

Confession and Absolution

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** **P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our

heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer for Forgiveness

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

C O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

P These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

C When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

P When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

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.**

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.

**Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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

Numbers 11:24–30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.””**A**
 This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse

LSB 205

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia

LSB 205

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 7:37–39

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

C Glory to You, O Lord. ³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
 With all Your graces now outpoured
 On each believer's mind and heart;
 Your fervent love to them impart.
 Lord, by the brightness of Your light
 In holy faith Your Church unite;
 From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue
 This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
 Now cause the Word of life to shine.
 Teach us to know our God aright
 And call Him Father with delight.
 From ev'ry error keep us free;
 Let none but Christ our master be
 That we in living faith abide,
 In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
 Grant us the will Your work to do
 And in Your service to abide;
 Let trials turn us not aside.
 Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,
 And to our weakness strength impart
 That bravely here we may contend,
 Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

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

Most church feast days and festivals are a single, fixed event, a one and done, if you will. Each year, we recall Jesus's birth at Christmas. But Jesus was only born once, about 2000 years ago. Each year, we recall Jesus's Baptism. Jesus was baptized once at age 30 at the beginning of his ministry. On Good Friday, we celebrate Jesus dying for the sins of all mankind of all time. Jesus died once. Jesus is not sacrificed each time we celebrate the Lord Supper. And on Easter, Jesus rose from the dead. And while each Sunday is a "little Easter", Jesus rose once on the first Easter. But Pentecost is different. Yes, Pentecost is an event in time. Pentecost is the birth of the church. But Pentecost is more. Pentecost is how the church works. Pentecost is the

modus operandi, the method of operations, of the church. The church lives by empowered faithful witnesses proclaiming the Good News that Jesus died for their sins and the sins of the whole world as the Holy Spirit gives them words. Gives us words. And so, the mission and ministry of the Church is repeated day in and day out, just as it was on that first Pentecost. Jesus had prepared the Church for Pentecost, mission and ministry in Acts 1:8 “⁸ But 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.”

Christian Pentecost came from Jewish Pentecost. The Jews celebrated Pentecost, a harvest festival 50 days after Passover. Pentecost was one of the three required pilgrimage festivals, Passover, Pentecost, and Booths. People from the ends of the earth came to Jerusalem for Pentecost. “⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome.” The Gospel is for all people. In the great Commission, “¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Jesus’s disciples, past, present, and future, across all time, are sent to all peoples to make disciples. Christianity is not an exclusive club that only allows certain people to be members. Just the opposite is true. People of all races. Peoples from every place in the world. People who look like us. People who do not look like us. People whose skin has more pigment than ours. People who think like we do. And people who do not think like we do.

So, what happened on the First Pentecost? The Holy Spirit acts and the Gospel, the Good News that Jesus died on the Cross to reconcile you to the Father is proclaimed and faith is created. God always makes the first move. God undoes the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel so that Jesus’s death and resurrection can be proclaimed, souls brought to faith, and witnesses created to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Jesus has reconciled mankind to the Father, doing for mankind what mankind could never do for itself. Jesus died for all your sins, from the greatest to the least. Times when you put yourself in God’s place to be your own god instead of looking to the one true Lord for all good things. Times when you try to make a name for yourself instead of living as God’s child, worshiping God alone and trusting God’s provision. Times when your sins separate you from God and from those around you. Jesus died to bring salvation to all people, not just the Jews. Jesus died for the sins of all, to reconcile you to your heavenly father through his perfect obedience. Through the innocent, bitter suffering of Jesus, the Holy Spirit unites us as God people. What is the result? Peter writes “⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” Paul writes to the Galatians “²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave^[g] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.” Jesus has reconciled all people to the Father. Not just Abraham’s descendants, but all mankind. God promised a savior. And God delivered by sending Jesus to die for your sins. Your sins of not putting the best construction on your neighbor’s thoughts and deeds. Your sins coveting what has not been given to you, be that wealth, relationships, or possessions. Your sins of being hesitant to faithfully witness your Lord and Savior. For failing to put God’s Words into you heart and mind regularly, but instead prioritizing other activities and priorities to be done first. For failing to be the friend you should be or failing to help another when needed.

The Holy Spirit gives you the words you need in the moment to speak on God’s behalf. To speak hope the downtrodden. Forgiveness to those who have sinned against us. And forgiveness from those who we have sinned against. Just as the Holy Spirit worked faith in the disciples, so too the Holy Spirit works faith in your heart. The Holy Spirit calls you to be a faithful witness before those in your life. The Holy Spirit works not only the words from your mouth, but also what is heard and taken to heart by the hearer. The Holy Spirit calls us to the waters of Baptism to become God’s own child. The Holy Spirit sanctifies you and keeps you in the

one true faith. The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all your sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise you and all the dead, and give eternal life to you and all believers in Christ.

The Holy Spirit continues His work of Pentecost, today, tomorrow and until the world comes to an end. The Holy Spirit provides you with just the right words to witness, to tell those around you that Jesus is Lord to the glory of the Father. Not always in the most concise, theological terms. But always in the words that work faith in the hearer's heart. The Holy Spirit points you to God the Father and Jesus, that you may be about the Father's work. And at the end of time, the Holy Spirit will raise you body to share eternity with Jesus.

Just as every Sunday is a little Easter, so too every day is a little Pentecost. Every day, God uses the Holy Spirit, His Word and Sacraments to convict us of our sins so that we can repent, confess and be absolved of our sins. Every day, God fulfills His will through the work of the Holy Spirit to build and strengthen you that you may spend all eternity with Him. Amen.

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

Prayer of the Church

Stand

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

For the whole Christian Church on earth, that she would be filled, renewed, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit as on the first Pentecost; that many more will be called by the Gospel; and that the Sacraments would be administered faithfully and all Christians be kept in the true faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faithful pastors and church workers devoted to the service of God, who delivered His Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled it in Christ, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That all the people of God would show forth in holy lives the fruits of the Spirit, which He has promised in the Scripture; that all pride, prejudice and hate would be removed so that the Gospel is not hindered, but all may be welcomed in the name of Christ; and that we would have a servant's heart, seeking not our own ways but the path that leads to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for those who served our nation through military service and in grateful remembrance of those who gave their lives for us and the cause of freedom, that we may honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly; for all who travel, that they would be kept safe; for our nation and its blessing; and for aid in protecting and increasing the benefits we have for those who follow us, looking always to God, from whom these gifts come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the comfort of the Holy Spirit in a dark world; and that wounds would be soothed and healed, broken families restored, the depressed uplifted, the poor also aided, and all cries answered, [*especially for* _____,] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Spirit of truth would clear away all distractions so that our hearts and minds may focus on Christ present in the bread which is His body and the cup of His blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God would receive our praise and thanksgiving for His gifts of grace in this Sacrament, together with our tithes and offerings, as tokens of our trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will, comfort us in every temptation and misfortune, and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace for us by His death — 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. **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

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.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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

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.

498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.
- 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.
- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.

△7 Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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795 Voices Raised to You We Offer

- 1 Voices raised to You we offer;
 Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
 Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
 For Your gifts through all our days.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to You we sing!
- 2 All creation joins to praise You;
 Earth and sky Your works display.
 Art and music, gifts You lend us,
 We return to You today.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 God, Creator, source of life!
- 3 Christ, the song of Love incarnate,
 Touching earth with heaven's grace,
 For Your living, suffering, dying,
 For Your rising, hear our praise!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
- 4 Spirit, flaming through creation,
 Kindle faith within each heart.
 Lift our voices high in chorus;
 Through our hands Your love impart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Spirit, Helper, breath of life!
- 5 How can any praise we offer
 Measure all the thanks we owe?
 Take our hearts and hands and voices—
 Gifts of love we can bestow.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to You we sing!

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,

**The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.
2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

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