

# Jubilate, "Shout for joy to God!"

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed, alleluia!

## Prelude: #756, "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

### Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation: #727, "On Eagle's Wings"



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And  
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
ar - row that flies by day; Though  
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My  
Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"  
faith - ful - ness your shield.  
Near you it shall not come.  
dash your foot a - gainst a stone.



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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*Stand*

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2*



Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.\*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!”\*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.”

Come and see what | God has done:\*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;\*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living\*

and has not let our | feet slip.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

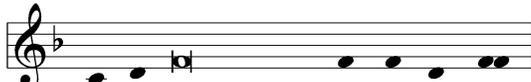
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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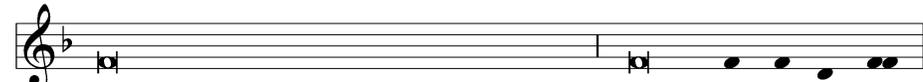
# Kyrie



**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.



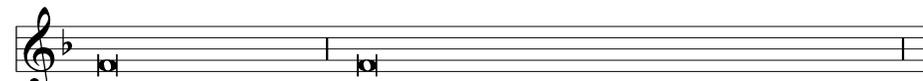
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



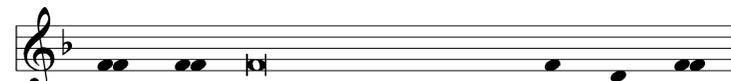
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:25–31

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm

Psalm 147:1–11; antiphon: v. 5



## He Heals the Brokenhearted

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises | to our God; \*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem; \*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

<sup>3</sup>He heals the broken- | hearted \*  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>He determines the number | of the stars; \*  
he gives to all of | them their names.

<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power; \*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the | humble; \*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; \*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

<sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares rain | for the earth; \*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

<sup>9</sup>He gives to the | beasts their food, \*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.

<sup>10</sup>His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, \*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

<sup>11</sup>but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him, \*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

**Submission to Authority**

<sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

<sup>18</sup>Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



### Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: #469, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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## **Sermon "Your Sorrow Will Be Turned into Joy"**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Maundy Thursday was melancholy for Jesus' disciples. The Lord announced His last will and gave his New Testament when He instituted His Supper. He told them what would happen to Him in a matter of hours. The Lord knew that His time of departure, His hour of death, was drawing near, for it was Holy Week. The disciples were soon to lose their Teacher, Master, and Lord. They had been with Him for three years, learning from Him as He taught them. They grew very close as they had been with each other day in and day out. Yet the time was at hand when the disciples would not see their Lord, for they would not see Him following the Crucifixion until the third day. But on the third day, they would see Him alive—resurrected—risen from the dead! Jesus said they would see Him, and they would rejoice, except for the fact that they were too dumbfounded to recognize their risen Lord. Eventually, they would get it; they would finally realize that Christ is risen; their sorrow would finally turn to joy.

But their joy would not be permanent. Jesus said they would see Him because He goes to the Father. He would be with them for 40 days following His resurrection. On the 40th day, He would go to His Father; He would ascend into heaven, where He would sit at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. The Lord says in our text, "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again in a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father" (v. 16). The soon-to-be apostles would indeed see Him as they, one by one, would be martyred for the faith, except for John, and they would eternally rest from their labours, and they would see the Lord face to face, in all His glory, in heaven.

And so it is with us today, this Fourth Sunday of Easter, that we begin to turn our faces from the empty tomb toward heaven as we begin to look forward to

celebrating our Lord's ascension, as He leads us to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. This hope, this certainty, gives us joy, which no one will ever take from us.

And no matter what we undergo in this fallen world, no matter what we suffer, no matter what sinful, shameful things we do, and no matter what we see going on around us, we can take comfort that the Lord is still near us, that He is in fact with us. Saint John testifies as he says in Revelation 21, "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God'" (Rev. 21:3). He is with us, for His Name, Immanuel means "God with us." He promised His disciples and promises us in the last chapter of St. Matthew, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20b). As the Lord instructed John, the Holy Spirit instructed Matthew, "Write, for these words are true and faithful" (Rev. 21:5b). This means that our God has promised to be with us, no matter what happens.

Jesus, our Immanuel, is with us today in His Word. Yet we do not see Him, but by faith, we behold Him, for we walk by faith and not by sight. The heavenly Bridegroom is with His Bride, the Church, whom He has cleansed with His blood, making her presentable to God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. Behold, He who makes all things new has made us new. He made us new at our Baptism and in our living our Baptism, as the Old Adam in us drowns and dies each day in all sins and evil desires and as the new man daily emerges and arises to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. He makes us new in the forgiveness of sins, which is an extension of our Baptism. He made us new this morning at the beginning of Divine Service. We see our risen Lord in His body and blood, tasting His forgiveness upon our lips. Behold, He who has made us new will

make us new again at the resurrection of the body on the Last Day when He will raise us and all the dead, and give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ. The old body will be gone, and we shall look like Christ, for we will regain the image of God once lost in the Fall.

Whatever sorrow we have for our not being in heaven, in God's kingdom of glory, will turn to joy as the Lord has claimed us as His own and will gather us to Himself on the Last Day, "and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4). As the Lord says in our text, "Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you" (v. 22).

As we begin to focus on our Lord's ascension, we keep in mind the central message of Easter, that Christ who once was slain has burst His three-day prison. The disciples were in sorrow for the Lord's body lay in the tomb, and they saw Him not. But their sorrow turned to joy when they saw the risen Lord, who gave them His peace. The peace He gave them He also gives to us, that peace which the world cannot give. Jesus Christ died so that we would not sorrow but live in the forgiveness He won on the cross for us. And now is Christ arisen...He lives! "He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart" (LSB 461:5). God grant this in Jesus' Name and for His sake.

Christ is risen! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA! Amen.

*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In praise of the awesome works of our God — chiefly the resurrection of Jesus Christ; and for those in error's darkness, that through the light of God's honor and great power He would lead them to submit themselves to Christ's gracious redemption, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church, that God would preserve her from every sorrow and mockery of the enemy; that in this little while between Christ's resurrection and our own, the threats of persecution, loss or discomfort would not turn us from the joy and confidence of His redemption; and that He would sustain all preachers faithful to their calling, all confessors steadfast in their trials, and all Christians firm in the faith for life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving for the gift of family, that You would bless those who have shown us a mother's love, all mothers with child, all those who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who have yearned for a child and lived with the pain of this unfulfilled longing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For every human institution, that according to God's will, each would exercise the authority He gives from above to punish those who do evil and praise those who do good; for good government, under which we may honor everyone, love the brotherhood and fear God; and for us, that our subjection would be offered always for Christ's sake as sojourners and exiles in this world, and that any suffering we must endure would be borne mindful of Him, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick, the suffering and the dying, especially Albert and Beatrice Kneiss, Lundy Priestap, David Ritz, Lawrence and Ruth Schmidt, Judy Shiell,

Elizabeth Winkler, Norma Rose, Renata Rose, Ron Rose, Lois Carter, and Szusanna Kingsbury, that You would deliver and comfort us, guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering on earth and hereafter in glory. Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair, but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

## 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.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Benediction

LSB 166



**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart: #920, "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth;  
4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;  
This world of time to con - se - crate,  
Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim  
That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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## Postlude: #863, "Our Father, by Whose Name"

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