

6/13/2021 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

901 OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY LSB 901

1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
 Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
 Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
 Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
 There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
 Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
 Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be

Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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

C Amen.

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.

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.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 92:12–15; antiphon: Ps. 92:1

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.
The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.
They are planted in the house | of the LORD;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.
They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | 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.**

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- 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 mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

- A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the
hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to
God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that 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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:1–10

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the

Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

²⁶And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

"Better Is One Day"

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty,
For my soul longs and even faints for You,
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts, better is one
day in Your house,

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands
elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day
in Your house,

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands
elsewhere,

Than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,

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SERMON

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**☩ 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

PREFACE

LSB 177

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and

magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising
You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and
might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 179

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

C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we

**forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 179

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

PAX DOMINI

LSB 180

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

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

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

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

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

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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.

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.

892 COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME LSB 892

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.
 All be safely gathered in
 Ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our maker, doth provide
 For our wants to be supplied.
 Come to God's own temple, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
 Fruit unto His praise to yield;
 Wheat and tares together sown,
 Unto joy or sorrow grown.
 First the blade and then the ear,
 Then the full corn shall appear.
 Lord of harvest, grant that we
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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577 ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST LSB 577

1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend

And righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD

LSB 181

© Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell

everyone what He has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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 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.

BENEDICTION

LSB 183

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.

C Amen.

971 THERE IS A REDEEMER

LSB 971

1 There is a Redeemer—
 Jesus, God's own Son;
 Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 Holy One.

ref Thank You, O my Father,
 For giving us Your Son,
 And leaving Your Spirit
 Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,
 Name above all names;
 Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 Hope for sinners slain. Refrain

3 When I stand in glory,

I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place. Refrain

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