SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUFFERING AND GLORY

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.



MAY 21, 2023

AS WE GATHER

We don't like to suffer. In fact, there are times when we feel the slightest pain and we start feeling like we are being persecuted. We would much rather have God shatter those we perceive to be our enemies than deal with anything resembling suffering. When God deals with our "enemies," then, we will sing God's praises. But sometimes life is hard and sometimes it is hard because we are Christians, and our adversary, "the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus once said, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (MATTHEW 5:11–12). This same Jesus prayed for us, that our holy Father would keep us in His name. He knew suffering and is now experiencing glory. When we suffer because of our Christian faith, we share Christ's suffering and because He suffered, died, and rose again, we, too, will share that experience and join Him in His glory.

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.

CAUTION

It is prudent and wise to let our church family know you have broken people sitting around you; this is a place for the broken as Jesus describes in the gospels. We have/may have folks in the congregation that have been alcoholics, drug abusers, spousal abusers, formerly violent and even sexual offenders. This is a house for the broken. We certainly understand that this is a Lamb of God Lutheran Church Ministry and have taken diligent steps to create a safe environment for all who would like to worship our Father.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



We are very happy that you are here today, whether this is your first or fiftieth time with us. If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here at Lamb of God who will lend you a hand.

Here are some suggestions to help make worship with your children easier:

Relax! Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Lamb of God.

Please dare to sit toward the front, where your children can easily see the pastor, note the colors, embrace the action at the altar, and wonder at the symbols in the great stained-glass windows. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.

Explain the parts of the Divine Service to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of this belongs to them, too.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn by following your lead.

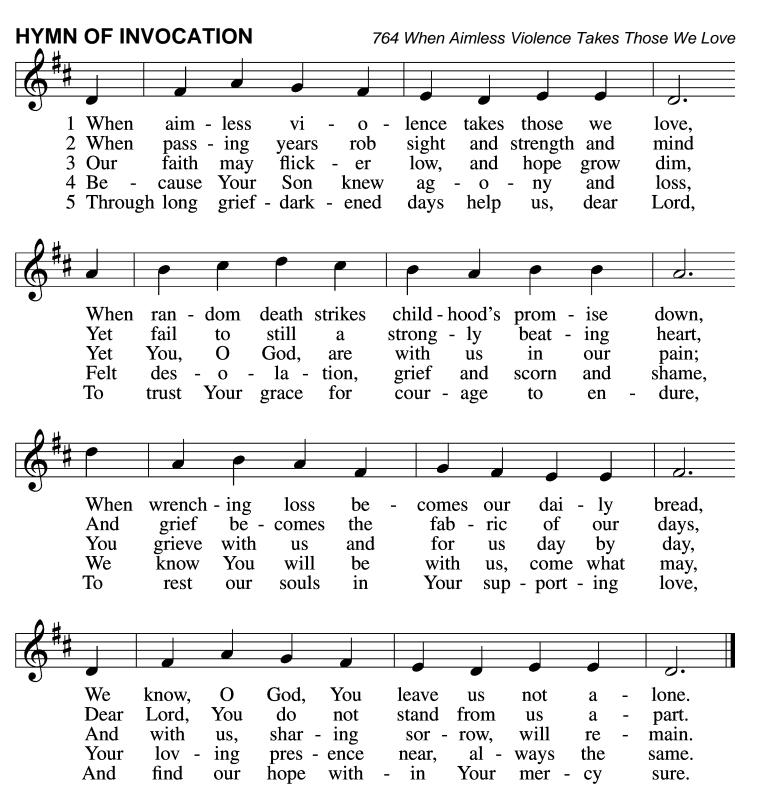
If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so – but please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out (there are soft toys and books in the nursery, and activity sheets with colored pencils in the fellowship hall which can be brought into the worship hall to help engage your child)

Remember that the way we nurture children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (LUKE 18:16)

We know that your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.

+ PREPARATION +



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↑ INVOCATIONMatthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Colossians 3:16; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 4:11–13a

- L Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.
- Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.
- And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.
- L Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, confident that He will hear and forgive us for Jesus' sake.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always been proud to bear Your name. At times, we crumble in the face of the trials that come our way. We allow worries and anxieties to crowd out Your caring presence. Keep us in Your name, which You have given us in Baptism, and forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake.
- 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 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

- L I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music.
- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
- L Know that the LORD, He is God!
- It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- **I** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
- For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.
 - 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.
- I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music.



Mark 10:47

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray: O King of glory, Lord of Your Church, You suffered on the cross and defeated death and the devil for us.
- Make us one as You and the Father are one. Unite us with You and as Your Body, the Church, in suffering and celebration, that the world may be drawn to You and the power of the resurrection;
- for You are risen and reign eternally with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

O FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

A reading from Acts, chapter 1.

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and

"Let another take his office."

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

- O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
- sing praises to the Lord,
- God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!
- As smoke is driven away, so You shall drive them away;
- as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!
- But the righteous shall be glad;
- L they shall exult before God;
- they shall be jubilant with joy!
- L Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
- lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts;
- I His name is the LORD; exult before Him!
- Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.
- **L** God settles the solitary in a home;
- He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
- L O God, when You went out before Your people,
- when You marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
- L before God, the One of Sinai,
- **©** before God, the God of Israel.
- Rain in abundance, O God, You shed abroad; You restored Your inheritance as it languished;
- Your flock found a dwelling in it; in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.
 - 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 O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
- sing praises to the Lord,



L The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter 4.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,

what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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





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HOLY GOSPEL John 17:1–11

■ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

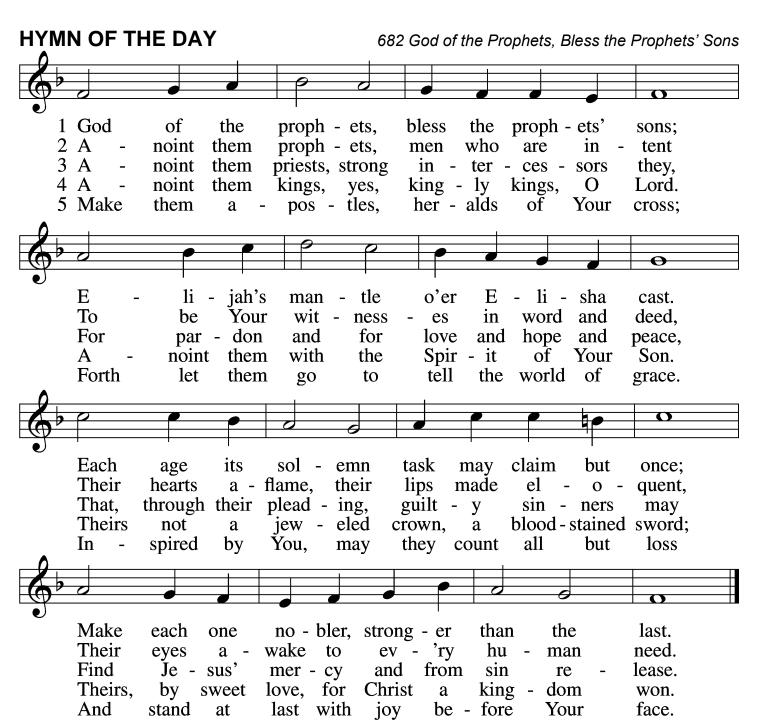
Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

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





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SERMON



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 Φ of the world to come. Amen

O PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- 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!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church. Watch over all who lead Your people. Shape them to be men and women after God's own heart, fuel them with Your Word and Sacraments, and guide them to walk in Your ways. We pray for our Synod president, [name]; for our district president, [name]; our regional vice president, [name]; our circuit visitor, [name]; and the servants of our congregation. Lead them as they lead us, because Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- O Jesus, we pray for all who are suffering trials because of their Christian faith. Comfort them and lead them to rejoice as they share in Your sufferings, that Your glory is revealed, because Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- L Holy Father, we grieve the divisions in our families, communities, world, and especially in Your Church. Keep all Your people in Your name, which You have

given in the waters of Baptism, and lead us to the unity we will experience fully with You in Your kingdom, because Christ is risen!

- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- O Great Physician, bind up the broken hearted and heal those who are suffering in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We pray this day for those who are grieving, and ask You to give them comfort as they mourn. We pray this day for those are who are suffering from illnesses, [especially . . .], and ask that You heal them according to Your good and gracious will, because Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

Offering Plates passed by Ushers Please enter your attendance in the red Record of Fellowship



+ SACRAMENT +

O PREFACE

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

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at every time in every place thank You, our God, who is our Creator and has given Your one and only Son to suffer and die for the sins of the world before rising victorious on the third day, appearing before His disciples before ascending to heaven to lead us to Your glory that awaits us. 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:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Elessed are You, Father of the fatherless and protector of widows. As You marched before the people of Israel, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to march before us, suffering and dying for the sins of the world. Bring us together at our Lord's Table today as we eat this bread and drink this cup, proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- 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

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

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

WE SHARE THE PEACE





637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord, 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



blood drink the for And ho ly out - poured; you To all be - liev life e - ter - nal vields; ers pledg - es take the of sal - va - tion And here.



Of fered He for great - est was and for least, hun - gry heav'n - ly makes the With bread He whole, grate - ful Lord, our hearts with thanks en - dow



Him - self the Gives liv - ing As in this

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

vic - tim and Him - self the wa - ters to the thirst - ing feast of love You bless us

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be fore our Fa ther's throne We pour our ar dent prayers;
- B We share our mu tual woes, Our mu tual bur dens bear,
- 4 When here our path ways part, We suf fer bit ter pain;
- 5 From sor-row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds Is like to that a - bove. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares. And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear. Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain. And per-fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

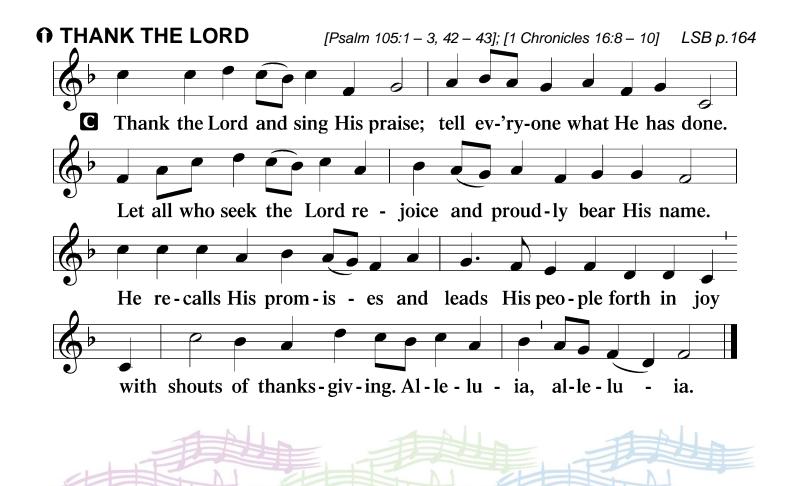


- 1 I love Your king dom, Lord, The place of Your a bode, 2 Be yond my high est joy I prize its heav'n ly ways,
- 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev 'ry land,
- 4 For them my as tears shall fall; For them my prayers cend; 5 Sure as Your shall To Zi - on shall truth last. giv'n be



The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood. Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise. Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand. For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end. The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

L Let us pray.

We thank You, Jesus, for gathering us at Your Table as an oasis for our parched and weary souls. Strengthen us as we face fiery trials and suffering so that Your glory may be revealed; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O 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.
- C Amen.



- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns, The Lamb up on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,

The God in - car - nate born, Be - hold His hands and side.

Be - hold His hands and side, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave En - throned in worlds a - bove.



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. And rose vic - to-rious in the strife For those He came to save. Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing
Fruit of the mys-tic rose,
No an - gels in the sky
His glo-ries now we sing,
Crown Him with man - y crowns

Of Him who died for thee. Yet of that rose the stem. The Can ful - ly bear that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who thrones be - fore Him fall: As Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He

h all e - ter - ni - ty.
babe of Beth - le - hem.
mys - ter - ies so bright.
lives that death may die.
He is king of all.

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DISMISSAL

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

