

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2020

**WELCOME!** We are happy that you have joined us for the Divine Service of our gracious God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, and we pray that your time here will be blessed. Please indicate your presence with us by completing the Friendship Register that is in narthex. If you are a visitor please sign the guest register in the narthex as well.

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**LECTIONARY SUMMARY: *The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming***

The Day of the Lord is “darkness, and not light” (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their “burnt offerings and grain offerings,” nor will He look upon their “peace offerings” (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets “justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the “lamps” of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the “oil” of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us “to the dealers” (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus, we wait upon the Lord, and we “encourage one another with these words” (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes “with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,” and “we will always be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

**ORDER OF MATINS****Hymn****“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”****LSB 663**

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -

en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy

tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your

har - vest      reap - ing      While the saints are sleep - ing.  
cure are      sleep - ing      And no watch are keep - ing.  
friends to      charm you,      Who but seek to harm you.  
hopes to      shat - ter;      Heed not when they flat - ter.

5 But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day,  
Strength and faith increasing,  
So that still  
Mind and will  
Shall unite to serve Him  
And forever love Him.

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### Versicles

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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.

## PSALMODY

### Common Antiphon

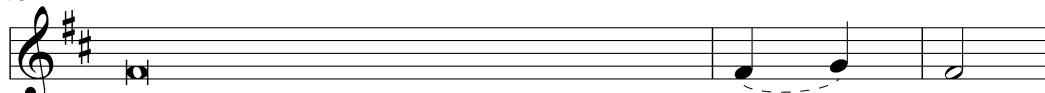


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

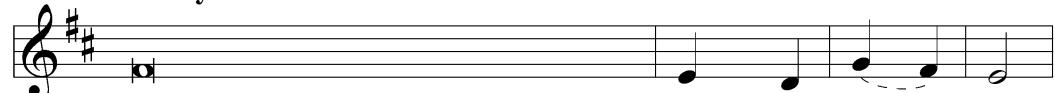


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

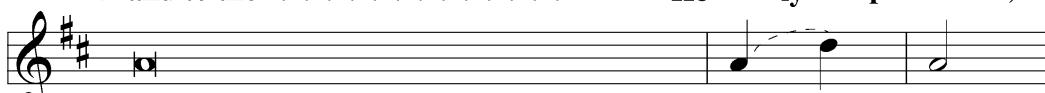
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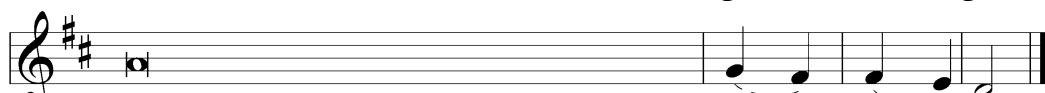
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



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 Antiphon



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



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Psalm Psalm 70

<sup>1</sup>Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

**O LORD, make haste to help me!**

<sup>2</sup>Let them be put to shame and confusion  
who seek my life!

**Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who desire my hurt!**

<sup>3</sup>Let them turn back because of their shame  
**who say, “Aha, Aha!”**

<sup>4</sup>May all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you!

**May those who love your salvation  
say evermore, “God is great!”**

<sup>5</sup>But I am poor and needy;  
hasten to me, O God!

**You are my help and my deliverer;  
O LORD, do not delay!**

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

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## Office Hymn

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

LSB 516



1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing.” The watch - men on the  
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”  
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals’ clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the

cry re - joic - es:      "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious;      Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal,      We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.

The Bride - groom comes, a-wake!      Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One,      Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light,      No ear has heard the might

Al - le - lu - ia!      With brid - al care      Your-selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na!      We en - ter all      The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry;      There - fore will we      E - ter - nal - ly

To meet the Bride - groom, who      is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at      Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy      to Thee!

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## READINGS

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*First Reading: Amos 5:18–24*

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!  
 Why would you have the day of the LORD?  
 It is darkness, and not light,  
<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,  
 and a bear met him,  
 or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
 and a serpent bit him.  
<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,  
 and gloom with no brightness in it?  
<sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your feasts,

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

*Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
 I will not accept them;  
 and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
 I will not look upon them.  
<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
 to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Third Reading: *Matthew 25:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your

oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Responsory

**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 Spirit - it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

### Sermon

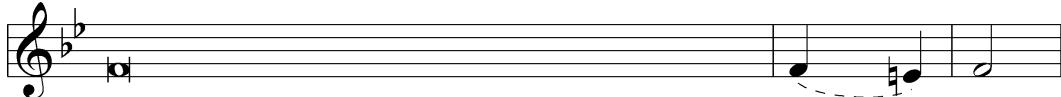
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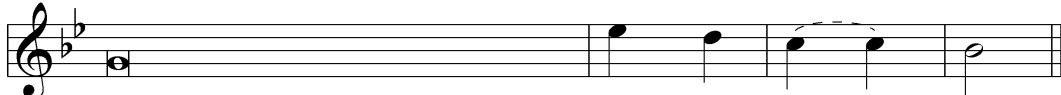
**Te Deum — We Praise You, O God**

**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.

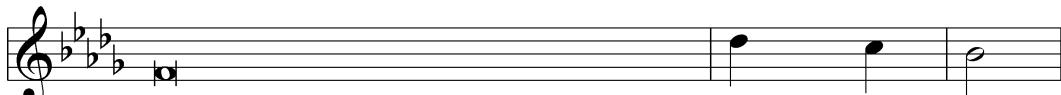
1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



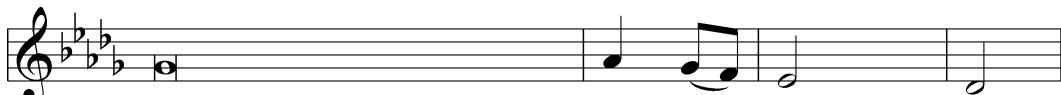
1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . praise You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . O Christ;



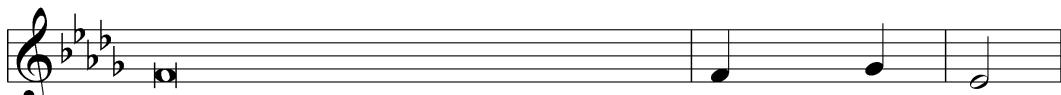
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . proph-ets praise You.  
3 also the Holy . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . of the Fa - ther.



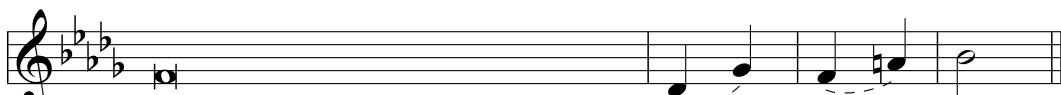
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . hand of God



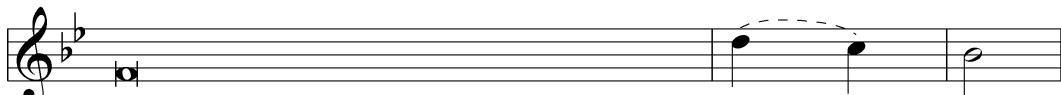
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . of the Fa - - ther.



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



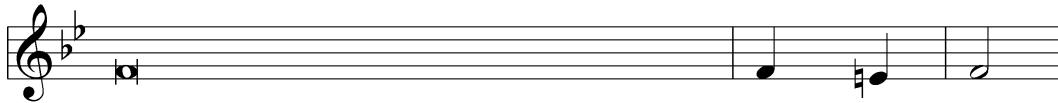
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . be our judge.



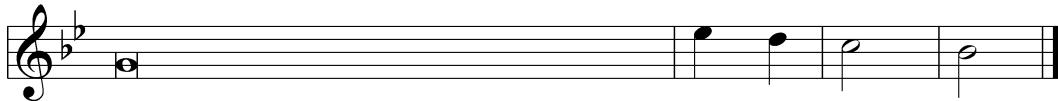
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . ser - - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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.

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## Offering

### PRAYER

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## Kyrie



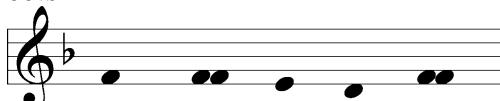
**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## Lord's Prayer

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

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

## Collects



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company

of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### 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.

**C** Amen.

#### Benedicamus



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction



**P** The grace of our Lord <sup>†</sup> Je - sus Christ and the love of God



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



**C** A - men.

**Closing Hymn****“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**

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1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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