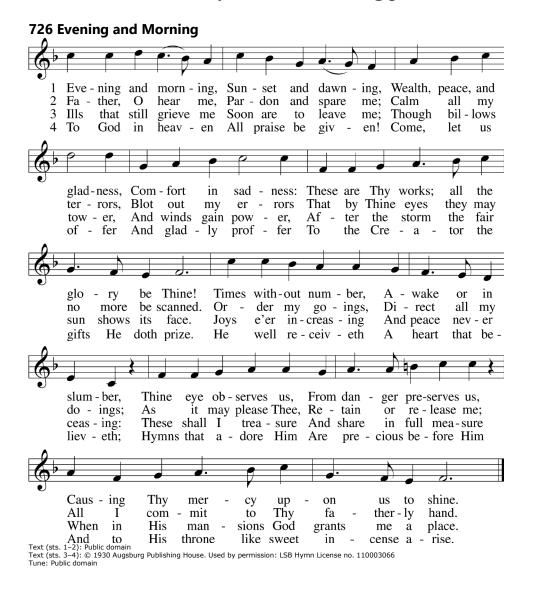
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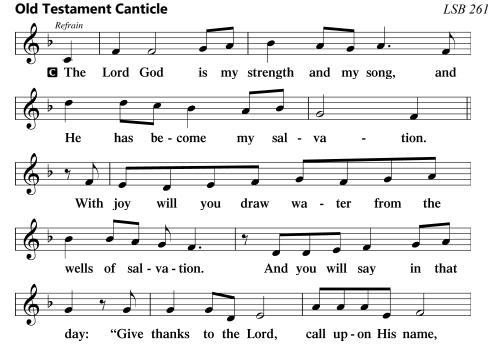
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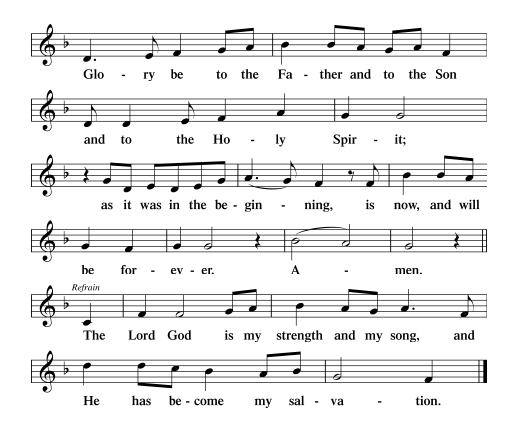


### **Opening Versicles**

- **L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- **L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- **C** Teach me Your paths.
- **L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- Your Word is truth.
- **L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 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.







# **Readings From Holy Scripture**

Reading Isaiah 45:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Reading** 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Reading Matthew 22:15–22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

- **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.

- 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.

### **Apostles' Creed**

- L We confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed. We confess...
- **C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

- Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...
- 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.

### **Holy Baptism - Third**

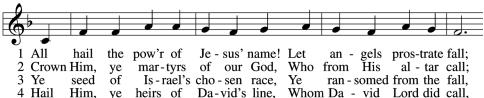
- L How can water do such great things?
- Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5–8)

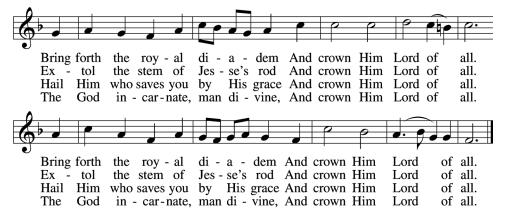


#### Sermon

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#### 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name





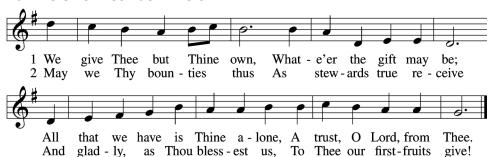
- Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
   The wormwood and the gall,
   Go, spread your trophies at His feet
   And crown Him Lord of all.

   Go, spread your trophies at His feet
   And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
  We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
  We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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## Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

#### 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



### **Prayer**

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- **L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **I** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

# **Collect of the Day**

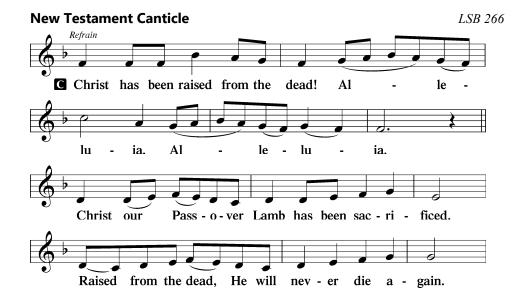
- O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### Collect for the Word

- E Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### **Morning Prayer**

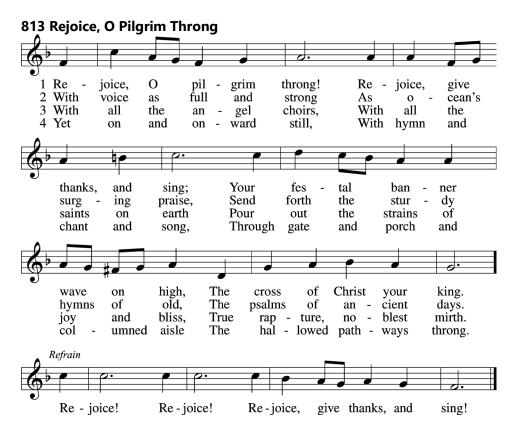
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.





### Blessing

- Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- **I** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C Amen.



- Still lift your standard high,
   Still march in firm array,
   As pilgrims through the darkness wend
   Till dawns the golden day. Refrain
- 6 At last the march shall end;
  The wearied ones shall rest;
  The pilgrims find their home at last,
  Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

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