

# Confession and Absolution

## 459 Christ Is Arisen

- 1 Christ is arisen  
From the grave's dark prison.  
So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Were Christ not arisen,  
Then death were still our prison.  
Now, with Him to life restored,  
We praise the Father of our Lord.  
Alleluia!
  
- 3 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Now let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

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*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  $\text{T}$  Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
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- 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.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**  
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto  
the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*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 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  $\text{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*  
at your right hand are pleasures for- |  
evermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn  
me up\*

and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from  
Sheol;\*

you restored me to life from among those  
who go down | to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor  
is for a | lifetime.\*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy  
comes with the | morning.

**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.**

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*  
at your right hand are pleasures for- |  
evermore.

## 948 All Glory Be to God Alone

- 1 All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the highest one,  
Who did our sinful race befriend  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among us may His gracious will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

- 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless  
And worship You in humbleness;  
From day to day we glorify  
The everlasting God on high.  
Of Your great glory do we sing,  
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
- 3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,  
Our Father, the Almighty One.  
O Lord, the sole-begotten One,  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
True God from all eternity,  
O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
- 4 You take the whole world's sin away;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away;  
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God's right hand Your mercy send,  
To all the world Your grace extend.
- 5 You only are the Holy One  
And over all are Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;  
With Him You evermore shall be  
One in the Father's majesty.

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### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son  
You raised up the fallen world. Grant to  
Your faithful people, rescued from the peril  
of everlasting death, perpetual gladness  
and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**First Reading**

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 John 3:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you.

Whoever practices righteousness is righteous,  
as he is righteous.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**483 With High Delight Let Us Unite**

- 1 With high delight  
Let us unite  
In songs of great jubilation.  
Ye pure in heart,  
All bear your part,  
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.  
To set us free  
Forever, He  
Is ris'n and sends  
To all earth's ends  
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
  
- 2 True God, He first  
From death has burst  
Forth into life, all subduing.  
His enemy  
Doth vanquished lie;  
His death has been death's undoing.  
"And yours shall be  
Like victory  
O'er death and grave,"  
Saith He, who gave  
His life for us, life renewing.
  
- 3 Let praises ring;  
Give thanks, and bring  
To Christ our Lord adoration.

His honor speed  
By word and deed  
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.  
So shall His love  
Give us above,  
From misery  
And death set free,  
All joy and full consolation.

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*Stand*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:36–49*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the  
twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of

Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### 953 We All Believe in One True God

- 1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.
  
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.
  
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us

In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessèd, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!

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*Sit*

**Sermon**

**Special Music**

**Prayer of the Church**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for the constant presence of Christ with His Church, in which we find fullness of joy; in praise of His right hand, Christ Jesus, whose resurrected body has won peace forevermore; and for a lively hope in the resurrection of the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church and her members, now made children of God through the incarnation of Christ and the reconciliation of His cross, that God would preserve the preaching of His Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our homes, that Christ would give them peace and enliven them with His resurrected life; that He would cause the forgiveness of sins to reign among husband and wives, parents and children; and that He would assure those who live alone that they, too, are His children, upheld by His right hand, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation and its leaders, especially Joseph, our president, and \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; that God would preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands; and that He would restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless so we may practice righteousness while awaiting that eternal peace found only in Christ's wounds, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the troubled in our midst, that Christ's wounds would continue to bring His gladness, peace and comforting presence to His disciples [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]; and for those who weep, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that in the difficult night of this world they would confidently expect the blessed joy of Easter morning, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune, that Christ, who has blotted out our sins by His crucifixion, would send us the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

### **Preface**

*LSB 216*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give

thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

C **Amen.**

#### 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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 217*

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 **T** 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 **T** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

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*

#### 482 This Joyful Eastertide

- 1 This joyful Eastertide  
 Away with sin and sorrow!  
 My love, the Crucified,  
 Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain
  
- ref Had Christ, who once was slain,  
 Not burst His three-day prison,  
 Our faith had been in vain:  
 But now has Christ arisen,  
 arisen, arisen;  
 But now has Christ arisen!
  
- 2 Death's flood has lost its chill  
 Since Jesus crossed the river;  
 Lover of souls, from ill  
 My passing soul deliver: Refrain

- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

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### **605 Father Welcomes**

ref Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. Refrain

2 In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. Refrain

3 Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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### **628 Your Table I Approach**

1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;

A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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*Stand*

**Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

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

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 218*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

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 T  
give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,

Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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