

Welcoming

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

2

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

3

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

4

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

Invocation & Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen and ascended!

C Christ is risen and ascended indeed! Alleluia!

P Today is a day of celebration, grief, and anticipation.

C **We celebrate our Lord's triumph and reign.**

P We grieve that He is not physically present with us.

C **We anticipate the coming of the promised Holy Spirit on Pentecost.**

P And we celebrate that His promise to always be with us remains and will never fade away.

P Though Christ is ascended on high and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling and reigning over all creation, there have been times when we have lived as though we rule and reign over our own lives. We have lived as though Christ were too far away to matter. But our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him, confess our sins, and receive His forgiveness.

Silence for meditation.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess to You that we are sinful and unclean. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we walk in Your perfect way and delight in Your perfect will. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. Christ is ascended, and all things are under His feet, including sin, death, and the devil. On account of Christ's saving work 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. We are forgiven and restored.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen and ascended!

C **Christ is risen and ascended indeed! Alleluia!**

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

1

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

2

O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!

2

3

'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.

4

He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

5

He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for the_oppressed.

6

His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when

he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 47; antiphon: v. 5

¹Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

³He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

⁴He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

⁵God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

⁸God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

⁹The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Children’s Message

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

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

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

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Nicene Creed

I believe (*Rom 10:8-10; 1 John 4:15; Heb 11:6*)

in one God, (*Deut 6:4, 1 Cor 8:4-6; John 10:30; Eph 4:4-6; Matt. 28:19*)

the Father Almighty, (*Mt 6:9; Ex 6:2-3; Rev 1:8, 4:8*)

Maker of heaven and earth, (*Gen 1:1; Ex 20:11; Ps 33:6-7*)

and of all things visible and invisible (*Col 1:15-16*).

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, (*John 10:30; Rom 10:9; Col 2:6; Acts 10:36; Rev 22:20; Matt. 28:19*)

the only-begotten Son of God, (*Mt 14:33; 16:16; John 3:16; 1 John 4:15*)

begotten of His Father before all worlds, (*John 1:2; 1:18; 3:16; 1 John 4:9*)

God of God, Light of Light, (*Ps 27:1; John 8:12, 12:35-36; 1 John 1:5-7; Mt 17:2, 5*)

Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, (*John 5:18, 8:58, 17:1-5*)

being of one substance with the Father, (*John 10:30*)

by Whom all things were made; (*John 1:3 [Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26; Ps 33:6]; Heb 1:1-2; Col 1:16*)

Who for us men and for our salvation (*Mt 1:21; 1 Tim 2:3-6; 1 John 1:8-10, 4:9; Is 53:11*)

came down from heaven (*John 3:31; 6:33-35; Is 12:2*)

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, *(Luke 1:35, Mt 1:16; Is 7:14)*

and was made man; *(John 1:14)*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate*(Mt 27:22-26; I Cor 15:3-5; Gal 6:14; Is 53:4-6).*

He suffered and was buried *(Mt 27:50-60 [Is 53:9]; Mk 8:31; Luke 23:53).*

And the third day

He rose again according to the Scriptures; *(Mt 28:5; Luke 24:1-12; Rom 10:9; I Cor 15:3-5)*

and ascended into heaven, *(Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24:51)*

and sits at the right hand of the Father. *(Mk 16:19; Acts 7:55-56)*

And He shall come again with glory *(Mt 24:27, 25:31; Acts 1:11; Rev 22:20)*

to judge both the living and the dead; *(Acts 10:42 [4:12]; 2 Tim 4:1 [Rom 1:16-17, 3:21-26, Gal 2:21]*

whose kingdom shall have no end *(Luke 1:33 [I Cor 15:57]).*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *(Gen 1:2; John 14:26; 1 Tim 1:14; Eph 1:13-14; Matt. 28:19)*

the Lord and Giver of Life, *(Rom 8:2-4; 2 Cor 2:6)*

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *(John 15:26; Rom 8:9-11)*

Who with the Father and the Son

together is worshiped and glorified, *(Mt 3:16-17; Eph 4:4-6)*

Who spoke by the Prophets. *(2 Pet 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16; Ezek 11:5)*

And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. *(Eph 2:19-22, 5:26-27; 1 Pet 2:9)*

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:4-7*

and I look for the resurrection of the dead *(John 11:23-27; Rom 6:5; I Cor 15:12-58)*

and the life of the world to come *(Mt 25:34; Mk 10:29-30; John 11:25-26; Rev 21:1-7).*

Amen *(Ps 106:48; Rev 22:20).*

491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

1

Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,
To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.

2

Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!

3

To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide;

6

Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide;
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.

4

Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

Sermon

Offering

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. Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into our world with a mission to seek and to save the lost. Thank You for His life, ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection. Most especially today we thank You for seating Him at Your right hand in His ascension. We thank You for we know that Christ is ascended.
- C** **He rules and reigns in glory.**
- P** Lord, at the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus sent His disciples out to the ends of the earth with a mission to be witnesses of His resurrection. Strengthen us as we continue their faithful witness. Embolden all missionaries and evangelists by constantly opening a door for Your Word to be spoken. We ask this in faith for we know that Christ is ascended.
- C** **He rules and reigns in glory.**
- P** Lord, thank You for sending the promised Holy Spirit to guide us in all of our ways. Conform our lives to the Word of God and transform us by the renewing of our minds. We ask this with boldness for we know that Christ is ascended.
- C** **He rules and reigns in glory.**
- P** Lord, we live in a world with imperfect leaders, imperfect laws, and imperfect communities, but we know that all things are under Christ's feet, and He has all power and authority. So we ask for You to send Your perfect wisdom to our elected and appointed officials, instill Your perfect justice in

our lawyers and judges, and bring Your perfect hope to our communities. We ask this in hope for we know that Christ is ascended.

C He rules and reigns in glory.

P Lord, we pray for those who are sick and recovering, those who are hospitalized and homebound, [*especially . . .*]. Strengthen them, and give them patience in their afflictions. We ask this in love for we know that Christ is ascended.

C He rules and reigns in glory.

P Finally, Lord, we ask for Your comfort for all those who grieve the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them peace as they hope in the resurrection to eternal life. We ask this knowing that Christ is ascended.

C He is returning soon. Amen.

Offertory:

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+ SACRAMENT +

Preface & Proper 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.

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, who after His resurrection sent His disciples to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth and promised to always be with them. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:4; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 *Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

Proclamation of Christ *1 Cor 11:26; Revelation 22:20, Luke 23:42*

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

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

Lamb of God

John 1:29

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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801 How Great Thou Art

LSB 801

1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain.

3

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain.

4

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Post- Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Cantic

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You do not abandon Your people, but provide for us even today with the real presence of your ascended Son's body and blood in this Sacrament, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Christ is ascended!
- C** He is ascended indeed! Alleluia!
- C** Amen and Amen.
- 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.

493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

1

A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2

The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with His faithful foll'wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3

To them the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia, alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say; "This is His glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4

"You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia, alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5

Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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