

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

*John 3:16; Titus 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:3–4; 1 John 2:2*

**P** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**C** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

**P** This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**C** He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Confession and Absolution

*Romans 3:22b–25a, 6:23*

**P** For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

**C** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** O Giver of all good gifts, we come to You today acknowledging our foolishness and shortsightedness. As we live in this world, we succumb to the thinking of this world, which does not always align with Your thoughts. Amid the strains and stresses of life, we forget about Your unfailing love for us and for all in our world. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, forgive our sins and renew us by Your love.

**P** Our God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, loves us dearly and blesses us with every spiritual blessing. We have redemption through Jesus' blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. 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** Thank You, Jesus! Amen.

## **Kyrie** (spoken)

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the gifts of forgiveness, grace, and the heavenly inheritance that awaits us, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for wisdom for all who lead, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For God's chosen people, gathered here and scattered throughout the earth, and for the proclamation of God's unconditional love for all and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **Let Us All with Gladsome Voice**

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## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious heavenly Father, You have shown repeatedly throughout history how much You love Your chosen people. Fill our lives with Your love so we may share it with all whom we interact; 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**

*1 Kings 3:4–15*

## **Epistle**

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 2:40–52*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

**P** The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And

when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

**C** And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

**P** And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, *Women: "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress."*

**P** And He said to them,

*Men: "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?"*

**P** And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.

*Women: "And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart."*

*Men: And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*

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

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

**God Loves Me Dearly**

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**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering & Rite of Friendship**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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Δ1 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.

**Service of the Sacrament**

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**Children of the Heavenly Father  
Within the Father's House**

*LSB 725*

*LSB 410*

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C** His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, love, and grace, in Your immense love for us from all eternity You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be born of Mary. He died for the sins of the world and rose to life victoriously. Through Him we have obtained an inheritance as Your dearly loved children. We ask that You continue to walk with us as You rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we be empowered constantly by Your love for all humanity; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

*Ephesians 1:3, 13–14*

**P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. ... In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you all. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—abide with you, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

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