

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 In conversation be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noonday clear;
Think how the_all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
- 3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept
And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.
- 4 Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will
And with Thyself my spirit fill.
- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might
In Thy sole glory may unite.
- Δ6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution *Is. 55:11–12; Ps. 32:5; 124:8; Matt. 13:23; Rom. 8:16*

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.

P In today's Epistle, Paul reminds us that "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Let us therefore go to our gracious heavenly Father, confessing our sins.

P In the Old Testament Reading, God promises, "My word ... shall not return to Me empty; it shall accomplish ... and shall succeed."

C But we do not trust You in all things. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, heavenly Father.

P Then God tells us, "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace."

C But we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Hear us, free us, and lead us in paths pleasing to You, heavenly Father.

P In the Gospel, our Lord explains that "the one who hears the word and understands it ... bears fruit." By the grace of God, we believe and understand that Jesus, the Word of God in the flesh, succeeded in destroying death and rising victorious for us. For His sake, God forgives us and uses us to bear fruit for Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Word planted inside you produce a great harvest for our gracious Lord.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB 584

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.
- 2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.

Salutation and Prayer 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,

Men: grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them

Women: *that we may embrace and ever hold fast*

C **the blessed hope of everlasting life;**

P 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

Isaiah 55:10–13

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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- 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.

Sermon

Profession of Faith

Explanation of the Third Article

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me

with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Collect for Blessing on the Word

P Lord God, bless Your Word ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

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 ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

On What Has Now Been Sown

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- 1 On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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