

Confession and Absolution

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
 Death no longer can appall me;
 Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
 From the grave will Christ recall me.
 Brighter scenes will then commence;
 This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
 High above all things is given.
 I shall go where He is gone,
 Live and reign with Him in heaven.
 God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
 This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
 Hence will I, to Jesus living,
 Pure in heart and act abide,
 Praise to Him and glory giving.
 All I need God will dispense;
 This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
 Nothing me from Him shall sever.
 Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
 Part me now from Christ forever.
 God will be my sure defense;
 This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
 But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath
 When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
 Jesus is my confidence!

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Stand

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**Absolution**

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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15***P** Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**C** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**P** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**C** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**P** Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**C** For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**P** Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**Gloria Patri**

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C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**Kyrie**

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**Salutation and Collect of the Day****P** The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spirit.**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.*Sit***Old Testament Reading***Ezekiel 37:1–14*¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay

sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 11:1–45

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen

asleep, he will recover.”¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died,¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.**

Sit

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory
 Fills my heart with joy and love,
 Teach me ever to adore Thee;
 May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I've come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wand'ring from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger,
 Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be;
 Let that grace now like a fetter
 Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
 Prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
 I shall see Thy lovely face;
 Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
 How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
 Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
 Take my ransom'd soul away;
 Send Thine angels soon to carry
 Me to realms of endless day.

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Sermon

Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

What do you deserve? Many today feel they deserve the best of everything right now. Entitlement is a plague in the world today. And with credit cards, feeling that you deserve things can quickly lead one deep into debt. A popular radio personality and personal finance guru, Dave Ramsey, often responds to callers who ask “How are you?” with “Better than I deserve”. When questioned, Ramsey explains “It is a theological statement of grace. I deserve hell and I am not going because of Jesus. It’s because of grace. I’m better than I deserve.”

Paul writes a systematic theology for the comfort and confidence of Roman Christians. Paul quickly establishes the theme “The Gospel is the power of God for salvation of all people, Jew and Greek alike.” But no one is righteous, neither Jew who has the Torah, God’s Law, nor the Greek with all their philosophy and knowledge. No one deserves eternal life. Everyone deserves eternal condemnation, separation from God for all eternity, but God revealed His Righteousness in Jesus who atoned for your sins and the sins of the whole world. It is by faith alone that one is saved, exemplified by Abraham’s faith which was credited to him as righteousness. Because of Jesus took your sins to the cross to pay the full price of sin, you receive your righteousness through Baptism into Jesus’s death and resurrection. But sin still exists in your mortal body. Even the best intentioned and disciplined Christian still sins, still misses the mark. You can’t be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Sin has consequences. We turn away from your loving God. Sin leads to death, the separation of your body and soul. Your sins deserve temporal and eternal punishment. You deserve to be sentenced to death, both in time and in eternity.

God knew we would sin and fall short of His glory. God knew we would need a Savior. God knew that we cannot free ourselves from sin. Sin can only be atoned for by blood. Throughout the Old Testament, the blood of goats and lambs purified God’s People, foreshadowing the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world for whom John the Baptizer prepared the way. To whom John witnessed as the Savior of the world. We need a substitute. We need someone who would fulfill the Law completely. We need a Savior.

And so, at exactly the right time, God sent Jesus, His only begotten son, to take on human flesh and live the perfect life that we cannot. Jesus was born under the Law. Jesus fulfilled the Law perfectly. God sent Jesus to the Jews, God’s own chosen people. But they rejected Jesus. Jesus didn’t get what He deserved. Jesus deserved their attention, understanding, love, and worship. Instead, Jesus was undeservedly accused of Blasphemy and unjustly convicted by the religious leaders and turned over to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Pilate failed to give Jesus what He deserved, a fair trial. Barabbas, a convicted, hardened criminal, an enemy of Rome, deserved to die on a cross. Barabbas got what He did not deserve. Barabbas’s sins were forgiven. Instead of dying for his sins, Barabbas was set free. Jesus got what He did not deserve, crucifixion, the most brutal form of capital punishment, reserved for the worst of the worst.

Jesus willingly bore the sins of the whole world and God pronounced His righteous judgement. Instead of you dying for your sins, Jesus died for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Imagine the weight of all mankind’s sins. Imagine carrying that weight to the cross. Imagine the perfect Son of God being scourged for your sins. Imagine Jesus dying for your sins. Jesus was forsaken on the Cross, abandoned by the Father. “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46). God executed your sentence on Jesus. Jesus surrendered His life as He scandalously hung on the cross. Jesus paid the full price for your sin Our sinful nature, the devil, and the world tempt us to sin. The Law accuses us and stirs in us the desire to sin. Paul admits “¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. “ (Romans 7:15) Paul also admits “¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. “ (Romans 7:19). Paul has no way out. Paul can’t keep himself from sinning. Paul can’t free himself

from his sinful condition. Despite Paul's best effort and your best efforts, you cannot free yourself from sin. That is where the Gospel, the Good News of Paul's salvation and your salvation come in which Paul so powerfully presents in Romans.

Sin is at work in your life. Sin pops up in your life. Do you covet possessions or relationships of others? Do you talk about your neighbor's problems instead of trying to help? Do you take one too many glances at members of the opposite sex? Are you tempted to live by the world's standards instead of God's standards? Is God at the center of your life, or is He another activity to be worked in? Do you cherish and spend time in God's Word? Is your worship as regular and consistent as it should be? What do your sins deserve? Your sins deserve condemnation, temporal and eternal punishment, and eternal separation from God.

Being a better person doesn't improve your relationship with God. Your relationship with God is a gift from God to which you respond, not something you earn from God. God always makes the first move. God sent His Holy Spirit into you through the proclamation of the Gospel. The Holy Spirit makes you holy. The Holy Spirit sets you apart as God's precious child, His heir of heaven. God provides you with all that you have and need.

Instead of getting what Jesus deserved by living a perfect, sinless life under the Law, Jesus took what you deserve. Jesus took your temporal and eternal punishment and give you His righteousness. Jesus laid down his life for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Jesus did what the law could not do

And in exchange, you get what you don't deserve, God's Grace and Mercy. For your sins, Jesus gives you His righteousness. You are righteous before the Father. You are reconciled to the Father. When God looks at you, He sees Jesus's innocent, bitter suffering and death. God sees Jesus's Blood poured out for the remission of your sins. God looks at you as if your sins never happened. God has separated your sins from you as far as the east is from the west.

This doesn't give you permission to sin. Instead, your life is shaped by the third use of the Law, as a guide to living as God's own dear child.

God gives you what you do not deserve, grace, God's Riches at Christ's Expense. God blesses you abundantly. God gives you His undeserved promises that you will spend all eternity in His Kingdom where He will provide better than you deserve, more than you can hope for, life everlasting. Instead of the condemnation you deserve, God will say to you at your death "Well done, good and faithful servant". God will welcome you into His eternal glory where you will praise and worship Him for all eternity. Amen.

And now, may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your heart and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith in Jesus, the resurrection and the life, as we await His attention in our time of need; and that through His Spirit, He would give strength to our prayers, heal our weaknesses and restore all our losses, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the downtrodden, the faithless, the fearful and the outcast; and that the Lord would lay His hand on pastors of every era to proclaim His Word, that all might live, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes and all who reside therein, that husbands and wives, brothers and sisters would rejoice to hear the promises of Christ, steadfastly believing them and ever living in their light, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in authority over the lives of our people, that they would exercise this God-given duty humbly and in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those loved of the Lord who are ill and in need of His holy care, [*especially _____,*] that He would make haste to help them, spare their lives and call them out of their graves on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the baptized, that they would live according to the Spirit they have received, shunning the works of the flesh and living in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
 Amen.

Sit

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:

Left Column

LSB 199

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.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

LSB 199

P 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.

752 Be Still, My Soul

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 Leave to your God to order and provide;
 In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
 To guide the future as He has the past.
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
 And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
 Then you will better know His love, His heart,
 Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
 Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
 From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
 When we shall be forever with the Lord,
 When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
 All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

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468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

- 1 I am content! My Jesus ever lives,
 In whom my heart is pleased.
 He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,
 God's wrath He has appeased.
 Since He in death could perish never,
 I also shall not die forever.
 I am content!
 I am content!
- 2 I am content! My Jesus is my head;
 His member I shall be.
 He bowed His head when on the cross He died
 With cries of agony.
 Now death is brought into subjection
 For me by Jesus' resurrection.
 I am content!
 I am content!
- 3 I am content! My Jesus is my light,
 My radiant sun of grace.
 His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all,
 Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
 This Easter sun has brought salvation
 And everlasting exultation.
 I am content!
 I am content!
- 4 I am content! At length I shall be free,
 Awakened from the dead,
 Arising glorious evermore to be
 With You, my living head.
 The chains that hold my body, sever;
 Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
 I am content!
 I am content!

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

**a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Salutation

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

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- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
 Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 Who, Thyself for me once giving
 To the darkest depths of woe:
 Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit
 I eternal life inherit.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
 Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
 Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
 O Thou sinless Son of God!
 Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
 From the bonds of sin forever.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
 That my wounds might all be whole;
 Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
 Rest to give my weary soul;
 Yea, the curse of God enduring,
 Blessing unto me securing.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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