

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.
- L** Christ became obedient to death, even death on a cross.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

## Venite

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- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

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## Additional Psalms

*Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 5*

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!  
O LORD, make haste to help me!  
Let them be put to shame and confusion  
who seek my life!  
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who desire my hurt!  
Let them turn back because of their shame  
who say, "Aha, Aha!"  
May all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you!  
May those who love your salvation  
say evermore, "God is great!"  
But I am poor and needy;  
hasten to me, O God!  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
O LORD, do not delay!

## 432 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son

- 1 In silent pain the\_ eternal Son  
Hangs derelict and still;  
In darkened day His work is done,  
Fulfilled, His Father's will.  
Uplifted for the world to see  
He hangs in strangest victory,

For in His body on the tree  
He carries all our ill.

2 He died that we might die to sin  
And live for righteousness;  
The earth is stained to make us clean  
And bring us into peace.  
For peace He came and met its cost;  
He gave Himself to save the lost;  
He loved us to the uttermost  
And paid for our release.

3 For strife He came to bring a sword,  
The truth to end all lies;  
To rule in us, our patient Lord,  
Until all evil dies:  
For in His hand He holds the stars,  
His voice shall speak to end our wars,  
And those who love Him see His scars  
And look into His eyes.

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## Reading

*Isaiah 62:11—63:7*

Behold, the LORD has proclaimed  
to the end of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion,  
“Behold, your salvation comes;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.”

And they shall be called The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the LORD;  
and you shall be called Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.

Who is this who comes from Edom,  
in crimsoned garments from Bozrah,  
he who is splendid in his apparel,  
marching in the greatness of his strength?

“It is I, speaking in righteousness,  
mighty to save.”

Why is your apparel red,  
and your garments like his who treads in the winepress?

“I have trodden the winepress alone,  
and from the peoples no one was with me;

I trod them in my anger  
and trampled them in my wrath;  
their lifeblood spattered on my garments,  
and stained all my apparel.

For the day of vengeance was in my heart,  
and my year of redemption had come.

I looked, but there was no one to help;  
I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold;  
so my own arm brought me salvation,  
and my wrath upheld me.

I trampled down the peoples in my anger;  
I made them drunk in my wrath,  
and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

## Reading Response

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

## Reading

*Revelation 1:5b–7*

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

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## Reading

*John 12:24–50*

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

“He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

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## Responsory (Lent)

*LSB 222*

- L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- L Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
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## Sermon "Walk in the Light"

## Benedictus

LSB 226

**C** Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;  
for He has visited and redeemed His people  
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of His servant David,

as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,  
who have been since the world began:  
that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;

to perform the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember His holy covenant,  
the oath that He swore to our father Abraham,  
to grant us that we,

being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve Him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before Him  
all the days of our life.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways;  
to give knowledge of salvation to His people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,

through the tender mercy of our God;  
when the day shall dawn upon us from on high  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

## Offering

### Kyrie

LSB 227

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### 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.

## Collects

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

### Collect of the Day

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 228*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*LSB 228*

**P** The grace of our Lord  $\text{I}$  Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

### 426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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