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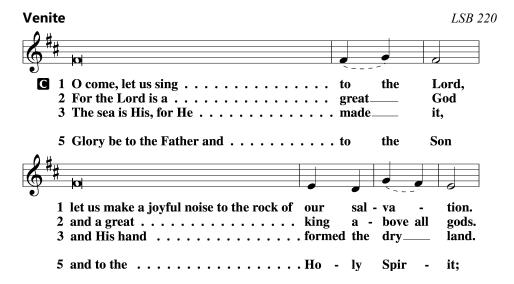
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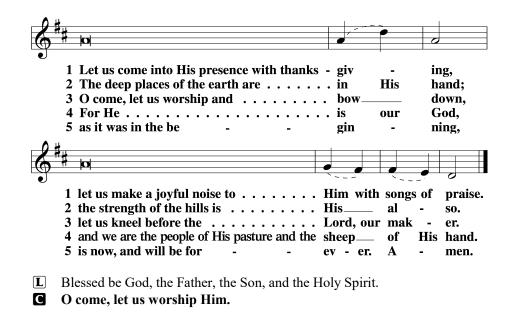
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- L O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- **C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and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





Additional Psalms

Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 2

- P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
- Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
- **P** before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Readings

Reading Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Reading 1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Reading John 15:9–17

⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Responsory LSB 221

- 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.
- Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.



Sermon

Theme: "Love as Jesus has Loved You"

Text: John 15:12

Canticle



Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing. by all the earth a - dored. The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise. Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one: Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en forc - es You com-mand. by



You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing, The mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no - ble throng, a - side Your glo - ry, were You laid born of vir-gin's womb, We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring: Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song: Were cru - ci - fied for and were placed in - to us help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



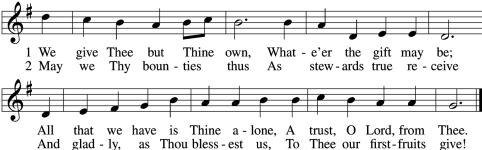
ho - lv. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re-prieve with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!" Ho - ly Spir - it, Com-fort-er— for - ev - er Three in One!" o - pened heav-en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve. ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



Prayer

Kyrie LSB 227

C 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 O Lord, hear my prayer.
- **C** And let my cry come to You.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions ending in...

- P let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

- P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

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.



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