church Year *G*

FEASTS AND FESTIVALS

November

30 St. Andrew, Apostle R

December

21 St. Thomas, Apostle R
 26 St. Stephen, Martyr R
 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist W
 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs R
 31 **Eve of the Circumcision and
 Name of Jesus** W
New Year's Eve

January

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

February

2 **The Purification of Mary and the
 Presentation of Our Lord** W
 24 St. Matthias, Apostle R

March

19 St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus W
 25 **The Annunciation of Our Lord** W

April

25 St. Mark, Evangelist R

May

1 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles R
 31 **The Visitation** (3-Year Lectionary) W

June

11 St. Barnabas, Apostle R
 24 **The Nativity of St. John
 the Baptist** W
 29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles R

July

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

August

15 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord W
 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle R
 29 The Martyrdom of St. John
 the Baptist R

September

14 Holy Cross Day R
 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist R
 29 **St. Michael and All Angels** W

October

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

*November*1 **All Saints' Day** W

OCCASIONS

Anniversary of a Congregation R
 Mission Observance W
 Christian Education Color of Season
 Harvest Observance Color of Season

Day of Thanksgiving W
 Day of Supplication and Prayer V
 Day of National or Local Tragedy V

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.

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 Melancthon (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*

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

LECTIONARIES

SUNDAYS AND SEASONS

Three-Year Lectionary: Series A

Sunday/Festival	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
Advent 1	Is. 2:1–5	Rom. 13:(8–10) 11–14	Matt. 21:1–11 <i>or</i> Matt. 24:36–44
Advent 2	Is. 11:1–10	Rom. 15:4–13	Matt. 3:1–12
Advent 3	Is. 35:1–10	James 5:7–11	Matt. 11:2–15
Advent 4	Is. 7:10–17	Rom. 1:1–7	Matt. 1:18–25
Christmas Eve	Is. 7:10–14	1 John 4:7–16	Matt. 1:18–25
Christmas Midnight	Is. 9:2–7	Titus 2:11–14	Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)
Christmas Dawn	Is. 62:10–12	Titus 3:4–7	Luke 2:(1–14) 15–20
Christmas Day	Is. 52:7–10	Heb. 1:1–6 (7–12)	John 1:1–14 (15–18)
Christmas 1	Is. 63:7–14	Gal. 4:4–7	Matt. 2:13–23
Christmas 2	1 Kings 3:4–15	Eph. 1:3–14	Luke 2:40–52
Epiphany	Is. 60:1–6	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1–12
Baptism of Our Lord	Is. 42:1–9	Rom. 6:1–11	Matt. 3:13–17
Epiphany 2	Is. 49:1–7	1 Cor. 1:1–9	John 1:29–42a
Epiphany 3	Is. 9:1–4	1 Cor. 1:10–18	Matt. 4:12–25
Epiphany 4	Micah 6:1–8	1 Cor. 1:18–31	Matt. 5:1–12
Epiphany 5	Is. 58:3–9a	1 Cor. 2:1–12 (13–16)	Matt. 5:13–20
Epiphany 6	Deut. 30:15–20	1 Cor. 3:1–9	Matt. 5:21–37
Epiphany 7	Lev. 19:1–2, 9–18	1 Cor. 3:10–23	Matt. 5:38–48
Epiphany 8	Is. 49:8–16a	1 Cor. 4:1–13	Matt. 6:24–34
Transfiguration	Ex. 24:8–18	2 Peter 1:16–21	Matt. 17:1–9
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12–19	2 Cor. 5:20b—6:10	Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21
Lent 1	Gen. 3:1–21	Rom. 5:12–19	Matt. 4:1–11
Lent 2	Gen. 12:1–9	Rom. 4:1–8, 13–17	John 3:1–17
Lent 3	Ex. 17:1–7	Rom. 5:1–8	John 4:5–26 (27–30, 39–42)
Lent 4	Is. 42:14–21	Eph. 5:8–14	John 9:1–41 <i>or</i> John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39
Lent 5	Ezek. 37:1–14	Rom. 8:1–11	John 11:1–45 (46–53) <i>or</i> John 11:17–27, 38–53
Palm Sunday Procession			John 12:12–19
Sunday of the Passion	Is. 50:4–9a	Phil. 2:5–11	Matt. 26:1—27:66 <i>or</i> Matt. 27:11–66 <i>or</i> John 12:20–43
Monday in Holy Week	Is. 50:5–10	Heb. 9:11–15	Matt. 26:1—27:66 <i>or</i> John 12:1–23
Tuesday in Holy Week	Is. 49:1–7	1 Cor. 1:18–25 (26–31)	Mark 14:1—15:47 <i>or</i> John 12:23–50
Wednesday in Holy Week	Is. 62:11—63:7	Rom. 5:6–11	Luke 22:1—23:56 <i>or</i> John 13:16–38
Holy Thursday	Ex. 24:3–11	Heb. 9:11–22	Matt. 26:17–30
Holy Thursday (alt)	Ex. 12:1–14	1 Cor. 11:23–32	John 13:1–17, 31b–35
Good Friday	Is. 52:13—53:12	Heb. 4:14–16; 5:7–9	John 18:1—19:42 <i>or</i> John 19:17–30
Holy Saturday	Dan. 6:1–24	1 Peter 4:1–8	Matt. 27:57–66

Sunday/Festival	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
Vigil of Easter	Selected Readings		
Easter Sunrise	Ex. 14:10—15:1	1 Cor. 15:1–11	John 20:1–18
Easter Day	Acts 10:34–43 <i>or</i> Jer. 31:1–6	Col. 3:1–4	Matt. 28:1–10
Easter Evening/Monday	Ex. 15:1–18 <i>or</i> Dan. 12:1c–3	Acts 10:34–43 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 5:6b–8	Luke 24:13–35 (36–49)
Easter Tuesday	Dan. 3:8–28	Acts 13:26–33	Luke 24:36–49
Easter Wednesday	Acts 3:13–15, 17–19	Col. 3:1–7 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 11:23–26	John 21:1–14
Easter 2	Acts 5:29–42	1 Peter 1:3–9	John 20:19–31
Easter 3	Acts 2:14a, 36–41	1 Peter 1:17–25	Luke 24:13–35
Easter 4	Acts 2:42–47	1 Peter 2:19–25	John 10:1–10
Easter 5	Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60	1 Peter 2:2–10	John 14:1–14
Easter 6	Acts 17:16–31	1 Peter 3:13–22	John 14:15–21
Ascension	Acts 1:1–11	Eph. 1:15–23	Luke 24:44–53
Easter 7	Acts 1:12–26	1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11	John 17:1–11
Pentecost Eve	Ex. 19:1–9	Rom. 8:12–17 (22–27)	John 14:8–21
Day of Pentecost	Num. 11:24–30	Acts 2:1–21	John 7:37–39
Pentecost Evening/Monday	Is. 57:15–21	Acts 10:34a, 42–48	John 3:16–21
Pentecost Tuesday	Is. 32:14–20	Acts 8:14–17	John 10:1–10
Holy Trinity	Gen. 1:1—2:4a	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	Matt. 28:16–20
Proper 3 (May 24–28)	Is. 49:8–16a	Rom. 1:8–17	Matt. 6:24–34
Proper 4 (May 29—June 4)	Deut. 11:18–21, 26–28	Rom. 3:21–28	Matt. 7:15–29
Proper 5 (June 5–11)	Hos. 5:15—6:6	Rom. 4:13–25	Matt. 9:9–13
Proper 6 (June 12–18)	Ex. 19:2–8	Rom. 5:6–15	Matt. 9:35—10:8 (9–20)
Proper 7 (June 19–25)	Jer. 20:7–13	Rom. 6:12–23	Matt. 10:5a, 21–33
Proper 8 (June 26—July 2)	Jer. 28:5–9	Rom. 7:1–13	Matt. 10:34–42
Proper 9 (July 3–9)	Zech. 9:9–12	Rom. 7:14–25a	Matt. 11:25–30
Proper 10 (July 10–16)	Is. 55:10–13	Rom. 8:12–17	Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23
Proper 11 (July 17–23)	Is. 44:6–8	Rom. 8:18–27	Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43
Proper 12 (July 24–30)	Deut. 7:6–9	Rom. 8:28–39	Matt. 13:44–52
Proper 13 (July 31—Aug. 6)	Is. 55:1–5	Rom. 9:1–5 (6–13)	Matt. 14:13–21
Proper 14 (Aug. 7–13)	Job 38:4–18	Rom. 10:5–17	Matt. 14:22–33
Proper 15 (Aug. 14–20)	Is. 56:1, 6–8	Rom. 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32	Matt. 15:21–28
Proper 16 (Aug. 21–27)	Is. 51:1–6	Rom. 11:33—12:8	Matt. 16:13–20
Proper 17 (Aug. 28—Sept. 3)	Jer. 15:15–21	Rom. 12:9–21	Matt. 16:21–28
Proper 18 (Sept. 4–10)	Ezek. 33:7–9	Rom. 13:1–10	Matt. 18:1–20
Proper 19 (Sept. 11–17)	Gen. 50:15–21	Rom. 14:1–12	Matt. 18:21–35
Proper 20 (Sept. 18–24)	Is. 55:6–9	Phil. 1:12–14, 19–30	Matt. 20:1–16
Proper 21 (Sept. 25—Oct. 1)	Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32	Phil. 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18	Matt. 21:23–27 (28–32)
Proper 22 (Oct. 2–8)	Is. 5:1–7	Phil. 3:4b–14	Matt. 21:33–46
Proper 23 (Oct. 9–15)	Is. 25:6–9	Phil. 4:4–13	Matt. 22:1–14
Proper 24 (Oct. 16–22)	Is. 45:1–7	1 Thess. 1:1–10	Matt. 22:15–22
Proper 25 (Oct. 23–29)	Lev. 19:1–2, 15–18	1 Thess. 2:1–13	Matt. 22:34–46
Proper 26 (Oct. 30—Nov. 5)	Micah 3:5–12	1 Thess. 4:1–12	Matt. 23:1–12
Proper 27 (Nov. 6–12)	Amos 5:18–24	1 Thess. 4:13–18	Matt. 25:1–13
Proper 28 (Nov. 13–19)	Zeph. 1:7–16	1 Thess. 5:1–11	Matt. 25:14–30
Proper 29 (Nov. 20–26)	Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24	1 Cor. 15:20–28	Matt. 25:31–46

Because the date of Easter changes from year to year, its place on the calendar during a particular year determines whether there will be a greater or lesser number of Sundays during the season after Pentecost.

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.

Three-Year Lectionary: Series B

Sunday/Festival	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
Advent 1	Is. 64:1–9	1 Cor. 1:3–9	Mark 11:1–10 <i>or</i> Mark 13:24–37
Advent 2	Is. 40:1–11	2 Peter 3:8–14	Mark 1:1–8
Advent 3	Is. 61:1–4, 8–11	1 Thess. 5:16–24	John 1:6–8, 19–28
Advent 4	2 Sam. 7:1–11, 16	Rom. 16:25–27	Luke 1:26–38
Christmas Eve	Is. 7:10–14	1 John 4:7–16	Matt. 1:18–25
Christmas Midnight	Is. 9:2–7	Titus 2:11–14	Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)
Christmas Dawn	Is. 62:10–12	Titus 3:4–7	Luke 2:(1–14) 15–20
Christmas Day	Is. 52:7–10	Heb. 1:1–6 (7–12)	John 1:1–14 (15–18)
Christmas 1	Is. 61:10—62:3	Gal. 4:4–7	Luke 2:22–40
Christmas 2	1 Kings 3:4–15	Eph. 1:3–14	Luke 2:40–52
Epiphany	Is. 60:1–6	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1–12
Baptism of Our Lord	Gen. 1:1–5	Rom. 6:1–11	Mark 1:4–11
Epiphany 2	1 Sam. 3:1–10 (11–20)	1 Cor. 6:12–20	John 1:43–51
Epiphany 3	Jonah 3:1–5, 10	1 Cor. 7:29–31 (32–35)	Mark 1:14–20
Epiphany 4	Deut. 18:15–20	1 Cor. 8:1–13	Mark 1:21–28
Epiphany 5	Is. 40:21–31	1 Cor. 9:16–27	Mark 1:29–39
Epiphany 6	2 Kings 5:1–14	1 Cor. 10:(19–30) 10:31—11:1	Mark 1:40–45
Epiphany 7	Is. 43:18–25	2 Cor. 1:18–22	Mark 2:1–12
Epiphany 8	Hos. 2:14–20	2 Cor. 2:12—3:6	Mark 2:(13–17) 18–22
Transfiguration	2 Kings 2:1–12 <i>or</i> Ex. 34:29–35	2 Cor. 3:12–13 (14–18); 4:1–6	Mark 9:2–9
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12–19	2 Cor. 5:20b—6:10	Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21
Lent 1	Gen. 22:1–18	James 1:12–18	Mark 1:9–15
Lent 2	Gen. 17:1–7, 15–16	Rom. 5:1–11	Mark 8:27–38
Lent 3	Ex. 20:1–17	1 Cor. 1:18–31	John 2:13–22 (23–25)
Lent 4	Num. 21:4–9	Eph. 2:1–10	John 3:14–21
Lent 5	Jer. 31:31–34	Heb. 5:1–10	Mark 10:(32–34) 35–45
Palm Sunday Procession			John 12:12–19
Sunday of the Passion	Zech. 9:9–12	Phil. 2:5–11	Mark 14:1—15:47 <i>or</i> Mark 15:1–47 <i>or</i> John 12:20–43
Monday in Holy Week	Is. 50:5–10	Heb. 9:11–15	Matt. 26:1—27:66 <i>or</i> John 12:1–23
Tuesday in Holy Week	Is. 49:1–7	1 Cor. 1:18–25 (26–31)	Mark 14:1—15:47 <i>or</i> John 12:23–50
Wednesday in Holy Week	Is. 62:11—63:7	Rom. 5:6–11	Luke 22:1—23:56 <i>or</i> John 13:16–38
Holy Thursday	Ex. 24:3–11	1 Cor. 10:16–17	Mark 14:12–26
Holy Thursday (alt)	Ex. 12:1–14	1 Cor. 11:23–32	John 13:1–17, 31b–35
Good Friday	Is. 52:13—53:12	Heb. 4:14–16; 5:7–9	John 18:1—19:42 <i>or</i> John 19:17–30
Holy Saturday	Dan. 6:1–24	1 Peter 4:1–8	Matt. 27:57–66
Vigil of Easter	Selected Readings		
Easter Sunrise	Ex. 15:1–11	1 Cor. 5:6b–8	John 20:1–18
Easter Day	Is. 25:6–9	1 Cor. 15:1–11	Mark 16:1–8
Easter Evening/Monday	Ex. 15:1–18 <i>or</i> Dan. 12:1c–3	Acts 10:34–43 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 5:6b–8	Luke 24:13–35 (36–49)
Easter Tuesday	Dan. 3:8–28	Acts 13:26–33	Luke 24:36–49
Easter Wednesday	Acts 3:13–15, 17–19	Col. 3:1–7 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 11:23–26	John 21:1–14
Easter 2	Acts 4:32–35	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 20:19–31
Easter 3	Acts 3:11–21	1 John 3:1–7	Luke 24:36–49

Sunday/Festival	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
Easter 4	Acts 4:1–12	1 John 3:16–24	John 10:11–18
Easter 5	Acts 8:26–40	1 John 4:1–11 (12–21)	John 15:1–8
Easter 6	Acts 10:34–48	1 John 5:1–8	John 15:9–17
Ascension	Acts 1:1–11	Eph. 1:15–23	Luke 24:44–53
Easter 7	Acts 1:12–26	1 John 5:9–15	John 17:11b–19
Pentecost Eve	Ex. 19:1–9	Rom. 8:12–17 (22–27)	John 14:8–21
Day of Pentecost	Ezek. 37:1–14	Acts 2:1–21	John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15
Pentecost Evening/Monday	Is. 57:15–21	Acts 10:34a, 42–48	John 3:16–21
Pentecost Tuesday	Is. 32:14–20	Acts 8:14–17	John 10:1–10
Holy Trinity	Is. 6:1–8	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	John 3:1–17
Proper 3 (May 24–28)	Hos. 2:14–20	Acts 2:14a, 36–47	Mark 2:(13–17) 18–22
Proper 4 (May 29–June 4)	Deut. 5:12–15	2 Cor. 4:5–12	Mark 2:23–28 (3:1–6)
Proper 5 (June 5–11)	Gen. 3:8–15	2 Cor. 4:13–5:1	Mark 3:20–35
Proper 6 (June 12–18)	Ezek. 17:22–24	2 Cor. 5:1–10 (11–17)	Mark 4:26–34
Proper 7 (June 19–25)	Job 38:1–11	2 Cor. 6:1–13	Mark 4:35–41
Proper 8 (June 26–July 2)	Lam. 3:22–33	2 Cor. 8:1–9, 13–15	Mark 5:21–43
Proper 9 (July 3–9)	Ezek. 2:1–5	2 Cor. 12:1–10	Mark 6:1–13
Proper 10 (July 10–16)	Amos 7:7–15	Eph. 1:3–14	Mark 6:14–29
Proper 11 (July 17–23)	Jer. 23:1–6	Eph. 2:11–22	Mark 6:30–44
Proper 12 (July 24–30)	Gen. 9:8–17	Eph. 3:14–21	Mark 6:45–56
Proper 13 (July 31–Aug. 6)	Ex. 16:2–15	Eph. 4:1–16	John 6:22–35
Proper 14 (Aug. 7–13)	1 Kings 19:1–8	Eph. 4:17–5:2	John 6:35–51
Proper 15 (Aug. 14–20)	Prov. 9:1–10 or Josh. 24:1–2a, 14–18	Eph. 5:6–21	John 6:51–69
Proper 16 (Aug. 21–27)	Is. 29:11–19	Eph. 5:22–33	Mark 7:1–13
Proper 17 (Aug. 28–Sept. 3)	Deut. 4:1–2, 6–9	Eph. 6:10–20	Mark 7:14–23
Proper 18 (Sept. 4–10)	Is. 35:4–7a	James 2:1–10, 14–18	Mark 7:(24–30) 31–37
Proper 19 (Sept. 11–17)	Is. 50:4–10	James 3:1–12	Mark 9:14–29
Proper 20 (Sept. 18–24)	Jer. 11:18–20	James 3:13–4:10	Mark 9:30–37
Proper 21 (Sept. 25–Oct. 1)	Num. 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29	James 5:(1–12) 13–20	Mark 9:38–50
Proper 22 (Oct. 2–8)	Gen. 2:18–25	Heb. 2:1–13 (14–18)	Mark 10:2–16
Proper 23 (Oct. 9–15)	Amos 5:6–7, 10–15	Heb. 3:12–19	Mark 10:17–22
Proper 24 (Oct. 16–22)	Eccl. 5:10–20	Heb. 4:1–13 (14–16)	Mark 10:23–31
Proper 25 (Oct. 23–29)	Jer. 31:7–9	Heb. 7:23–28	Mark 10:46–52
Proper 26 (Oct. 30–Nov. 5)	Deut. 6:1–9	Heb. 9:11–14 (15–22)	Mark 12:28–37
Proper 27 (Nov. 6–12)	1 Kings 17:8–16	Heb. 9:24–28	Mark 12:38–44
Proper 28 (Nov. 13–19)	Dan. 12:1–3	Heb. 10:11–25	Mark 13:1–13
Proper 29 (Nov. 20–26)	Is. 51:4–6 or Dan. 7:9–10, 13–14	Jude 20–25 or Rev. 1:4b–8	Mark 13:24–37 or John 18:33–37

Three-Year Lectionary: Series C

Sunday/Festival	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
Advent 1	Jer. 33:14–16	1 Thess. 3:9–13	Luke 19:28–40 <i>or</i> Luke 21:25–36
Advent 2	Mal. 3:1–7b	Phil. 1:2–11	Luke 3:1–14 (15–20)
Advent 3	Zeph. 3:14–20	Phil. 4:4–7	Luke 7:18–28 (29–35)
Advent 4	Micah 5:2–5a	Heb. 10:5–10	Luke 1:39–45 (46–56)
Christmas Eve	Is. 7:10–14	1 John 4:7–16	Matt. 1:18–25
Christmas Midnight	Is. 9:2–7	Titus 2:11–14	Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)
Christmas Dawn	Is. 62:10–12	Titus 3:4–7	Luke 2:(1–14) 15–20
Christmas Day	Is. 52:7–10	Heb. 1:1–6 (7–12)	John 1:1–14 (15–18)
Christmas 1	Ex. 13:1–3a, 11–15	Col. 3:12–17	Luke 2:22–40
Christmas 2	1 Kings 3:4–15	Eph. 1:3–14	Luke 2:40–52
Epiphany	Is. 60:1–6	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1–12
Baptism of Our Lord	Is. 43:1–7	Rom. 6:1–11	Luke 3:15–22
Epiphany 2	Is. 62:1–5	1 Cor. 12:1–11	John 2:1–11
Epiphany 3	Neh. 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10	1 Cor. 12:12–31a	Luke 4:16–30
Epiphany 4	Jer. 1:4–10 (17–19)	1 Cor. 12:31b–13:13	Luke 4:31–44
Epiphany 5	Is. 6:1–8 (9–13)	1 Cor. 14:12b–20	Luke 5:1–11
Epiphany 6	Jer. 17:5–8	1 Cor. 15:(1–11) 12–20	Luke 6:17–26
Epiphany 7	Gen. 45:3–15	1 Cor. 15:21–26, 30–42	Luke 6:27–38
Epiphany 8	Jer. 7:1–7 (8–15)	1 Cor. 15:42–52 (53–58)	Luke 6:39–49
Transfiguration	Deut. 34:1–12	Heb. 3:1–6	Luke 9:28–36
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12–19	2 Cor. 5:20b–6:10	Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21
Lent 1	Deut. 26:1–11	Rom. 10:8b–13	Luke 4:1–13
Lent 2	Jer. 26:8–15	Phil. 3:17–4:1	Luke 13:31–35
Lent 3	Ezek. 33:7–20	1 Cor. 10:1–13	Luke 13:1–9
Lent 4	Is. 12:1–6	2 Cor. 5:16–21	Luke 15:1–3, 11–32
Lent 5	Is. 43:16–21	Phil. 3:(4b–7) 8–14	Luke 20:9–20
Palm Sunday Procession			John 12:12–19
Sunday of the Passion	Deut. 32:36–39	Phil. 2:5–11	Luke 22:1–23:56 <i>or</i> Luke 23:1–56 <i>or</i> John 12:20–43
Monday in Holy Week	Is. 50:5–10	Heb. 9:11–15	Matt. 26:1–27:66 <i>or</i> John 12:1–23
Tuesday in Holy Week	Is. 49:1–7	1 Cor. 1:18–25 (26–31)	Mark 14:1–15:47 <i>or</i> John 12:23–50
Wednesday in Holy Week	Is. 62:11–63:7	Rom. 5:6–11	Luke 22:1–23:56 <i>or</i> John 13:16–38
Holy Thursday	Jer. 31:31–34	Heb. 10:15–25	Luke 22:7–20
Holy Thursday (alt)	Ex. 12:1–14	1 Cor. 11:23–32	John 13:1–17, 31b–35
Good Friday	Is. 52:13–53:12	Heb. 4:14–16; 5:7–9	John 18:1–19:42 <i>or</i> John 19:17–30
Holy Saturday	Dan. 6:1–24	1 Peter 4:1–8	Matt. 27:57–66
Vigil of Easter	Selected Readings		
Easter Sunrise	Job 19:23–27	1 Cor. 15:51–57	John 20:1–18
Easter Day	Is. 65:17–25	1 Cor. 15:19–26	Luke 24:1–12
Easter Evening/Monday	Ex. 15:1–18 <i>or</i> Dan. 12:1c–3	Acts 10:34–43 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 5:6b–8	Luke 24:13–35 (36–49)
Easter Tuesday	Dan. 3:8–28	Acts 13:26–33	Luke 24:36–49
Easter Wednesday	Acts 3:13–15, 17–19	Col. 3:1–7 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 11:23–26	John 21:1–14
Easter 2	Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)	Rev. 1:4–18	John 20:19–31
Easter 3	Acts 9:1–22	Rev. 5:(1–7) 8–14	John 21:1–14 (15–19)
Easter 4	Acts 20:17–35	Rev. 7:9–17	John 10:22–30

Sunday/Festival	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
Easter 5	Acts 11:1–18	Rev. 21:1–7	John 16:12–22 <i>or</i> John 13:31–35
Easter 6	Acts 16:9–15	Rev. 21:9–14, 21–27	John 16:23–33 <i>or</i> John 5:1–9
Ascension Easter 7	Acts 1:1–11 Acts 1:12–26	Eph. 1:15–23 Rev. 22:1–6 (7–11) 12–20	Luke 24:44–53 John 17:20–26
Pentecost Eve Day of Pentecost	Ex. 19:1–9 Gen. 11:1–9	Rom. 8:12–17 (22–27) Acts 2:1–21	John 14:8–21 John 14:23–31
Pentecost Evening/Monday Pentecost Tuesday	Is. 57:15–21 Is. 32:14–20	Acts 10:34a, 42–48 Acts 8:14–17	John 3:16–21 John 10:1–10
Holy Trinity Proper 3 (May 24–28) Proper 4 (May 29–June 4)	Prov. 8:1–4, 22–31 Gen. 50:15–21 1 Kings 8:22–24, 27–29, 41–43	Acts 2:14a, 22–36 Acts 2:14a, 36–47 Gal. 1:1–12	John 8:48–59 Luke 6:(20–26) 27–42 Luke 7:1–10
Proper 5 (June 5–11) Proper 6 (June 12–18)	1 Kings 17:17–24 2 Sam. 11:26–12:10, 13–14	Gal. 1:11–24 Gal. 2:15–21; 3:10–14	Luke 7:11–17 Luke 7:36–8:3
Proper 7 (June 19–25) Proper 8 (June 26–July 2) Proper 9 (July 3–9) Proper 10 (July 10–16) Proper 11 (July 17–23) Proper 12 (July 24–30) Proper 13 (July 31–Aug. 6) Proper 14 (Aug. 7–13) Proper 15 (Aug. 14–20)	Is. 65:1–9 1 Kings 19:9b–21 Is. 66:10–14 Lev. (18:1–5) 19:9–18 Gen. 18:1–10a (10b–14) Gen. 18:(17–19) 20–33 Eccl. 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26 Gen. 15:1–6 Jer. 23:16–29	Gal. 3:23–4:7 Gal. 5:1, 13–25 Gal. 6:1–10, 14–18 Col. 1:1–14 Col. 1:21–29 Col. 2:6–15 (16–19) Col. 3:1–11 Heb. 11:1–16 Heb. 11:17–31 (32–40); 12:1–3	Luke 8:26–39 Luke 9:51–62 Luke 10:1–20 Luke 10:25–37 Luke 10:38–42 Luke 11:1–13 Luke 12:13–21 Luke 12:22–34 (35–40) Luke 12:49–53 (54–56)
Proper 16 (Aug. 21–27) Proper 17 (Aug. 28–Sept. 3) Proper 18 (Sept. 4–10) Proper 19 (Sept. 11–17) Proper 20 (Sept. 18–24) Proper 21 (Sept. 25–Oct. 1)	Is. 66:18–23 Prov. 25:2–10 Deut. 30:15–20 Ezek. 34:11–24 Amos 8:4–7 Amos 6:1–7	Heb. 12:4–24 (25–29) Heb. 13:1–17 Philemon 1–21 1 Tim. 1:(5–11) 12–17 1 Tim. 2:1–15 1 Tim. 3:1–13 <i>or</i> 1 Tim. 6:6–19	Luke 13:22–30 Luke 14:1–14 Luke 14:25–35 Luke 15:1–10 Luke 16:1–15 Luke 16:19–31
Proper 22 (Oct. 2–8) Proper 23 (Oct. 9–15) Proper 24 (Oct. 16–22) Proper 25 (Oct. 23–29) Proper 26 (Oct. 30–Nov. 5)	Hab. 1:1–4; 2:1–4 Ruth 1:1–19a Gen. 32:22–30 Gen. 4:1–15 Is. 1:10–18	2 Tim. 1:1–14 2 Tim. 2:1–13 2 Tim. 3:14–4:5 2 Tim. 4:6–8, 16–18 2 Thess. 1:1–5 (6–10) 11–12	Luke 17:1–10 Luke 17:11–19 Luke 18:1–8 Luke 18:9–17 Luke 19:1–10
Proper 27 (Nov. 6–12) Proper 28 (Nov. 13–19) Proper 29 (Nov. 20–26)	Ex. 3:1–15 Mal. 4:1–6 Mal. 3:13–18	2 Thess. 2:1–8, 13–17 2 Thess. 3:(1–5) 6–13 Col. 1:13–20	Luke 20:27–40 Luke 21:5–28 (29–36) Luke 23:27–43

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Sunday/Festival	Old Testament	Epistle	Holy Gospel
Advent 1	Jer. 23:5–8	Rom. 13:(8–10) 11–14	Matt. 21:1–9
Advent 2	Mal. 4:1–6	Rom. 15:4–13	Luke 21:25–36
Advent 3	Is. 40:1–8 (9–11)	1 Cor. 4:1–5	Matt. 11:2–10 (11)
Advent 4	Deut. 18:15–19	Phil. 4:4–7	John 1:19–28 <i>or</i> Luke 1:39–56
Christmas Eve	Is. 7:10–14	1 John 4:7–16	Matt. 1:18–25
Christmas Midnight	Is. 9:2–7	Titus 2:11–14	Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)
Christmas Dawn	Micah 5:2–5a	Titus 3:4–7	Luke 2:(1–14) 15–20
Christmas Day	Ex. 40:17–21, 34–38	Titus 3:4–7	John 1:1–14 (15–18)
Christmas 1	Is. 11:1–5 <i>or</i> 2 Sam. 7:1–16	Gal. 4:1–7	Luke 2:(22–32) 33–40
Christmas 2	Gen. 46:1–7	1 Peter 4:12–19	Matt. 2:13–23
Epiphany	Is. 60:1–6	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1–12
Epiphany 1 <i>or</i> Baptism of Our Lord	1 Kings 8:6–13 Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17 <i>or</i> Is. 42:1–7	Rom. 12:1–5 1 Cor. 1:26–31	Luke 2:41–52 Matt. 3:13–17
Epiphany 2	Ex. 33:12–23 <i>or</i> Amos 9:11–15	Eph. 5:22–33 <i>or</i> Rom. 12:6–16	John 2:1–11
Epiphany 3	2 Kings 5:1–15a	Rom. 1:8–17 <i>or</i> Rom. 12:16–21	Matt. 8:1–13
Epiphany 4	Jonah 1:1–17	Rom. 8:18–23 <i>or</i> Rom. 13:8–10	Matt. 8:23–27
Epiphany 5	Gen. 18:20–33	Col. 3:12–17	Matt. 13:24–30 (36–43)
Transfiguration	Ex. 34:29–35 <i>or</i> Ex. 3:1–14	2 Peter 1:16–21	Matt. 17:1–9
Septuagesima	Ex. 17:1–7	1 Cor. 9:24–10:5	Matt. 20:1–16
Sexagesima	Is. 55:10–13	2 Cor. 11:19–12:9 <i>or</i> Heb. 4:9–13	Luke 8:4–15
Quinquagesima	1 Sam. 16:1–13 <i>or</i> Is. 35:3–7	1 Cor. 13:1–13	Luke 18:31–43
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12–19 <i>or</i> Jonah 3:1–10	2 Peter 1:2–11	Matt. 6:(1–6) 16–21
Lent 1	Gen. 3:1–21 <i>or</i> 1 Sam. 17:40–51	2 Cor. 6:1–10 <i>or</i> Heb. 4:14–16	Matt. 4:1–11
Lent 2	Gen. 32:22–32	1 Thess. 4:1–7 <i>or</i> Rom. 5:1–5	Matt. 15:21–28
Lent 3	Ex. 8:16–24 <i>or</i> Jer. 26:1–15	Eph. 5:1–9	Luke 11:14–28
Lent 4	Ex. 16:2–21 <i>or</i> Is. 49:8–13	Gal. 4:21–31 <i>or</i> Acts 2:41–47	John 6:1–15
Lent 5	Gen. 22:1–14	Heb. 9:11–15	John 8:(42–45) 46–59
Palm Sunday Procession			Matt. 21:1–9 <i>or</i> John 12:12–19
Sunday of the Passion	Zech. 9:9–12	Phil. 2:5–11	Matt. 26:1–27:66 <i>or</i> Matt. 27:11–54
Monday in Holy Week	Is. 50:5–10	1 Peter 2:21–24	John 12:1–36 (37–43)
Tuesday in Holy Week	Jer. 11:18–20	1 Tim. 6:12–14	Mark 14:1–15:47
Wednesday in Holy Week	Is. 62:11–63:7	Rev. 1:5b–7	Luke 22:1–23:56
Holy Thursday	Ex. 12:1–14 <i>or</i> Ex. 24:3–11	1 Cor. 11:23–32	John 13:1–15 (34–35)
Good Friday	Is. 52:13–53:12	2 Cor. 5:14–21	John 18:1–19:42
Holy Saturday	Dan. 6:1–24	1 Peter 3:17–22	Matt. 27:57–66
Vigil of Easter	Selected Readings		
Easter Sunrise	Is. 25:6–9 <i>or</i> Ex. 14:10–15:1	1 Cor. 15:1–11 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 15:12–25	John 20:1–18

Sunday/Festival	Old Testament	Epistle	Holy Gospel
Easter Day	Job 19:23–27	1 Cor. 5:6–8 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 15:51–57	Mark 16:1–8
Easter Evening/Monday	Ex. 15:1–18	Acts 10:34–43	Luke 24:13–35
Easter Tuesday	Dan. 3:8–28	Acts 13:26–33	Luke 24:36–48 (49)
Easter Wednesday	Acts 3:13–15, 17–19	Col. 3:1–7 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 11:23–26	John 21:1–14
Easter 2	Ezek. 37:1–14	1 John 5:4–10	John 20:19–31
Easter 3	Ezek. 34:11–16	1 Peter 2:21–25	John 10:11–16
Easter 4	Is. 40:25–31 <i>or</i> Lam. 3:22–33	1 Peter 2:11–20 <i>or</i> 1 John 3:1–3	John 16:16–22
Easter 5	Is. 12:1–6	James 1:16–21	John 16:5–15
Easter 6	Num. 21:4–9	1 Tim. 2:1–6 <i>or</i> James 1:22–27	John 16:23–30 (31–33)
Ascension	2 Kings 2:5–15	Acts 1:1–11	Mark 16:14–20 <i>or</i> Luke 24:44–53
Easter 7	Ezek. 36:22–28	1 Peter 4:7–11 (12–14)	John 15:26–16:4
Pentecost Eve	Joel 3:1–5	Rom. 8:12–17	John 14:15–21
Day of Pentecost	Gen. 11:1–9	Acts 2:1–21	John 14:23–31
Pentecost Evening/Monday	Is. 57:15–21	Acts 10:34a, 42–48	John 3:16–21
Pentecost Tuesday	Is. 32:14–20	Acts 8:14–17	John 10:1–10
Holy Trinity	Is. 6:1–7	Rom. 11:33–36	John 3:1–15 (16–17)
Trinity 1	Gen. 15:1–6	1 John 4:16–21	Luke 16:19–31
Trinity 2	Prov. 9:1–10	Eph. 2:13–22 <i>or</i> 1 John 3:13–18	Luke 14:15–24
Trinity 3	Micah 7:18–20	1 Tim. 1:12–17 <i>or</i> 1 Peter 5:6–11	Luke 15:1–10 <i>or</i> Luke 15:11–32
Trinity 4	Gen. 50:15–21	Rom. 12:14–21 <i>or</i> Rom. 8:18–23	Luke 6:36–42
Trinity 5	1 Kings 19:11–21	1 Cor. 1:18–25 <i>or</i> 1 Peter 3:8–15	Luke 5:1–11
Trinity 6	Ex. 20:1–17	Rom. 6:(1–2) 3–11	Matt. 5:(17–19) 20–26
Trinity 7	Gen. 2:7–17	Rom. 6:19–23	Mark 8:1–9
Trinity 8	Jer. 23:16–29	Acts 20:27–38 <i>or</i> Rom. 8:12–17	Matt. 7:15–23
Trinity 9	2 Sam. 22:26–34	1 Cor. 10:6–13	Luke 16:1–9 (10–13)
Trinity 10	Jer. 8:4–12 <i>or</i> Jer. 7:1–11	Rom. 9:30–10:4 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 12:1–11	Luke 19:41–48
Trinity 11	Gen. 4:1–15	Eph. 2:1–10 <i>or</i> 1 Cor. 15:1–10	Luke 18:9–14
Trinity 12	Is. 29:17–24	2 Cor. 3:4–11 <i>or</i> Rom. 10:9–16	Mark 7:31–37
Trinity 13	2 Chron. 28:8–15	Gal. 3:15–22	Luke 10:23–37
Trinity 14	Prov. 4:10–23	Gal. 5:16–24	Luke 17:11–19
Trinity 15	1 Kings 17:8–16	Gal. 5:25–6:10	Matt. 6:24–34
Trinity 16	1 Kings 17:17–24	Eph. 3:13–21	Luke 7:11–17
Trinity 17	Prov. 25:6–14	Eph. 4:1–6	Luke 14:1–11
Trinity 18	Deut. 10:12–21	1 Cor. 1:(1–3) 4–9	Matt. 22:34–46
Trinity 19	Gen. 28:10–17	Eph. 4:22–28	Matt. 9:1–8
Trinity 20	Is. 55:1–9	Eph. 5:15–21	Matt. 22:1–14 <i>or</i> Matt. 21:33–44
Trinity 21	Gen. 1:1–2:3	Eph. 6:10–17	John 4:46–54
Trinity 22	Micah 6:6–8	Phil. 1:3–11	Matt. 18:21–35
Trinity 23	Prov. 8:11–22	Phil. 3:17–21	Matt. 22:15–22
Trinity 24	Is. 51:9–16	Col. 1:9–14	Matt. 9:18–26
Trinity 25	Ex. 32:1–20 <i>or</i> Job 14:1–6	1 Thess. 4:13–18	Matt. 24:15–28 <i>or</i> Luke 17:20–30
Trinity 26	Dan. 7:9–14	2 Peter 3:3–14	Matt. 25:31–46
Last Sunday	Is. 65:17–25	1 Thess. 5:1–11	Matt. 25:1–13

FEASTS AND FESTIVALS

Feast/Festival	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
St. Andrew November 30	Ezek. 3:16–21	Rom. 10:8b–18	John 1:35–42a
St. Thomas December 21	Judg. 6:36–40	Eph. 4:7, 11–16	John 20:24–29
St. Stephen December 26	2 Chron. 24:17–22	Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51–60	Matt. 23:34–39
St. John December 27	Rev. 1:1–6	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 21:20–25
Holy Innocents December 28	Jer. 31:15–17	Rev. 14:1–5	Matt. 2:13–18
New Year's Eve December 31	Is. 30:(8–14) 15–17	Rom. 8:31b–39	Luke 12:35–40
Circumcision and Name of Jesus January 1	Num. 6:22–27	Gal. 3:23–29	Luke 2:21
Confession of St. Peter January 18	Acts 4:8–13	2 Peter 1:1–15	Mark 8:27–35 (36—9:1)
St. Timothy January 24	Acts 16:1–5	1 Tim. 6:11–16	Matt. 24:42–47
Conversion of St. Paul January 25	Acts 9:1–22	Gal. 1:11–24	Matt. 19:27–30
St. Titus January 26	Acts 20:28–35	Titus 1:1–9	Luke 10:1–9
Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord February 2	1 Sam. 1:21–28	Heb. 2:14–18	Luke 2:22–32 (33–40)
St. Matthias February 24	Is. 66:1–2	Acts 1:15–26	Matt. 11:25–30
St. Joseph March 19	2 Sam. 7:4–16	Rom. 4:13–18	Matt. 2:13–15, 19–23
Annunciation of Our Lord March 25	Is. 7:10–14	Heb. 10:4–10	Luke 1:26–38
St. Mark April 25	Is. 52:7–10	2 Tim. 4:5–18	Mark 16:14–20
St. Philip and St. James May 1	Is. 30:18–21	Eph. 2:19–22	John 14:1–14
The Visitation May 31 (<i>3-Yr. Lect.</i>)	Is. 11:1–5	Rom. 12:9–16	Luke 1:39–45 (46–56)
St. Barnabas June 11	Is. 42:5–12	Acts 11:19–30; 13:1–3	Mark 6:7–13
Nativity of St. John the Baptist June 24	Is. 40:1–5	Acts 13:13–26	Luke 1:57–80
St. Peter and St. Paul June 29	Acts 15:1–12 (13–21)	Gal. 2:1–10	Matt. 16:13–19
The Visitation July 2 (<i>1-Yr. Lect.</i>)	Is. 11:1–5	Rom. 12:9–16	Luke 1:39–45 (46–56)
St. Mary Magdalene July 22	Prov. 31:10–31	Acts 13:26–31	John 20:1–2, 10–18
St. James the Elder July 25	Acts 11:27—12:5	Rom. 8:28–39	Mark 10:35–45
St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord August 15	Is. 61:7–11	Gal. 4:4–7	Luke 1:(39–45) 46–55
St. Bartholomew August 24	Prov. 3:1–8	2 Cor. 4:7–10	Luke 22:24–30 or John 1:43–51

Feast/Festival	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist August 29	Rev. 6:9–11	Rom. 6:1–5	Mark 6:14–29
Holy Cross Day September 14	Num. 21:4–9	1 Cor. 1:18–25	John 12:20–33
St. Matthew September 21	Ezek. 2:8—3:11	Eph. 4:7–16	Matt. 9:9–13
St. Michael and All Angels September 29	Dan. 10:10–14; 12:1–3	Rev. 12:7–12	Matt. 18:1–11 <i>or</i> Luke 10:17–20
St. Luke October 18	Is. 35:5–8	2 Tim. 4:5–18	Luke 10:1–9
St. James of Jerusalem October 23	Acts 15:12–22a	James 1:1–12	Matt. 13:54–58
St. Simon and St. Jude October 28	Jer. 26:1–16	1 Peter 1:3–9	John 15:(12–16) 17–21
Reformation Day October 31	Rev. 14:6–7	Rom. 3:19–28	John 8:31–36 <i>or</i> Matt. 11:12–19
All Saints’ Day November 1	Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17	1 John 3:1–3	Matt. 5:1–12

OCCASIONS

Occasion	Old Testament/ First Reading	Epistle/ Second Reading	Holy Gospel
Anniversary of a Congregation	1 Kings 8:22–30	Rev. 21:1–5	Luke 19:1–10
Mission Observance	Is. 62:1–7	Rom. 10:11–17	Luke 24:44–53
Christian Education	Deut. 6:4–15	Acts 2:37–41	Luke 18:15–17
Harvest Observance	Deut. 26:1–11	2 Cor. 9:6–15	Luke 12:13–21
Day of Thanksgiving	Deut. 8:1–10	Phil. 4:6–20 <i>or</i> 1 Tim. 2:1–4	Luke 17:11–19
Day of Supplication and Prayer	Joel 2:12–19	1 John 1:5—2:2	Matt. 6:16–21
Day of National <i>or</i> Local Tragedy	Job 30:16–24 <i>or</i> Rev. 7:13–17	Rom. 8:31–39 <i>or</i> Heb. 12:4–13	Luke 13:1–9 <i>or</i> Matt. 24:32–35

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.

2007—April 8	2018—April 1	2029—April 1	2040—April 1
2008—March 23	2019—April 21	2030—April 21	2041—April 21
2009—April 12	2020—April 12	2031—April 13	2042—April 6
2010—April 4	2021—April 4	2032—March 28	2043—March 29
2011—April 24	2022—April 17	2033—April 17	2044—April 17
2012—April 8	2023—April 9	2034—April 9	2045—April 9
2013—March 31	2024—March 31	2035—March 25	2046—March 25
2014—April 20	2025—April 20	2036—April 13	2047—April 14
2015—April 5	2026—April 5	2037—April 5	2048—April 5
2016—March 27	2027—March 28	2038—April 25	2049—April 18
2017—April 16	2028—April 16	2039—April 10	2050—April 10

GLOSSARY

- Absolution.** Announcement of forgiveness following the confession of sins. See page 151, left-hand column, and pages 291 and 293.
- Agnus Dei** (AHG-noose DAY-ee). Latin for “Lamb of God” (John 1:29). See page 163.
- 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.
- Benedicamus** (beh-neh-dih-KAH-moose). Latin for “bless we [the Lord].” See page 202.
- 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).
- Benedictus** (beh-neh-DIK-toose). Latin for “blessed.” Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68–79), one of the canticles in Matins. See page 226.
- 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 Δ .
- 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 in Excelsis** (GLOW-ree-uh in ek-SHELL-sis). Latin meaning “glory in the highest” (Luke 2:14). The traditional Hymn of Praise in the Divine Service. See page 154.
- 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.

- 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.
- Magnificat** (mag-NIH-fih-kaht). Latin for “magnify, praise” from the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55). A canticle sung in Vespers and Evening Prayer. See pages 248–49.
- Matins.** Morning service of psalms, readings, and prayers. See pages 219–28.
- Nunc Dimittis** (NUNK dih-MIH-tuss). Latin for “now [let your servant] depart,” from the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29–32). See page 165.
- 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.
- Pax Domini** (PAHS DOH-mee-nee). Latin for “peace of the Lord” (John 20:19). See page 163.
- 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.
- Sabaoth** (SAH-bay-oath). Hebrew for “heavenly hosts,” including “angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven.” See page 195.
- 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.
- Sanctus** (SAHNK-toose). Latin for “holy.” The Sanctus follows the Preface in the Service of the Sacrament. From Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9. See page 161.
- Suffrages** (SUFF-ruh-jez). “Petitions” of prayer to God. See page 282.
- Te Deum** (tay DAY-oom). Latin for “[we praise] You, O God.” Ancient canticle of praise sung in Matins. See pages 223–25.
- Venite** (veh-NEE-tay). Latin for “O come.” Initial words of Psalm 95, sung as the first psalm in Matins. See pages 220–21.
- 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.

SINGING THE PSALMS

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 (⌋). 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.

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THE PSALMS

1

¹ Blessèd 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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

2

¹ Why do the | nations rage*
and the peoples | plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,*

against the LORD and against his
anointed, | saying,

³ “Let us burst their | bonds apart*
and cast away their | cords from us.”

⁴ He who sits in the | heavens laughs;*
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them | in his
wrath,*
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,

⁶ “As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, “You are my
Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations
your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your
pos- | session.

⁹ You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a
potter’s | vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you
perish in the way, for his wrath is
quickly | kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in
him.

**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.**

- 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 to- | gether,*
old men and | children!
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is ex- | alted;*
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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

149

- 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
tambou- | rine and lyre!
- ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in
his | people;*
he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.
- 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 fet- | ters 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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

150

- ¹ Praise the Lord! Praise God in his
sanctu- | ary;*
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 tambou- | rine 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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

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 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.

P 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.

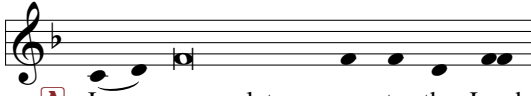
Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT, PSALM, or ENTRANCE HYMN

KYRIE *≈ Lord, Have Mercy*

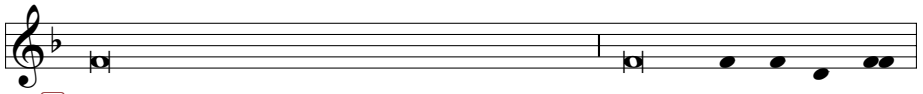
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



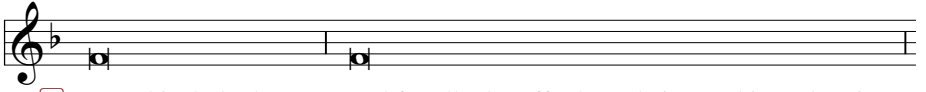
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



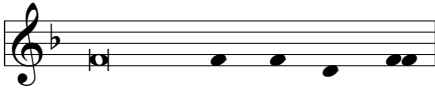
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



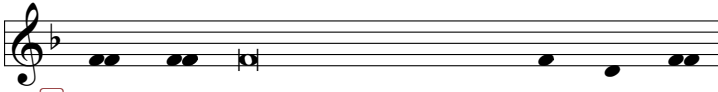
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.



Kyrie Eleison
 LORD, HAVE MERCY

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



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The service continues with the SALUTATION on page 156.

OR

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-thy 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*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.

C Amen. OR



C A - men.

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



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

OR

Lent

Joel 2:13

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



The CREED may be confessed here or after the SERMON.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

Stand

CREED

Nicene Creed

C 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.

OR

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.

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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

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-ifice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal- ▶

va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, 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

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. 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
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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**

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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

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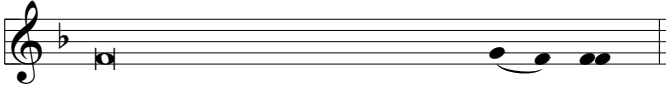
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on the following page.*

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 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Matthew 6:9-13

PAX DOMINI *≈ The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI *≈ Lamb of God*

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way 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.

The true body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.
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

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



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



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

OR

Nunc Dimittis *≈ Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29–32



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Nunc Dimittis
SONG OF SIMEON

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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)

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)

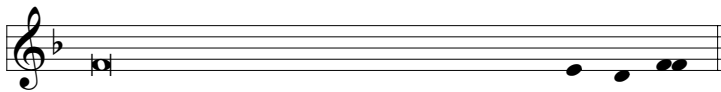
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of 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)

C Amen. OR



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26



P 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.





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.**

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 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**

- P** 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]*
- C** **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.

- P** 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

- C** **Amen.**

Stand



Sola Gratia
GRACE ALONE

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

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

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good-will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

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

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; ▶

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.

C A - men.

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

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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.*

C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

OR

C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (one flat). The music consists of a simple harmonic setting of the text 'Praise be to Thee, O Christ.' The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

CREED

Nicene Creed

C 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,
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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. *Philippians 4:7*

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1–4]

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

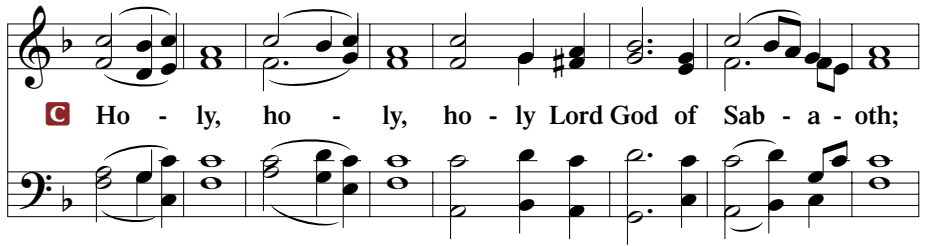
[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

Meet means fitting, proper.

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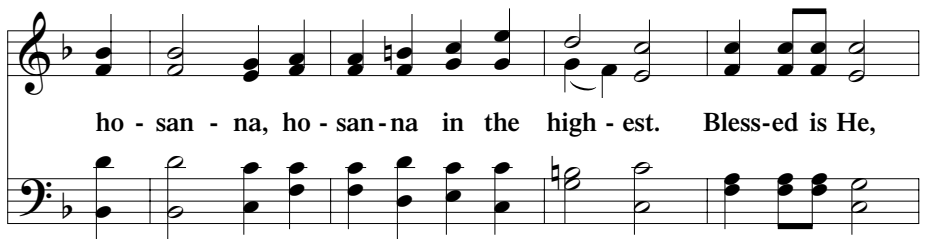
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SANCTUS *≈ Holy, Holy, Holy**Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*


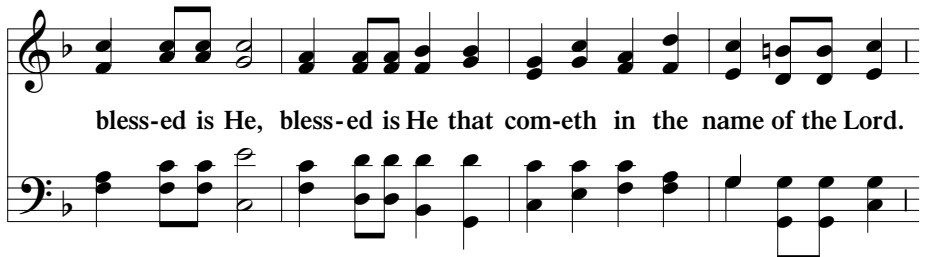
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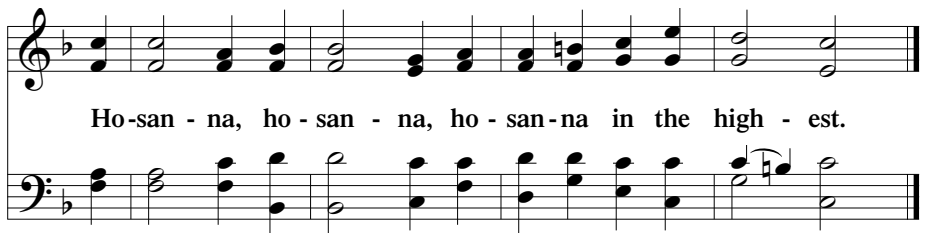
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ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

The LORD'S PRAYER may be spoken by all or sung as follows:



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



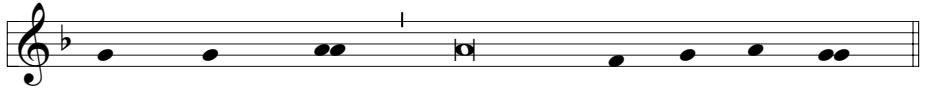
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 This do, as often as you drink it, in re - mem - brance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI *≈ The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ≈ Lamb of God

John 1:29

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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.

The true body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

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

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.
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

C 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, ▶

a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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)

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)

C A - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The melody is primarily in the upper staff, starting on G4 and moving through A4, B4, and C5. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The melody is primarily in the upper staff, starting on G4 and moving through A4, B4, and C5. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.



A Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

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

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

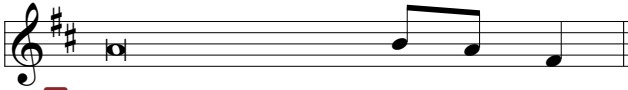


MATINS

Stand

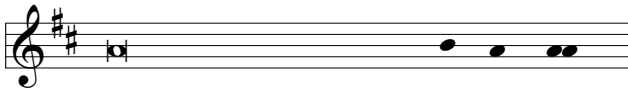


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.
Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALMODY

Common (or Seasonal) Antiphon



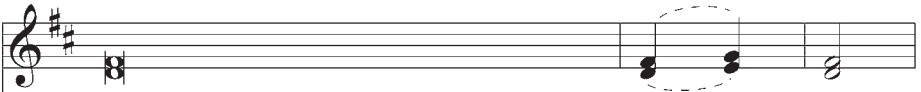
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



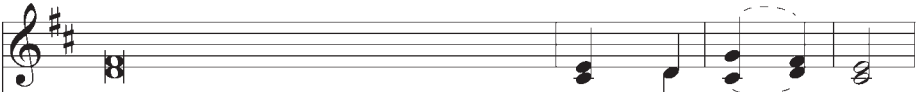
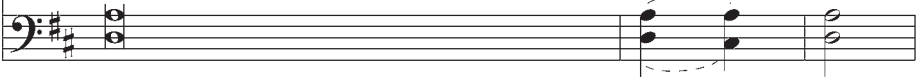
C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

VENITE *~ O Come, Let Us Sing*

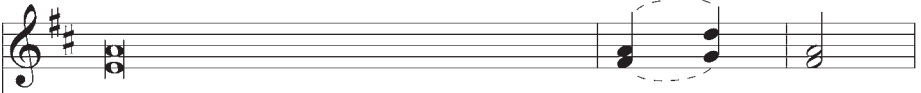
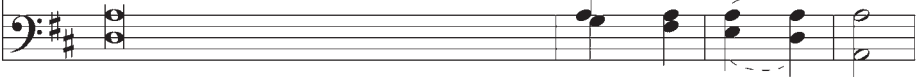
Psalms 95:1-7



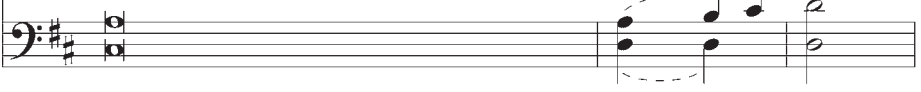
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
 2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry-land.
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow-down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - - - ev - er. A - men.

Common (or Seasonal) Antiphon

L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.
C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

ADDITIONAL PSALMS

Sit

OFFICE HYMN

READINGS

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

After each reading:

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

Common

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

Verse
L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it.
To Refrain
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

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

Lent

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

Verse To Refrain

- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
 2 Blessed is he whose
 transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

Refrain

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
 for the sins of the peo-ple.

Easter

Psalm 96:2; 29:1–2; 1 Corinthians 15:20

Verse To Refrain

- L** 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 Spir - it.

Refrain

C Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the
 hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A SERMON or Catechetical Instruction may follow.



Gloria Patri

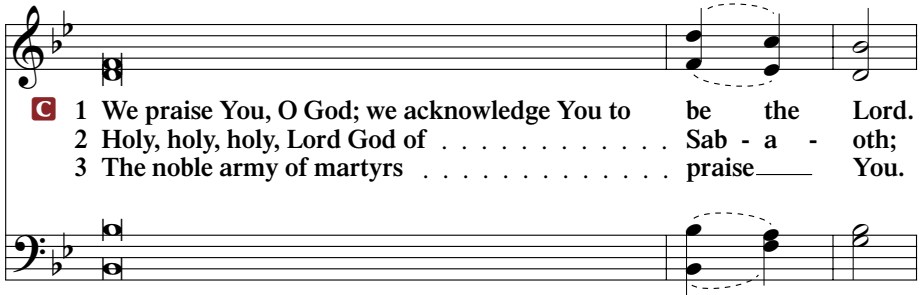
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

CANTICLE

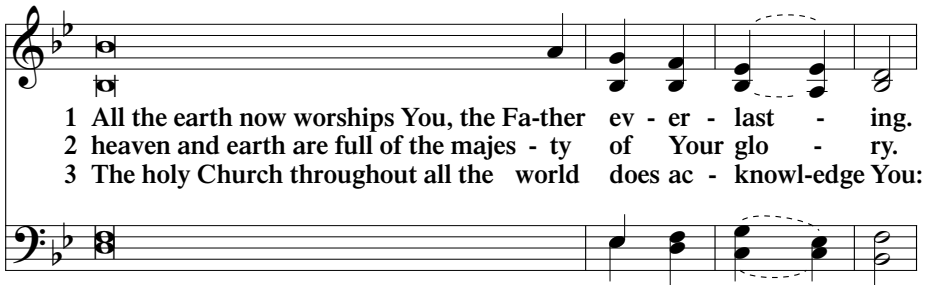
Stand

The TE DEUM, BENEDICTUS (page 226), or another canticle (936, 939–941) is sung.

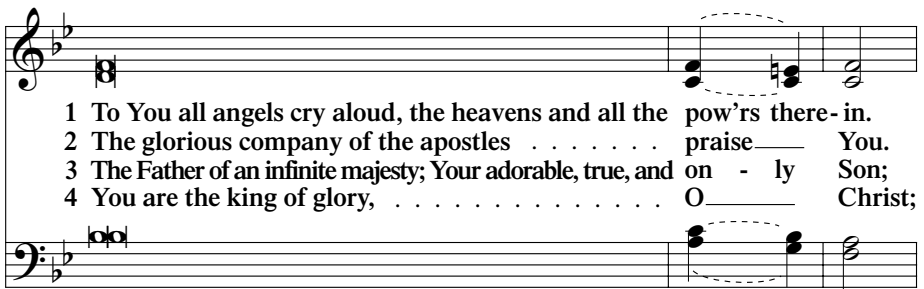
TE DEUM ≈ We Praise You, O God



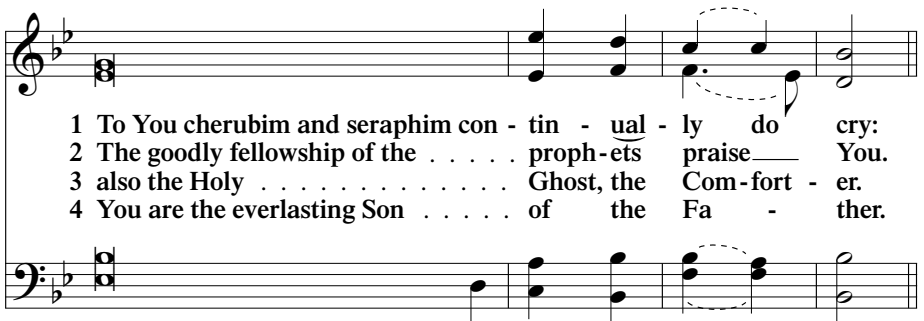
C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



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



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



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

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

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 be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.

You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin:
 original text, "You did not spurn the virgin's womb."

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

The earliest versions of the Te Deum omit verses 8–9.

OR

BENEDICTUS ≈ Song of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79

C 1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most — High;
 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
 2 who have been since the world be - gan:
 3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
 4 might serve Him with - out fear,
 5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
 6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
 7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for — us
 2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
 3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
 4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore — Him
 5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
 6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
 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 for - give - ness of their sins,
 6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
 7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Sit

The OFFERING may follow.

PRAYER

Kneel/Stand

KYRIE ≈ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

COLLECTS

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Psalm 102:1

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22

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.

[Psalm 103:1]



C Thanks be to God.

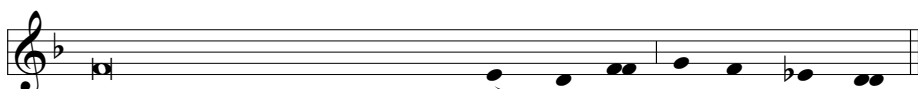
BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God

L The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



C A - men.



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

HYMN

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Psalm 113:3

Common

L Better is one day
in Your courts
than a thousand
elsewhere;
C **I would rather be
a doorkeeper in
the house of my
God than dwell
in the tents of the
wicked.**

L Make me to know
Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your
paths.**

L Sanctify us in
Your truth.
C **Your Word is
truth.**

Psalm 84:10; 25:4; John 17:17

Advent

L Out of Zion, the
perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
C **Our God shall come;
He does not keep
silence.**

L Prepare the way of
the Lord.
C **Make His paths
straight.**

L Shower, O heavens,
from above, and let
the skies rain down
righteousness.
C **Let the earth open,
that salvation may
sprout forth.**

Psalm 50:2–3a; Isaiah 40:3; 45:8

Lent

L Return to the Lord,
your God, for He is
gracious and merciful,
C **slow to anger, and
abounding in
steadfast love, and
repents of evil.**

L Jesus said: If any man
would come after Me,
C **let him deny himself
and take up his
cross and follow Me.**

L Christ was
wounded for our
transgressions.
C **He was bruised for
our iniquities.**

Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Isaiah 12:2b-6

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
 glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sit

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 righteous-
ness in the land.
- C** **This is the name by
which He will be
called: The Lord Is
Our Righteousness.**
- L** Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to
the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by
which He will be
called: The Lord Is
Our Righteousness.**

Jeremiah 23:5, 6b

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.**
- 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**Stand*

CATECHISM

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

Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:2–17

- 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,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

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

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

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 reasonable 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

C 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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Evening Prayer

C 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

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

1 Corinthians 15:20a; 5:7b; Romans 6:9-11

During Lent, another canticle is sung.

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING

L Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

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

C Amen.

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

C Amen.



HOLY BAPTISM

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. *Matthew 28:19b*

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)

C Amen.

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

P 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.

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

R Yes, with the help of God.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

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.

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:

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth
 and even † forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

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

P Name(s), do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P 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?

R Yes, I believe.

P 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?

R Yes, I believe.

P Name, do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

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

P Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

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.



DAILY PRAYER

For Individuals and Families

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.

[Psalm 103:1]

Thanks be to God.

Then go joyfully to your work.

NOON

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.

Psalm 55:1–2a, 17, 22 NIV

**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)
Amen.

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;
Isaiah 25:6–9; Matthew 14:15–21; Matthew 27:57–60; Luke 14:15–24; John 6:25–35; John
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.

[Psalm 103:1]

Thanks be to God.

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)

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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)

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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

An appointed reading or one of the following is read: Matthew 11:28–30; Micah 7:18–20; Matthew 18:15–35; Matthew 25:1–13; Luke 11:1–13; Luke 12:13–34; Romans 8:31–39; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18; Revelation 21:22–22:5.

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)

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Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

Thanks be to God.

Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.



THE HYMNS

ADVENT

The Advent of Our King

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1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain

And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite 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.

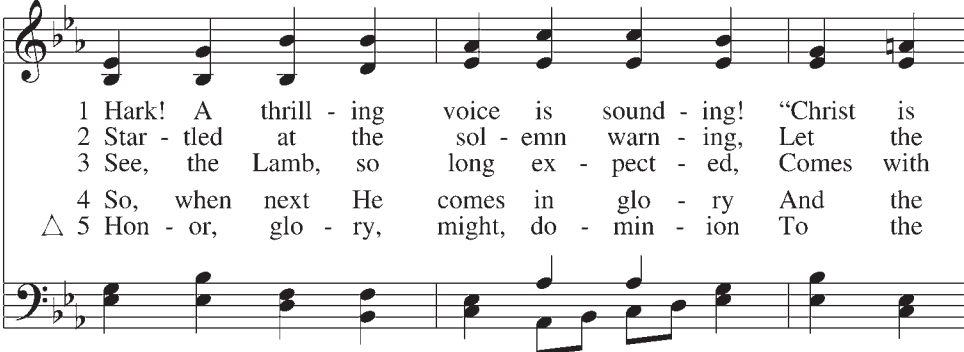
△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941


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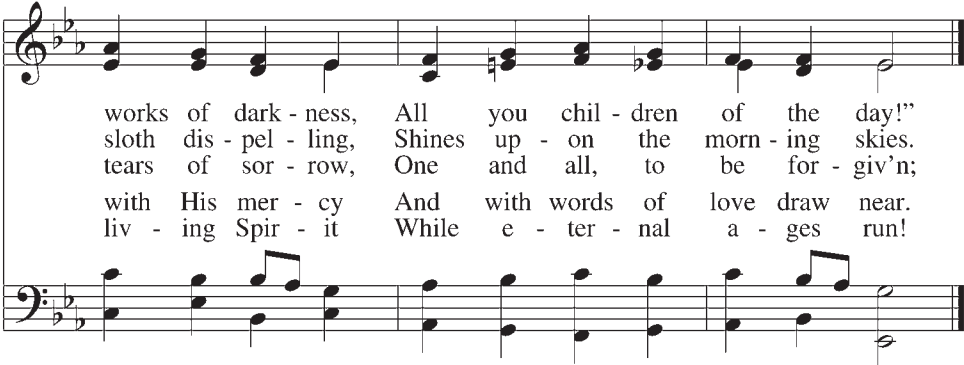
Luke 19:28–40; Phil. 2:5–11; Eph. 4:22–24; Dan. 7:13–14

Hark! A Thrilling
Voice Is Sounding


1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! “Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near,” we hear it say. “Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav’n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!”
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv’n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

*The voice of John the Baptist proclaims that Christ’s coming is near—
news that thrills the longing hearts of all believers.*

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
Music: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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Luke 1:76–79; Is. 60:1–3, 19–20; Eph. 5:8–14; Is. 25:7–9

When All the World Was Cursed 346

1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,

Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,

With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way

And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701; setting: *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006

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John 1:6–9, 15–17, 23–31; Matt. 3:1–12; 11:9–14; Luke 1:41–44

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Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round you
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant

vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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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Luke 2:7–16; Col. 1:13

1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

2 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*
Hirten erst kundgemacht,
Durch der Engel Halleluja
Tönt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ, der Retter, ist da,
Christ, der Retter, ist da!

3 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*
Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
Lieb aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund,
Christ, in deiner Geburt,
Christ, in deiner Geburt.

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 pesebre, 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 1.*

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 Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

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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Tune: David Lee, b. 1956

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Luke 3:21–22; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26–27; Matt. 28:19–20

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

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1 Come, join in Ca - na’s feast Where Christ is hon - ored guest.
 2 The old wine now is gone From jars that stand a - part.
 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 - rious Trin - i - ty.

Hymn accompaniment: 410

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., b. 1923
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John 2:1–11; Rev. 19:7–9; 1 Cor. 11:23–26

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Not All the Blood of Beasts

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish 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 Be - liev - 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.

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Heb. 10:1–4, 11; Heb. 9:12–14; Gal. 3:13; Rev. 5:6–14

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In Silent Pain the Eternal Son

1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lect 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

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Matt. 10:34–39; 27:45–54; 1 Peter 2:24

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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,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.
And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

Glory Be to Jesus

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1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;

Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had

hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.

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

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

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
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Mark 16:5–7; John 20:24–29

O Sons and Daughters of the King 471



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



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 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
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The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



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 peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
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 Alleluia! <i>Refrain</i></p> |

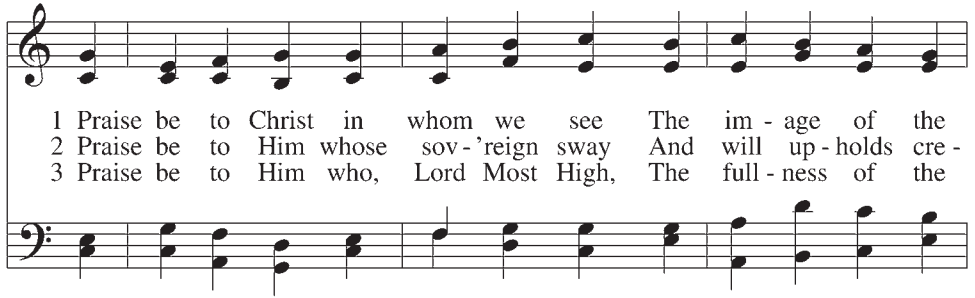
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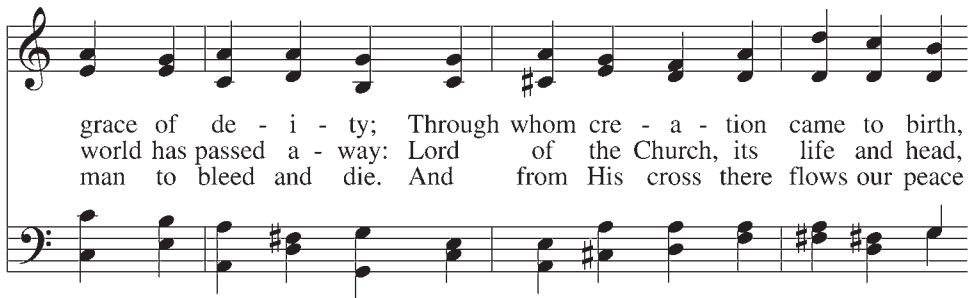
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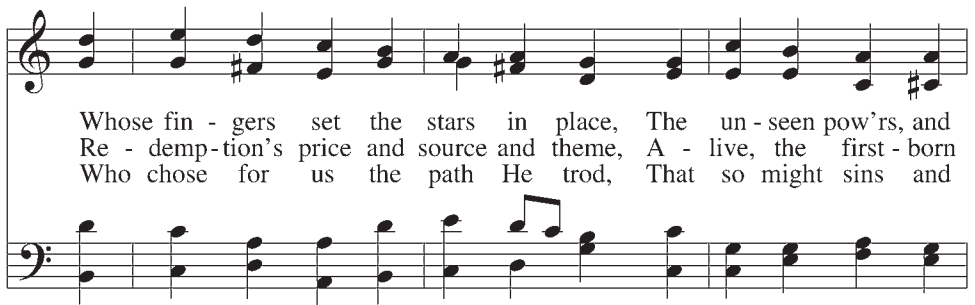
1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
 2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
 a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
 God - head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



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



Whose fin - gers 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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Col. 1:15-20

this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
 from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
 sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

Christ Is the World's Redeemer 539

1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
 △ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,

The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,

The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.

Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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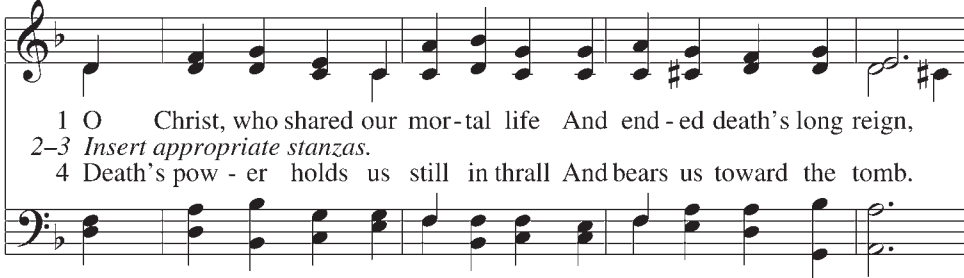
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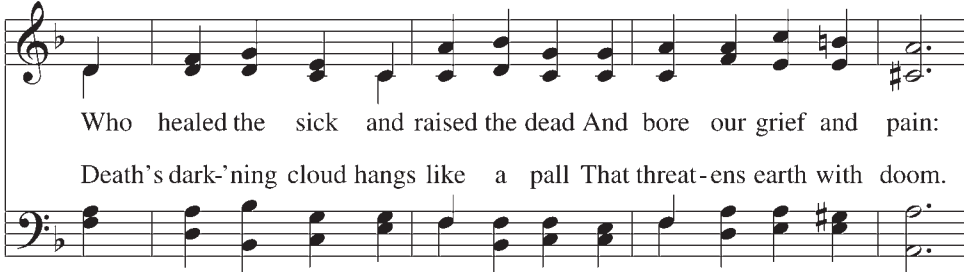
Acts 2:21–36; Phil. 2:5–11; Heb. 12:2; Rev. 7:9–17

O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life

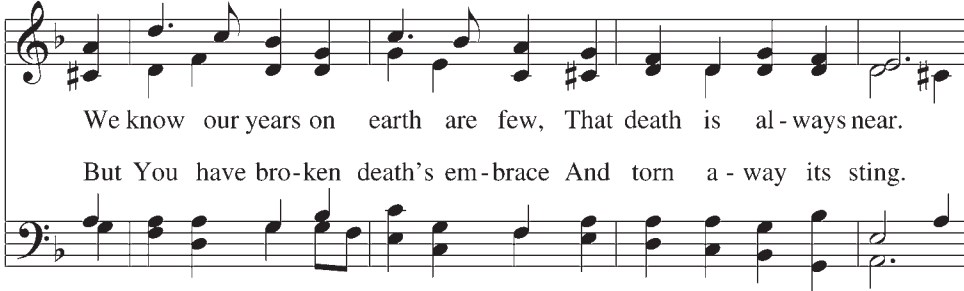
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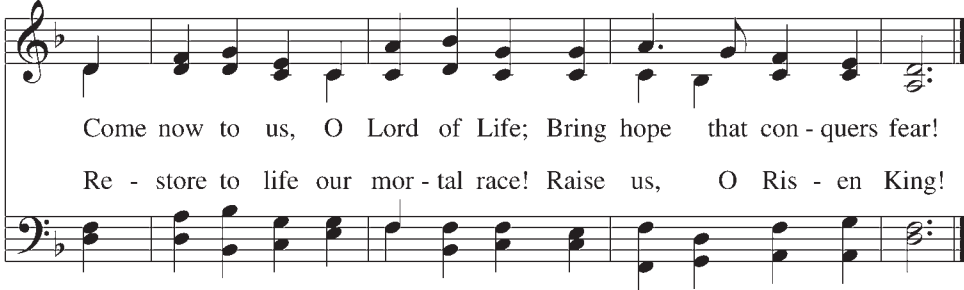
1 O Christ, who shared our mor-tal life And end-ed death's long reign,
2-3 *Insert appropriate stanzas.*
4 Death's pow-er holds us still in thrall And bears us toward the tomb.



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



We know our years on earth are few, That death is al-ways near.
But You have bro-ken death's em-brace And torn a-way its sting.



Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that con-quers fear!
Re-store to life our mor-tal race! Raise us, O Ris-en King!

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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!”
 A multitude had gathered round
 To hear the truth You taught,
 But, leaving them, You turned to help
 A father sore distraught.
- 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)

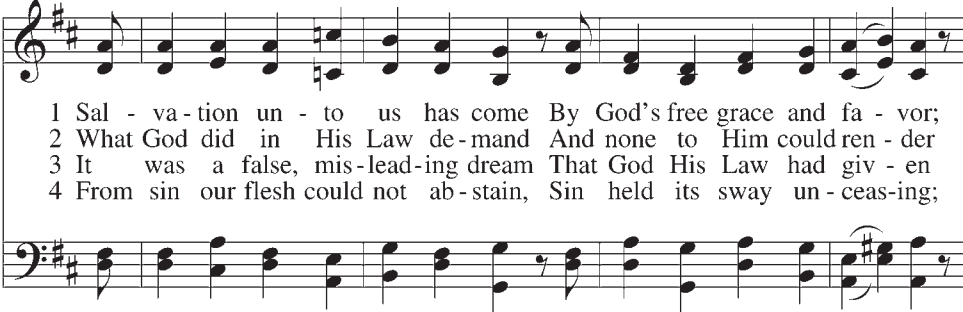
- 7 The ranks of death with trophy grim
 Through ancient streets once trod
 And suddenly confronted You,
 The mighty Son of God.
 A widow’s tears evoked Your Word;
 You stopped the bearers’ tread.
 “Weep not!” in pity then You spoke
 To her whose son was dead.
- 8 The ranks of death, the Lord of Life
 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)

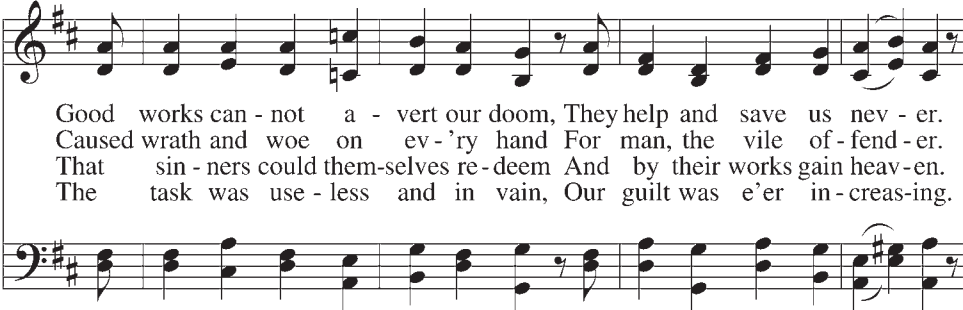
- 9 Two weeping sisters, worn by grief
 And mired in depths of gloom,
 Stood watching where their brother lay
 Within a rock-sealed tomb.
 When, Lord, You met them as they
 mourned,
 You wept compassion’s tear.
 But Martha, sore with sorrow, said,
 “He’d lived had You been here!”
- 10 “I am the Lord 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!

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Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas - ing;



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.
 Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.
 That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.
 The task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

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

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Rom. 3:10–31; 5:1–11; Gal. 3:1–25; Eph. 2:1–10

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- △ 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
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened
 △ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's

nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy
 heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall - ed me, To Thy
 bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and

grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me
 heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;
 King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,

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.
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John 15:16; Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Peter 2:9-10; 1 John 4:10, 19

end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.
 if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
 ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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.

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I Know My Faith Is Founded

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,

God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let

moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -

fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -

wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and

all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where

trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Hymn accompaniment: 820

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2 Tim. 1:12; John 17:8; Luke 17:5; 1 Peter 1:3–9

Jesus Loves Me

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1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.

Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

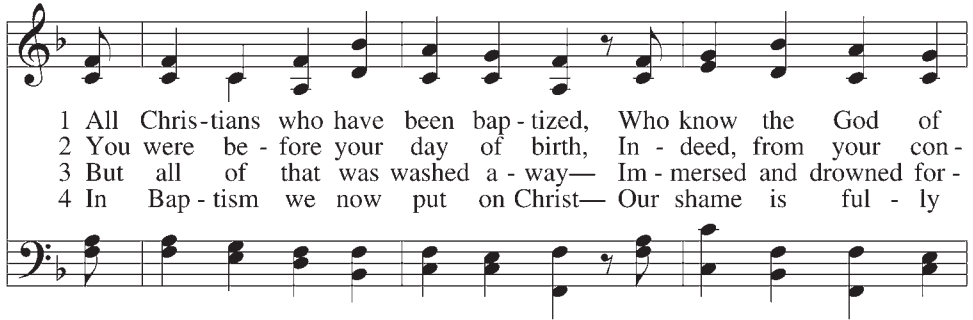
Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

1 *Cristo me ama, bien lo sé;
su Palabra me hace ver
que los niños son de aquel
quien es nuestro amigo fiel.*

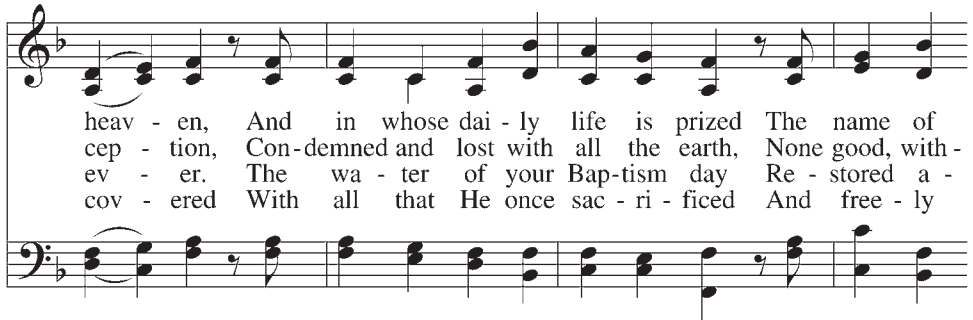
2 *Cristo me ama, me salvó,
en la cruz por mí murió;
mi pecado perdonó;
vida eterna me donó.*

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

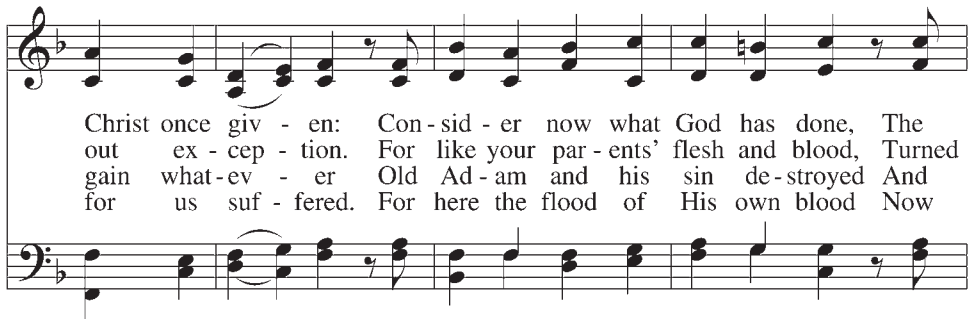
All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



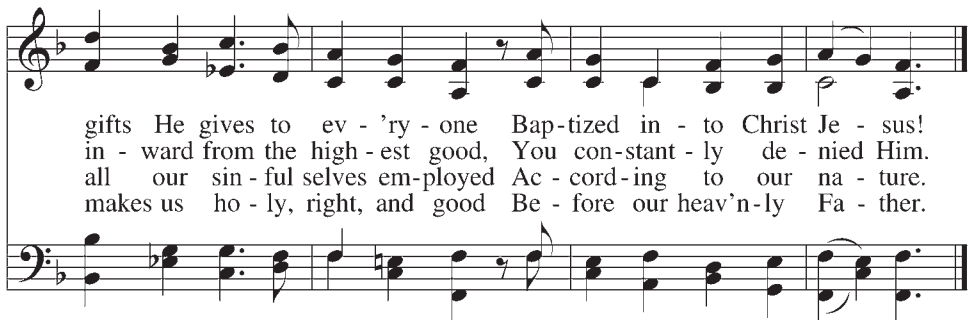
1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. Jon D. Vieker, b. 1961
Tune: *Eitlich Cristlich liden*, Wittenberg, 1524; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941
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Rom. 6:1–10; Eph. 5:25b–26; Ezek. 36:25–27; Gal. 3:26–27

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 597

1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and

tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing

Life has come, with life for all.
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
 With His bod - y and His blood.
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
 Life has come, with life for all.

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1 John 5:5-8; John 10:10

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.
 Tune: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN
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Matt. 16:24; 1 Peter 4:12-13; Matt. 10:38-39; Rom. 6:2-5, 8

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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*

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.
 5 Praise God with ac - cla - ma - tion And in His gifts re - joice.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.
 Each day finds its vo - ca - tion Re - spond - ing to His voice.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en
 Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend ex - press - ing



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!
 The love of God brings bless - ing 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.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532-98; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, sts. 1-2, 6, alt.;
 tr. *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006, st. 3; tr. Gregory J. Wismar, b. 1946, st. 4-5;
 tr. Joseph Herl, b. 1959, st. 7

Tune: *Recueil de plusieurs chansons*, Lyons, 1557, alt.

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Rom. 8:38-39; Joshua 24:16; Ps. 73:23

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode 714



1 Who trusts in God A strong a - bode In heav'n and
 2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world - ly
 3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet will



earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in
 scorn as - sail us, While You are
 stand se - cure - ly; Temp - ta - tion's



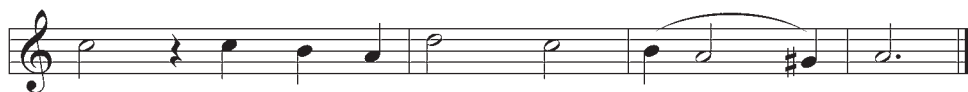
love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -
 near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er
 hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us



press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet
 fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And
 sure - ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our



hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for
 guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -
 bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right



woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.
 neath Our lives from You will sev - er.
 hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

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

WAS MEIN GOTT WILL (Rhythmic)
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Ps. 73:25–26; *Heb.* 12:2–3; *Rom.* 8:38–39; *Titus* 3:5–7

721

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

For if You lead me, I can - not 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 righ - teous - ness,

3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,

To help me o - ver my weak - est hour.

Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.

I am blind with - out Thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness Thy face to see.

I am put - ting all my trust in Thee.

Lord, al - ways let me Thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

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LEAD ME
Irregular meter

Ps. 5:8; 25:5

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me 722

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,

Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.

With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;

So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.
 Tune: P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958

SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE
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John 10:27–28; Psalm 23; Ps. 5:8; 121:4–7

The Lord Is My Light



The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
El Se-ñor es mi luz y mi sal-va - ción. El Se-ñor es la de -



strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
fen - sa de mi vi - da. Si el Se - ñor es mi luz, ¿a



strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?
quién te - me - ré? ¿Quién me ha - rá tem - blar?



1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His
I U - na co - sa pi - do al Se - ñor: ha - bi - tar por



house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the
siem - pre en su ca - sa, go - zar de la ter - nu - ra del Se -



Lord All the days of my life.
ñor to - dos los dí - as de mi vi - da.

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Lorraine Florindez, b. 1926; tr. Jon D. Vieker, b. 1961
 Tune: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932

EL SEÑOR ES MI LUZ
 Irregular meter

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Psalm 27



2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev-'ry day I will
 2 *No me es - con - das tu ros - tro, Se - ñor, bus - ca - ré to - do el*



seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -
dí - a tu ros - tro. Si mi pa - dre y mi ma - dre me a - ban -



sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me.
do - nan, el Se - ñor me a - co - ge - rá.



3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -
 3 *Oh Se - ñor, en - sé - ña - me el ca - mi - no, guí - a - me por la*



long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the
sen - da ver - da - de - ra. Go - za - ré de la di - cha del Se -



Lord In the land of all the liv - ing.
ñor en la tie - rra de la vi - da.

754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens



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



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
 cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
 mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
 you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
 your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
 makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
 all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
 keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
 ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

5 O blessed heir of heaven,
 You'll hear the song resound
 Of endless jubilation
 When you with life are crowned.
 In your right hand your maker
 Will place the victor's palm,
 And you will thank Him gladly
 With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
 With joy our spirits bless
 Until we see the ending
 Of all our life's distress.
 And so throughout our lifetime
 Keep us within Your care
 And at our end then bring us
 To heav'n to praise You there.

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001, sts. 1–5, alt;
 tr. *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006, st. 6
 Tune: Stephen R. Johnson, b. 1966

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

In the Very Midst of Life

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1 In the ver - y midst of life Snares of death sur - round us;
 2 In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'er - take us.
 3 In the midst of ut - ter woe When our sins op - press us,



Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe con - found us?
 Who will help when they as - sail, Who se - cure will make us?
 Where shall we for ref - uge 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 - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us lest we per - ish
 Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us from the ter - ror
 Sav - ior! 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!

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.
 Tune: Latin, 13th cent.; adapt. *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg,
 1524, ed. Johann Walter

MITTEN WIR IM LEBEN SIND
 Peculiar meter

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Rom. 14:7–8; 2 Cor. 1:9–10; 1 Cor. 15:53–54

823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-
 2 Thine o-ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev-'ry
 △ 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in-



vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face
 na-tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
 creas-ing; The land shall plen-teous fruit bring forth,



To life e-ter-nal guide us, That we His
 The voice of ex-ul-ta-tion. For Thou shalt
 Thy Word is rich in bless-ing. May God the



sav-ing health may know, His gra-cious will and plea-sure,
 judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf-fer sin to flour-ish;
 Fa-ther, God the Son, And God the Spir-it bless us!



And al-so to the na-tions show Christ's rich-es with-out
 Thy peo-ple's pas-ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 Let all the world praise Him a-lone, Let sol-emn awe pos-



mea-sure And un-to God con-vert them.
 nour-ish, In righ-teous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A-men!"

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
 Tune: *Der Lvj. Deus Misereatur*, Magdeburg, 1524

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

May God Bestow on Us His Grace 824



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
 △ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,



health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
 Thy peo - ple's pas - sure is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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

Song of Hannah

Exultavit cor meum

Refrain



My heart ex-ul-ts in the LORD; I re-joice in Your sal - va - tion.

Chant Tone



My heart ex-ul-ts in the LORD; I re-joice in Your sal - va - tion.

¹ My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted | in the LORD.*
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in Your sal- | vation.

² There is none holy like the LORD; there is none be- | sides You;*
there is no rock | like our God.

³ Talk no more so very | proudly,*
let not arrogance come | from your mouth;

⁴ for the LORD is a God of | knowledge,*
and by Him actions | are weighed.

Refrain

⁵ The bows of the mighty are | broken,*
but the feeble | bind on strength.

⁶ Those who were full have hired themselves | out for bread,*
but those who were hungry have ceased to | hunger.

⁷ The barren has borne | seven,*
but she who has many children | is forlorn.

⁸ The LORD kills and | brings to life;*
He brings down to Sheol and | raises up.

⁹ The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;*
He brings low and | He exalts.

¹⁰ 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.

Refrain

¹¹ For the pillars of the earth | are the LORD'S,*
and on them He has | set the world.

¹² 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.

¹³ The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to | pieces;*
against them He will thunder in | heaven.

¹⁴ The LORD will judge the ends | of the earth;*
He will give strength to His king and exalt the power of His a- | nointed.

**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

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: 1 Samuel 2:1–10 ESV

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I Will Greatly Rejoice in the Lord 929


Gaudens gaudebo

Refrain



The Lord GOD will cause righ- teous-ness and praise to sprout
forth be - fore all na - tions.

Chant Tone



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
righteous- | ness 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

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Isaiah 61:10–11 ESV
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Kyrie! God, Father



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious 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 eh-LAY-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, *Ordnung der ceremonien*, Naumburg, 1537/38;
tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: Latin, 9th cent.; adapt. *Kirchen ampt Deutsch*, Erfurt, 1525

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KYRIE, GOTT VATER
Peculiar meter

Ps. 28:2; 103:13; Heb. 4:15–16; Phil. 1:6

Kyrie — I

943

Lord, Have Mercy

Cantor

*... let us
pray to the Lord:*

Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *(hum)*

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Kyrie — II

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1, 3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Chris - te e - lei - son.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

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