

September 29, 2024

*The Nineteenth
Sunday
After Pentecost*



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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Fanfare for Worship"
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

S. Nielsen
arr. G. Peterson

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

LSB 670



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
△ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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INVOCATION

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

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us pray. O Merciful Lord whose love invites us, though our hearts and hands are unclean, cleanse and renew us by Your grace, for You are the God of our salvation and it is Your joy and gift to grant us forgiveness and new life: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." This is both what the Law demands and what our Christian lives seek. Consider now how your lives have reflected these commands.

Silence for meditation and reflection

P Holy and gracious God,

G I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known

only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

The congregation may exchange the peace of the Lord.

† 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 people 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. Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 91; antiphon: v. 11



¹He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

²I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler*
and from the deadly | pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find | refuge,*

his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.
⁵You will not fear the terror | of the night,*
nor the arrow that | flies by day,
⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,*
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your | right hand,*
but it will not come | near you.

⁸You will only look | with your eyes*
and see the recompense of the | wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

¹⁴“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him;*
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.

¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.

¹⁶With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.”

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, 11:00 Service Only “Lord I Pray”

Led by Merna Ahlemeyer

THE EPISTLE READING

Revelation 12:7–12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any

place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers[a] has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Jeremiah 15:16a

P Alleluia. They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

G **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,[a] it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin![b] For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled

or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit
HYMN "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken" **LSB 521**



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
 On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
 raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
 From his heav'nly perch on high,
 As the word of Jesus' vict'ry

Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Wounded by a wound eternal
 Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;

Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.

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SERMON

Stand

ATHANASIAN CREED

- P** Today we are marveling at the grace of God in paying attention to us and saving us, although we are a seemingly insignificant part of His creation. The grace of God is also apparent as the Church has sought to confess the witness of Scripture. As we cannot comprehend the vastness of space, so we cannot understand God’s nature as three persons in one Godhead. As you profess truths about our majestic God, I will follow with the offsetting realities that also must be true. We cannot explain God; we can only confess our faith within the limits of human understanding.
- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- C** **And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,**
- P** neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- C** **For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.**
- P** But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- C** **Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:**
- P** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- C** **And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,**

P just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

C **In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;**

P and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

C **So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;**

P and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

C **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

P This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P God of power and might, as once You sent Your angels under Michael's command to banish Satan from heaven, so now through Your holy angels protect us from the devil and all his works and all his ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Deliver Your people, O Lord, from their fears, and give them courage in time of threat, boldness to give witness to Christ, and peace amid all troubles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guard and guide Your church, O Lord, established by the blood of Christ and kept by Your promise, that there may be ministers who speak Your name and teach Your Word and willing ears and hearts to receive this instruction. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Confound and foil the purposes of evil in our world and give to those who lead us wisdom and discernment from Your Word and Spirit that they may govern according to Your will and for our best interest. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give aid and comfort to those afflicted in any way that they may have healing according to Your will and patience to endure the day of trouble, [especially...].
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A To the grieving, give Your peace that those who grieve may not sorrow as a people without hope but with the comfort of Your promise as their consolation, Lord, in Your mercy,

C Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

arr. N. Johnson

Stand

OFFERTORY

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

LSB 208

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



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.

G 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

G 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

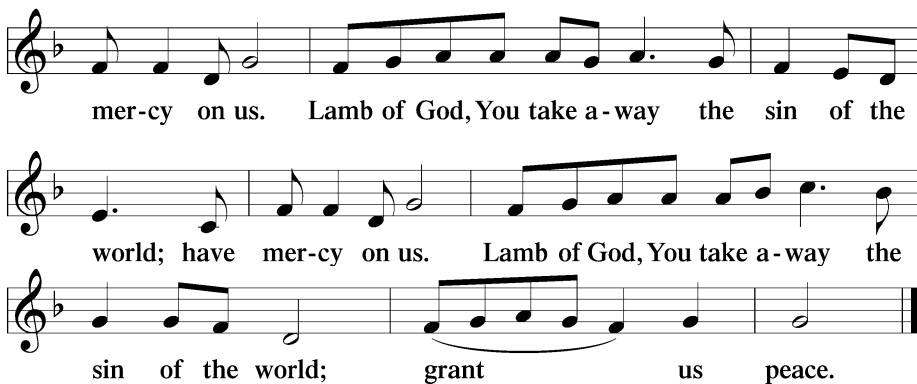
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



G Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



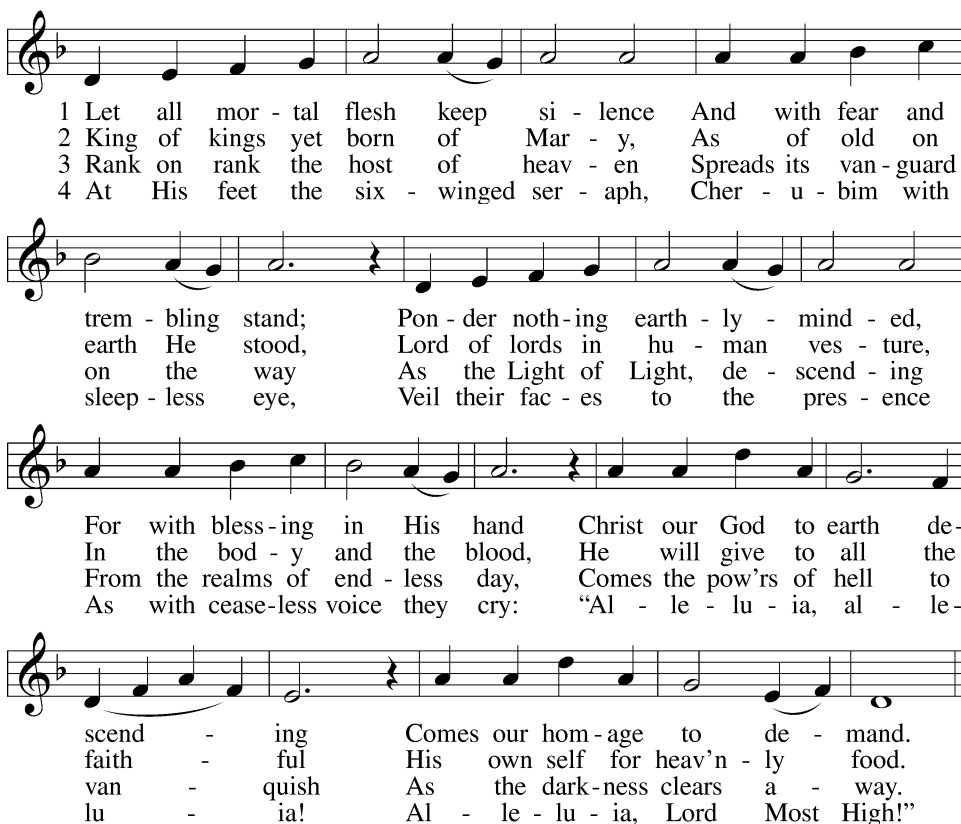
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621



1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar-y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard
 4 At His feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with
 trem-bling stand; Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de-scent-ing
 sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence
 For with bless-ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de-
 In the bod-y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end-less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
 scent-ing Comes our hom-age to de-mand.
 faith-ful His own self for heav'n-ly food.
 van-quish As the dark-ness clears a-way.
 lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

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VOLUNTARY

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
"With this Bread and Wine"

arr. L. Smith
P. Taylor

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

C 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.

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

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LSB 793



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Christ, the Lord of Hosts Unshaken"

setting: R. Lind

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