

**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

*LSB 493 v. 1*

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**First Reading**

*Acts 1:1-11*

- P** In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked Him,  
**C** **“Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”**  
**P** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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- 2 The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand. Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll’wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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- P** And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,  
**C** **“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”**

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3 To them the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“This is the Savior,” thus they say; “This is His glorious triumph day!”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 “You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky.” Alleluia, alleluia!

“Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty.”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

**C** He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

**C** We confess before God and before one another that we have failed to live in the image of Christ. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

**P** We stand guilty before our Father in heaven and are in need of His forgiveness.

**C** Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**P** Because of and in Christ’s continued presence through all our days,

**C** renew us and strengthen us for Christlike living and service in Your kingdom until the day when we ascend to the heavenly realm where we shall be in the presence of Christ forever and ever.

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5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward. Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**P** Jesus Christ, your ascended Lord, has heard your confession, and He alone has the power to forgive all sin. His presence and grace are enough for us in this time and eternally. God has promised His merciful forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus,

to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in faith. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in His stead and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and finally bring you to live with Him forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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*LSB 493 v. 6*

$\Delta$ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Introit

*Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

**P** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

**C The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*LSB 805*

$\Delta$ 1 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. Amen.

## Salutation & Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*LSB 525*

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

## Sermon

### Catechism

*Explanation of the Second Article*

- P** Jesus fulfilled all Scripture as the Word made flesh. Forty days after His victory over sin, death, and the devil by His rising from the dead, He ascended into heaven. Believing in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, as our Lord and Savior and humanity's redemption and source of all salvation, we focus on the Small Catechism's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, which we confess together:
- C** **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.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

### On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

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- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

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**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Preface

*LSB 160*

**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 ... evermore praising You and saying:

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, almighty God, ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

## Words of Our Lord

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*

**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.**

## Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

*LSB 491*

- 1 Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,  
To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,  
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.
- 2 Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,  
Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede;  
Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!

3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide;  
Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide;  
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.

△4 Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

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## **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

*LSB 821*

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, ... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

*Acts 1:8; Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,  
**C** and you will be **My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**
- P** Go out into the world with peace and joy, for this same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven. The blessing of God Almighty—Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you always.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** Christ is risen, ascended, and glorified!  
**C** **He sits at the right hand of the Father, enthroned in power and glory.**
- P** Alleluia!  
**C** **Alleluia!**

## Dismissal

- P** With the power He has given through His Spirit, as His loved and forgiven people and as His witnesses here, nearby, and to the ends of the earth, go in peace as you serve our risen and ascended Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*LSB 643*

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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