

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

## PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE

### WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in the room adjoining the worship facility.



### AS WE GATHER

We live in a world where we increasingly hear strange ideas. The people we work, play, and live near increasingly consider the truths that our God created this world and redeemed us to be strange. Jesus, Peter, and Paul lived in a world that had some striking similarities to our own. As we live out our Baptism, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to love Jesus and keep His commands. We are urged to always be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). As we do so, it is easy to fall into the angry, divisive, argumentative patterns that we hear in the political realm. Yet, we are called to share our hope with gentleness and respect, so that we keep a clear conscience and suffer for doing good rather than evil.

### COMMUNION PRACTICE

Lamb of God celebrates the Lord’s Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see MATTHEW 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34.

# + PREPARATION +

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

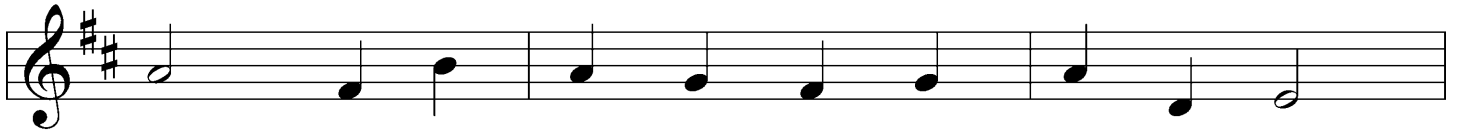
769 *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,  
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;  
Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—  
Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.  
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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## INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*John 14:19b; Acts 17:28; Romans 6:3–4*

- L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- L** Jesus said, “Because I live, you also will live.”
- C** In Him we live and move and have our being.
- L** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- C** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
- L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, seeking His forgiveness through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C** Heavenly Father, creator of all that was, is, and will ever be, we confess to You that we fall short of the calling that we have received from You, as Your dearly loved children. We have struggled to share the reason for the hope we have in You. We have not always responded to others with gentleness and respect. We have failed to live and share the love we have first received from You. Forgive our sins, for Jesus’ sake, and lead us to live lives that reflect Your indwelling presence.
- L** Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace!
- C** Alleluia! Amen.

## + WORD +

### INTROIT

*Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105*

- C** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- L** Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- C** Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- L** By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.
- C** If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
- L** I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.
- 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.
- Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

### KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** 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.
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

### THIS IS THE FEAST

*(Revelation 5:12 – 13; 19:5 – 9) LSB 155*

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.: Ever-living God, in You we live and move and have our being. We praise and thank You for creating us in Your image and for restoring our sin-stained selves to that image through the waters of Baptism. Lead and guide us by Your Spirit, as we live out our days so that others may come to know who You are; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## FIRST READING

Acts 17:16–31

**L** A reading from Acts, chapter 17.

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” – because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

*“In him we live and move and have our being”;*

as even some of your own poets have said,

*“For we are indeed his offspring.”*

<sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

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

## GRADUAL

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

- L** Christ has risen from the dead.
- C** **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**
- L** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- C** **He has put all things under His feet.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 3:13–22*

- L** The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter 3.


<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

## ♩ ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB p. 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

464 *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

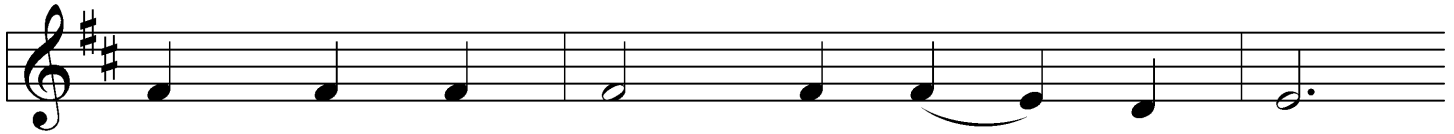
*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,





Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.  
From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## SERMON

### 🕊 CREED

*Nicene Creed LSB p.158*

🗨 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

**L** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray with boldness and confidence because we know He hears our prayers because Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**L** Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for sending Your Son to die and rise again for the sins of the world. We praise and thank You for sending the Holy Spirit, who calls us by the Gospel, gathers us around Your Word and Sacraments, enlightens us with Your truth, and sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith. Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**L** Creator God, You have created this world and everything in it, as well as each person who lives in it. In You we live and move and have our being, and You continue to provide for our daily needs of body and life. Lead us as we steward the resources and relationships You generously give us. Guide us to see all people as Your masterpieces. Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**L** Lord God, You have placed us in a community where there are people who have never known You or who no longer are connected to Your Church. Guide us, as You guided Paul and others, to seize the opportunities to share the reason for the hope we have, doing this with gentleness and respect. Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**L** Almighty God, You are the King of all creation and the fount of all wisdom. We pray for all the world's leaders and ask that You guide them according to Your will and Your ways as they make decisions for the good of all. We especially pray for our president, vice president, governor, mayor, and all those who work in government. Watch over their lives, and guide them in the decisions they are called to make on our behalf. Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**L** Gracious God, we thank You for creating families with a loving father and a mother. We grieve for those who do not experience life according to Your design and for those who experience abandonment, abuse, and neglect. We celebrate with those who experience Your love in their families. Today, we especially remember our mothers. We remember those in whose wombs you knit us together. We remember those You have worked through to provide us comfort, wise counsel, care, and discipline throughout the different stages of our lives. We ask Your blessing on all mothers, that they experience Your love and are shaped by it in their parenting. Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**L** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

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## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19 LSB p 159*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

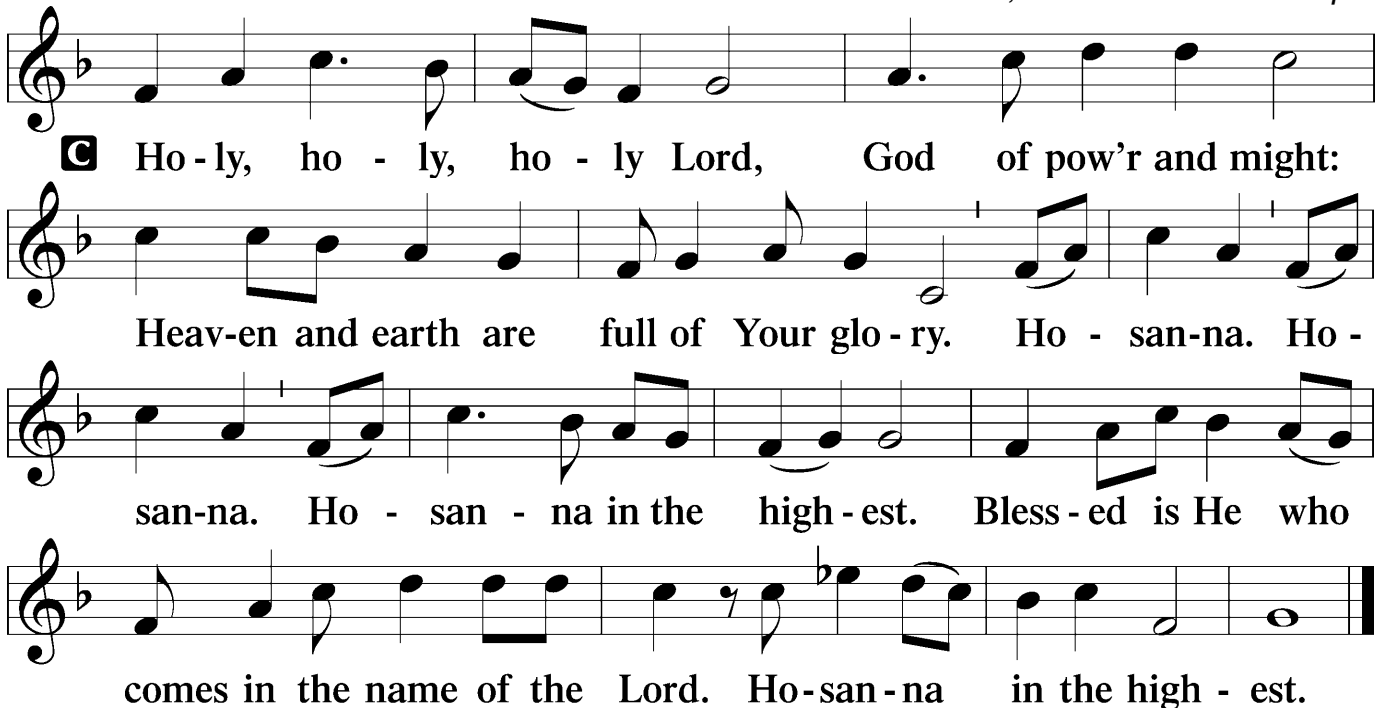
- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at every time in every place thank You, our God, who has created this world and everything in it, and, in Your mercy, has given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not be destroyed but have eternal life. We praise and thank You for saving us through the waters of Baptism and giving us a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through this Meal, empower us to love You and share the truth of hope we have in You, through the resurrection of Jesus, with those in our homes, workplaces, and throughout our community. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB p.161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**L** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, we worship You as the One who has created this world and everything in it and still takes care of it. In Your great love for humanity, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to suffer once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to You, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison and who has gone into heaven and is at Your right hand, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him. As we come together at Jesus' Table, we prepare to celebrate the gift He gives us, the full forgiveness of our sins as we eat and drink His body and blood that come to us in bread and wine. Through this Meal, empower us by Your Spirit to love You by keeping Your commands; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**L** 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**L** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**L** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB p.162

**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.

## PAX DOMINI

**L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## WE SHARE THE PEACE

### ♩ AGNUS DEI

John 1:29 LSB p.163

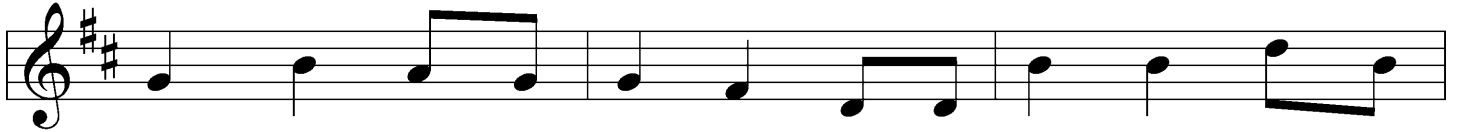
**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## HYMN

556 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly  
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -  
 5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for  
 pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
 moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He  
 all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.  
 bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."



6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you."

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

633 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal  
5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love  
pow'rs be - neath You lie; You have con - quered in the fight,



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!  
You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!

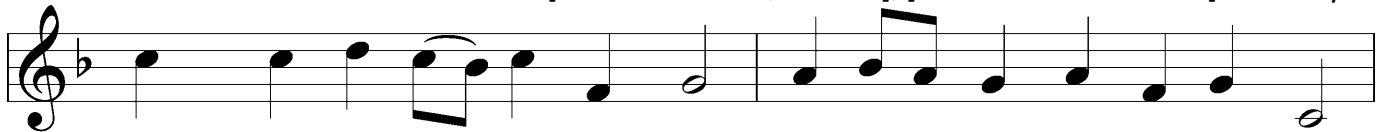
6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

## 🎵 THANK THE LORD

[Psalm 105:1 – 3, 42 – 43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8 – 10] LSB p.164



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

☐ Let us pray: We thank You, our Maker, for creating us and for re-creating us through the cleansing waters of Baptism. We specifically thank You this day for serving us the body and blood of Jesus, in bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Empower us to join You in the work You are doing in our world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

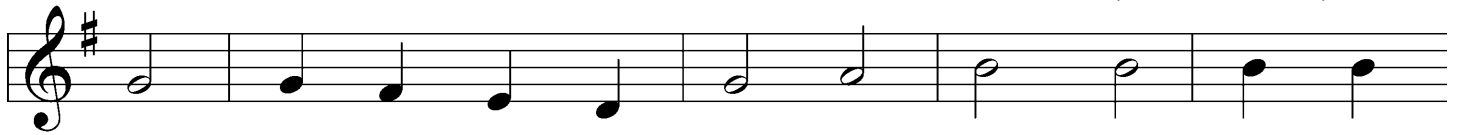
### BENEDICTION

☐ 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.

☐ Amen.

# DISMISSAL HYMN

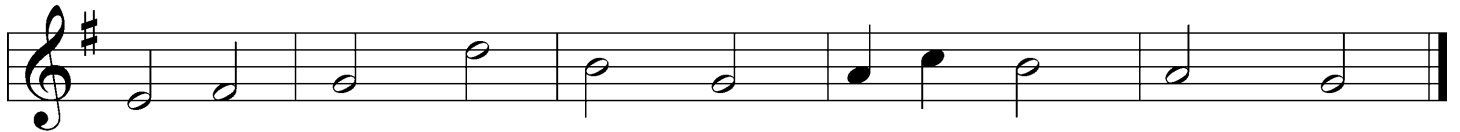
632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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## DISMISSAL

- L Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!