

Confession and Absolution

802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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| 1 Immortal, invisible,<br>God only wise,<br>In light inaccessible<br>hid from our eyes,<br>Most blessèd, most glorious,<br>the Ancient of Days,<br>Almighty, victorious,<br>Thy great name we praise.                | 3 To all life Thou givest—<br>to both great and small—<br>In all life Thou livest,<br>the true Life of all;<br>We blossom and flourish<br>as leaves on the tree<br>And wither and perish—<br>but naught changes Thee. |
| 2 Unresting, unhasting,<br>and silent as light,<br>Nor wanting, nor wasting,<br>Thou rulest in might;<br>Thy justice like mountains<br>high soaring above<br>Thy clouds which are fountains<br>of goodness and love. | 4 Great Father of glory,<br>pure Father of light,<br>Thine angels adore Thee,<br>all veiling their sight;<br>All laud we would render:<br>O help us to see<br>'Tis only the splendor<br>of light that hides Thee.     |

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*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  $\text{✠}$  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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*



Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,\*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

**How lovely is your | dwelling place,\***

**O | LORD of hosts!**

Behold our shield, | O God;\*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.\***

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.\*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

**O | LORD of hosts,\***

**blesseèd is the one who | trusts in you!**

**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.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,\*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

- 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.**

**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.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!  
 Why would you have the day of the LORD?  
 It is darkness, and not light,  
<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,  
 and a bear met him,  
 or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
 and a serpent bit him.  
<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,  
 and gloom with no brightness in it?  
<sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your feasts,  
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
 I will not accept them;  
 and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
 I will not look upon them.  
<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
 to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:1–13*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"  
The watchmen on the heights are crying;  
    "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"  
Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
    "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lamps with gladness take!  
    Alleluia!  
With bridal care  
Yourselves prepare  
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
And all her heart with joy is springing;  
    She wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;  
    Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,  
    Hail! Hosanna!  
We enter all  
The wedding hall  
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,  
Let saints and angels sing before Thee  
    With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, joining with the choir immortal,  
    We gather round Thy radiant throne.  
No eye has seen the light,  
No ear has heard the might  
    Of Thy glory;  
Therefore will we  
Eternally  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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## Sermon

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## Nicene Creed

**☐ 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

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## Offering

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## Offertory

*LSB 176*

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## Service of the Sacrament

## 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.
- 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.

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

- 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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| 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence<br>And with fear and trembling stand;<br>Ponder nothing earthly-minded,<br>For with blessing in His hand<br>Christ our God to earth descending<br>Comes our homage to demand. | 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven<br>Spreads its vanguard on the way<br>As the Light of Light, descending<br>From the realms of endless day,<br>Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish<br>As the darkness clears away. |
| 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,<br>As of old on earth He stood,<br>Lord of lords in human vesture,<br>In the body and the blood,<br>He will give to all the faithful<br>His own self for heav'nly food.         | 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,<br>Cherubim with sleepless eye,<br>Veil their faces to the presence<br>As with ceaseless voice they cry:<br>"Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, Lord Most High!"                  |

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## 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

- 1 The day is surely drawing near  
When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear  
As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,  
And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.
- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound  
And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground  
Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour,  
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at His commanding.
- 3 The books are opened then to all,  
A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small,  
When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,  
And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word  
And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be  
And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.

70 Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.

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*Stand*

**Thank the Lord**

*LSB 181*

- ☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let ev'ryone 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...

**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.

## 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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| 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,<br>Great David's greater Son!<br>Hail, in the time appointed,<br>His reign on earth begun!<br>He comes to break oppression,<br>To set the captive free,<br>To take away transgression<br>And rule in equity.                      | 3 He shall come down like showers<br>Upon the fruitful earth;<br>Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,<br>Spring in His path to birth.<br>Before Him on the mountains<br>Shall peace, the herald, go;<br>And righteousness in fountains<br>From hill to valley flow. |
| 2 He comes with rescue speedy<br>To those who suffer wrong,<br>To help the poor and needy<br>And bid the weak be strong;<br>To give them songs for sighing,<br>Their darkness turn to light,<br>Whose souls, condemned and dying,<br>Were precious in His sight. | 4 Kings shall fall down before Him<br>And gold and incense bring;<br>All nations shall adore Him,<br>His praise all people sing.<br>To Him shall prayer unceasing<br>And daily vows ascend;<br>His kingdom still increasing,<br>A kingdom without end.            |
| 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,<br>He on His throne shall rest,<br>From age to age more glorious,<br>All blessing and all-blest.<br>The tide of time shall never<br>His covenant remove;<br>His name shall stand forever—<br>That name to us is Love.               |   |

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