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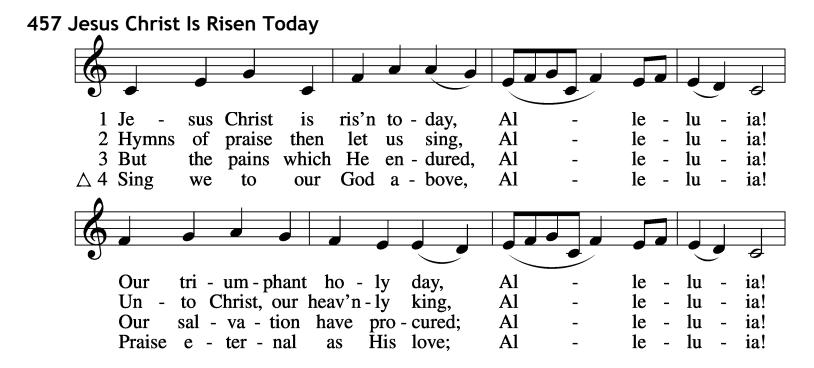
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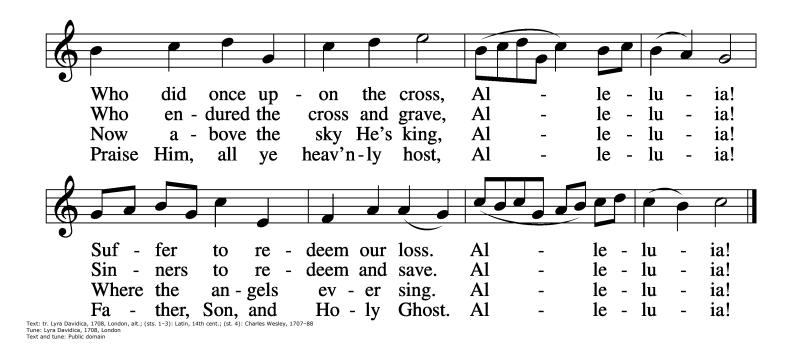
Sunday, April 20, 2025

**Pastor Peters** 

This day of days, this feast of feasts, is the climax of our Lenten meditations on "The Hand of the Lord." It brings all of God's promises in the Old Testament, all of our Lord's words and works of His earthly ministry, all the peace, all the healing, and all the hope of eternal life now given to you and to each person who comes to the risen and reigning Lord of all in repentance and faith, here where He promises to be through Word and Sacrament for us. We thank the Lord for all His grace and mercy shown to us as we wend our way through the various days and times of our earthly lives. Yet all of that is but a prelude to the great and promised feast of the day of "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed). As God the Father did not abandon His Son to the corruption of the grave but raised Him bodily to endless life, so also is our certain hope. God will not abandon you now or ever.

## Confession and Absolution





The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not

loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 

  Spirit.
- C Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b

- I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
- the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- P The LORD is my strength and my song,
- and he has become my salvation.
- P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
- your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- P You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
- you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

- the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
- the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
- G The LORD will reign forever and ever.
  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.
- P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
- the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Kyrie LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



P 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.



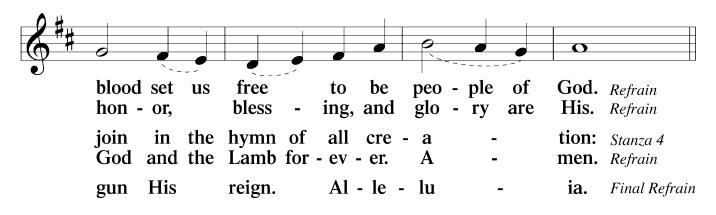
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.











## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



- PLet us pray.
- Degotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



- P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.
  - <sup>17</sup>"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered
  - and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
  - <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
  - for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.
  - <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
  - no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.
  - <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
  - <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
  - <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people
  - be,
    and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
  - <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,

and their descendants with them.

<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

P The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

Holy Gospel Luke 24:1–12

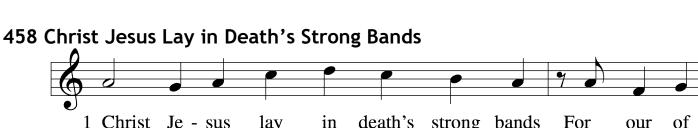
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." 8And they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens - 2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin 2 Christ Je sus Cod's own Son of man to the state of the state o

3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to dread - ful strife When life and death was a strange and

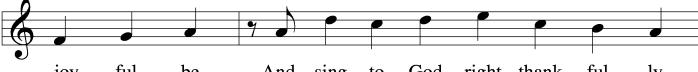


But God's right hand He stands giv en; now at es had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth, liv -De stroy - ing He er; sin, took the crown con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry with life, re - mained



life heav - en. And brings us from And there - fore death had brought us From death's pale brow for ev - er: of death end - ed. reign was

There - fore let us
In - to bond - age
Stripped of pow'r, no
Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be from of old more it reigns; plain - ly saith

And sing God right thank - ful - ly to And grew more strong and bold ev - er emp - ty a - lone An form re - mains: That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursèd tree—
 So strong His love—to save us.
 See, His blood now marks our door;

Faith points to it; death passes o'er, And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

- To which the Lord invites us;
  Christ is Himself the joy of all,
  The sun that warms and lights us.
  Now His grace to us imparts
  Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
  The night of sin is ended.
  Alleluia!
- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
  On Christ, the bread of heaven;
  The Word of grace has purged away
  The old and evil leaven.
  Christ alone our souls will feed;
  He is our meat and drink indeed;
  Faith lives upon no other!
  Alleluia!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter

#### Sermon

#### Nicene Creed

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

P Almighty God, on this feast when we celebrate Your great victory over all the disobedience and sin of this world and the defeat even of death by the power of the resurrection of Christ, with glad hearts we raise joyful shouts of praise acknowledging that, because He lives, we shall live also. You have made known to us the path of life, in Your presence there is fullness of joy, and at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

P Save and defend Your whole church throughout the world. Grant wisdom and strength to all pastors and bishops who serve Your people with Your Word and Sacraments, and strengthen the faith of all thereby, that Your kingdom continue to increase in all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and grant health and wisdom to all who bear office in our land, all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve according to Your holy and righteous will. Lord, in Your mercy,

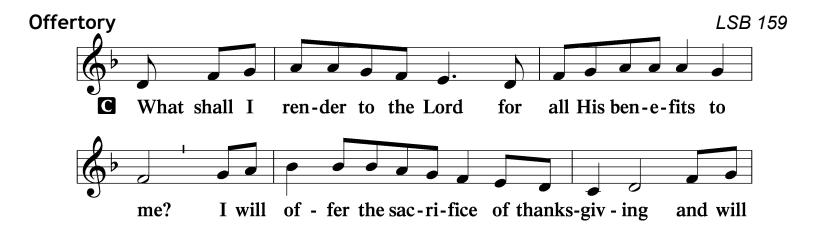
# C hear our prayer.

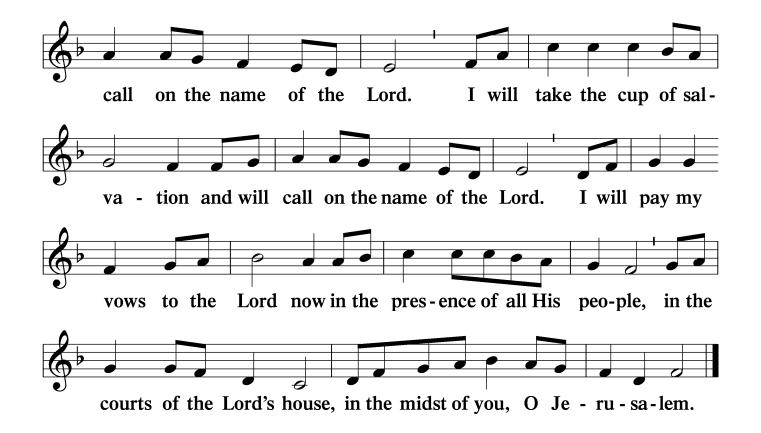
P Sanctify our homes with Your presence, keeping our children in the promise of their Baptism, and helping parents to bring them up in the true faith. Bless our

families that we may show Your praise in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lay Your comforting, healing, and consoling hand upon all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any adversity. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow and grant us Your love and tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P We remember with thanksgiving all our departed relatives and friends who have loved and served You in faith and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, Your gracious and merciful and saving hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### Offering





### Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

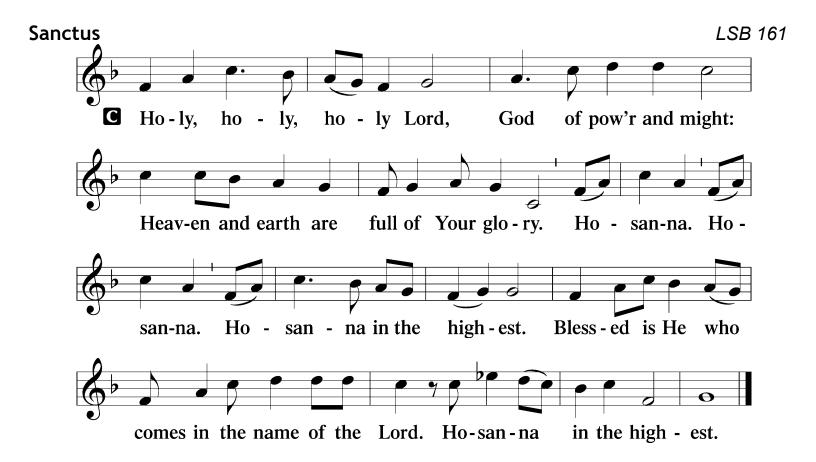


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



#### **Proper Preface**

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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:



P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## 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:

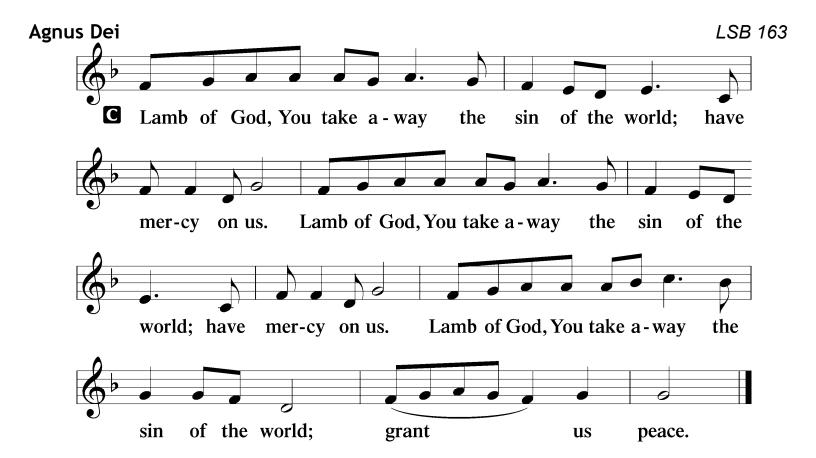
### Lord's Prayer

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 LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





#### **Distribution**

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

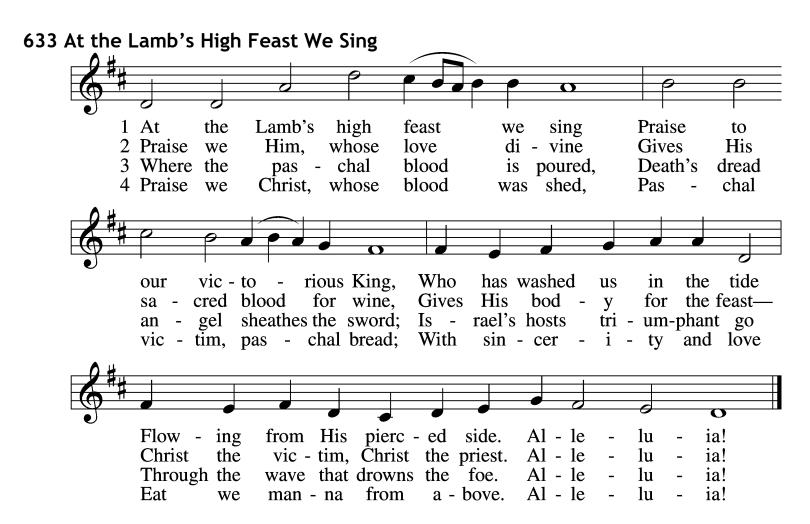
Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.** 

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.** 

# **Distribution Hymns**

#### 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won





- Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 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!

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The Word That Spoke in Darkness



- 1 The Word that spoke in dark ness And prom ised com ing
- 2 The Sav ior came to con quer And meet His mis-sion's 3 The Christ pro-claimed His vic t'ry With ev 'ry act of
- 4 The Prince of Peace con tin ued With each new task com-



light Kept guid-ing through the ges Un - til the time was a ter - ror, Cre - a - tion to aim: Up - end - ing Sa - tan's com - pas - sion And God's own ho - ly grace: The out-cast shown At cross and tomb glo - ry Up - on plete and



fol - low The right To take on flesh and Fa-ther's good com-So claim By walk-ing the wa - ters on we by faith may face As Je - sus looked with fa - vor On all from ev - 'ry De - liv - er - ance ac com - plished Ex - act - ly He seat,



mand And dwell a - mong His peo - ple, The king - dom now at hand. stand With trust in Him whose res - cue Is of - fered by His hand. land Who need - ed life and heal - ing From His al - might - y hand. planned; Our King will raise in wel - come His pierced and ris - en hand.

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  in peace.
- C Amen.



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



#### 481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom



French

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