

May 5, 2024

*Sixth Sunday
Of Easter*



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9:30 am

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church 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 with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust 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 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. The purple cup is grape juice. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"Bouree in F Major"

arr. L. Smith

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

setting: D. Zimmer

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

LSB 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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 Tune: Cornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1697–1775
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INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Praise the LORD!

C Praise the LORD, O my soul!

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C whose hope is in the LORD his God.

P The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

C Praise the LORD!

P We prepare for our time of confession as we sing the hymn, “Out of the Deep I Call.” As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

HYMN

“Out of the Deep I Call”

LSB 424



1 Out of the deep I call To
 2 Out of the deep I cry, The
 3 Out of the deep of fear And
 4 Lord, there is mer - cy now, As



Thee, O Lord, to Thee. Be - fore Thy throne of
woe - ful deep of sin, Of e - vil done in
dread of com - ing shame; All night till morn - ing
ev - er was, with Thee. Be - fore Thy throne of



grace I fall; Be mer - ci - ful to me.
days gone by, Of e - vil now with - in;
watch is near I plead the pre - cious name.
grace I bow; Be mer - ci - ful to me.

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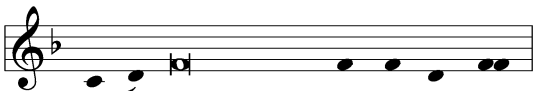
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- C** **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Abide with us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**
- P** God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE

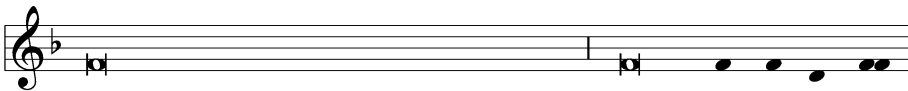
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



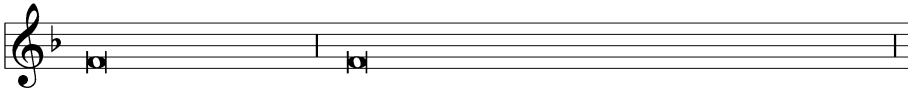
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



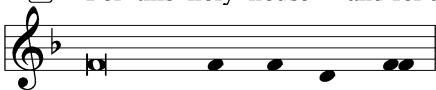
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



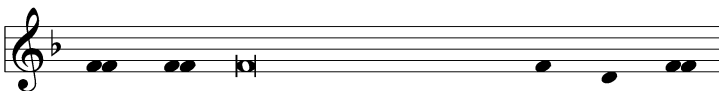
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 10: 34-48

The Word is Read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

I *Pulpit side* **II** *Font side*

Psalm 98

C **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.**

I *The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

II *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.*

C **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

I *Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

II *With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

C **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!**

I *Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.*

II *He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

- 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.**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:1-8

The Word is Read...

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

Stand

GRADUAL

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

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

VERSE

Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
C **Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Word is Read...

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

Sit

HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LSB 649



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;
3 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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SERMON

Stand

CREED, *The Third Article*

A The First Reading today tells how the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to Gentiles as well as to Jews—which includes all the peoples of the world. Sharing words of faith confessed around the world, we speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity and then express our confession of its meaning in the Small Catechism words of Martin Luther.

C **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.**

A What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank God for the Christian Church and pray that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us. Together we sing the first stanza of "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray."

C "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

LSB 768 st 1

1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
For the true faith need - ed on our way
That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from
ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!

A We pray for our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We ask the blessing of our bountiful God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Also, we pray for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here this day supports and strengthens us. Together we sing the second stanza of "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray."

C "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

LSB 768 st 2

2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!

- P** We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, [especially ...]. Lord, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Together we sing the third stanza of "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray."

C "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

LSB 768 st 3

3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

- A** Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy

Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

C Amen.

A Together we sing the fourth stanza of "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray."

C "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

LSB 768 st 4

4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

P Jesus spoke to His disciples very directly, as we heard in the Gospel appointed for this day: "Abide in My love." As we, abiding as Easter people, gather for the worship of our risen Lord, we share in the love that He entrusted to His disciples. We remain in a divine love that is ours not only to keep, but to share both now and in eternity. Together we sing the final two stanzas of the hymn "Stay with Us" as we look forward to the celebration of Christ's ascension and all that it means for us, now and for eternity.

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

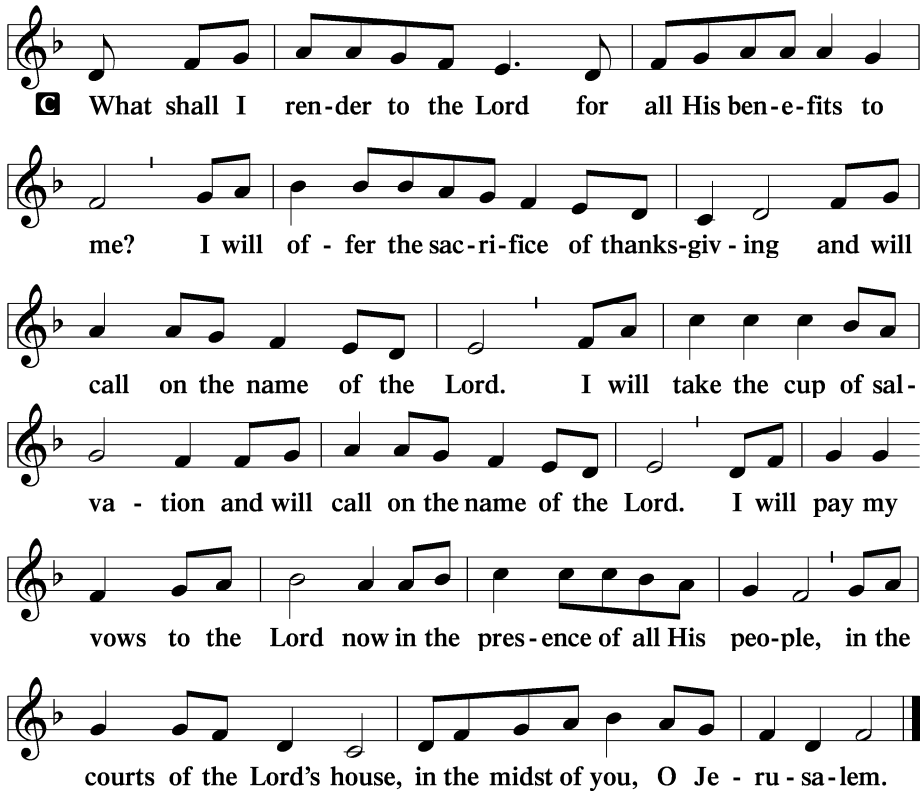
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OFFERTORY

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

arr. T. Birchwood

LSB 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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

PROPER PREFACE

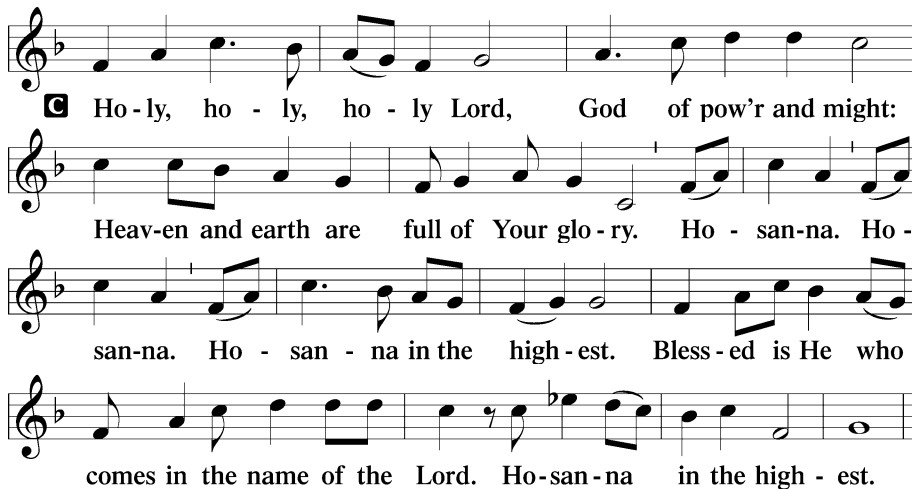
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your grace in all our days. Assured of Your mercy, we come before You,

asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

SANCTUS

LSB 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

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow securely and confidently as people of faith, abiding in Your amazing love as we live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly table.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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

- P** 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.**
- P** 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

- 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

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

AGNUS DEI

LSB 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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"In Holy Conversation"

LSB 772

1 In ho-ly con-ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho-ly con-ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho-ly con-ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,
 And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.
 We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil-dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex-pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex-press-ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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VOLUNTARY

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"
 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

setting: T. Lock
 setting: D. Busarow

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 165

Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple; A light to re -
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we bless You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may abide in the fellowship of the Christian Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Toccata Festiva"

G. Sewell

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