

## Matins

## 973 Thy Word Is a Lamp

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- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*
- 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;  
And I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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## Stand

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

## Psalmody

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

## Venite

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- C** **O come, let us sing to the Lord,**  
**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**  
**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,**  
**let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**  
**For the Lord is a great God**  
**and a great king above all gods.**  
**The deep places of the earth are in His hand;**  
**the strength of the hills is His also.**  
**The sea is His, for He made it,**  
**and His hand formed the dry land.**  
**O come, let us worship and bow down,**  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**  
**For He is our God,**  
**and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
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## Introit

Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.\*  
His praise endures for- | ever!  
Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,\*  
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.  
Great are the works | of the LORD,\*  
studied by all who de- | light in them.  
Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,\*  
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.  
He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.  
He provides food for those who | fear him;\*  
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.  
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.\*  
Holy and awesome | is his name!  
**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.**  
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.\*  
His praise endures for- | ever!

Sit

## 696 O God, My Faithful God

- 1 O God, my faithful God,  
True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame,  
And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command,  
My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should  
While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good,  
For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words  
That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech  
May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place  
I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace  
Lest I offend the weak.
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes  
With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends  
For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught,  
To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might  
To live in peace with all.
- 5 Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

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## Readings

### Old Testament Reading

*Proverbs 9:1–10*

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call  
from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup>“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”  
To him who lacks sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”  
<sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,  
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.  
<sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;  
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.  
<sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.  
<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

### Epistle

*Ephesians 5:6–21*

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

### Holy Gospel

*John 6:51–69*

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

<sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink

his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

<sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

<sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

## Responsory

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**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Sermon

## Canticle

*Stand*

## Te Deum

LSB 223

**C** **We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.  
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.  
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.  
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:  
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;  
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;  
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,  
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.  
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,  
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God  
in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that You will come  
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,  
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your saints  
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we magnify You.  
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

*Sit*

Offering

## **Prayer**

*Kneel/Stand*

## **Kyrie**

*LSB 227*

**☐ Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**☐ 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.**

## Collects

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with your spirit.**

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

*LSB 228*

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

*LSB 228*

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

## 875 Father, We Praise Thee

- 1 Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over,  
Active and watchful, stand we all before Thee;  
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation:  
Thus we adore Thee.
- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions;  
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
Bring us to heaven, where Thy saints united  
Joy without ending.
- △ 3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us Thy salvation;  
Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
Through all creation.

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