

# Confession and Absolution

## 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*sts. 1–5*

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the apostles' holy train  
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- △ 5 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

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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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

**Service of the Word****Introit***Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

**P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

**C** I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**P** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**C** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

**P** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

**Gloria Patri**

LSB 186

**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.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every

living thing that moves on the earth.”<sup>29</sup> And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.”<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .  
<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:16–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Athanasian Creed

**C** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

And the catholic faith is this,

that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

**one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;**

**one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

**For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

**And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.**

**This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

*Sit*

## 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

*sts. 1-4*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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## Sermon

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

This morning, we celebrate the Festival of the Holy Trinity, God in Three Persons. Last week, we celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church. But there is much more to Pentecost. Pentecost wasn't just a one and done historical event. Pentecost is the process of the church. The Holy Spirit moves Christians to tell of God's Salvation to those around us, those with whom we interact. The Holy Spirit moves and enables faithful witness. The Holy Spirit gives us the words. And that is not all. The Holy Spirit creates and strengthens faith in the hearer. After all, where did your faith come from? What causes your faith to grow? God's Word, the good news about Jesus, our Lord, and Savior, whom Peter preaches in today's Epistle.

The first and third readings portray the Trinity. Did you hear the three members of the Trinity mentioned in the Old Testament reading? Two are called out in the first two verses. "God created" and "the Spirit of God hovered". But did you hear Jesus mentioned? Go ahead, give the reading a quick scan. Ok. Here's a hint. Look in verse 3. Do you see Jesus there? Maybe your mind jumped to John 1:4-5 "In him was life,<sup>[a]</sup> and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." But that is not it. Ok. Another hint. How else do we describe Jesus? Jesus is the Word of God. But Word is not in verse 3, is it? Or is it? Jesus is right there in the third word. "And God said..." When God said, He spoke the Word. Jesus is the Incarnate Word of God. John's Gospel begins (1:1-3) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made

through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.” God’s Word makes things happen. God speaks and things come into being.

God spoke the whole universe into existence. God spoke you into existence. God speaks your faith into existence. God speaks your relationship with Him into existence. God has spoken your salvation into existence. God speaks your forgiveness into existence through both the Written Word, the Scriptures, and the Spoken Word, spoken by prophets, spokespersons for God.

Do we still have prophets? And if we do, who are they? Let’s clarify what a prophet is. A prophet is someone who speaks for God. While our minds tend to jump to foretelling the future, foretelling is a small part. So, “Who speaks for God today?” Hopefully, a Pastor comes to mind. Every Sunday, Pastor expounds on the readings so people have a better understanding and can apply the Scriptures to life. Pastor also stands at the beginning of the service and speaks the words of God’s Forgiveness, God’s Absolution. Pastors are the keepers of the mysteries who faithfully interpret and proclaim Scriptures, properly administer the Sacraments, and call sinners like themselves to repent. Pastors are public ministers of the Gospel, speaking on behalf of both the local congregation and God. But don’t think for a moment that you are off the hook.

You too are called to speak God’s Word to one another and to those in your life. You are to speak God’s forgiveness. You are called, as Peter wrote “to always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you **for a reason for the hope** that is in you;” (1 Peter 3:15).

There is also the Gospel reading. Jesus came under the Father’s authority to fulfill the Father’s will and plan of salvation. Jesus was born of Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate and was crucified so that your sins are forgiven. Jesus came to take your place, to take your sins and give you His righteousness. When God looks at you, God sees His perfect, loving son, Jesus. God sees the Law fulfilled. You are righteous before God as His own dear child, God’s child for whom Jesus laid down His life. A child of our heavenly Father who walks in His or her faith knowing that one cannot come to faith without the Holy Spirit acting. A child of God who has God’s gift of eternal life. A child of God who cannot save one’s self, earn God’s favor, or God’s Grace or God’s Mercy. Your salvation is assured. You are a child of God who wants to be about His Father’s Business, a loving response to the gift of your Salvation. What are you to do in response?

Jesus gives us His Authority, which He was given by the Father. God has one purpose in mind, to save sinners. And so, we join Jesus on the Father’s Mission. Wherever life leads us, we discipline, we make disciples. That is our commission, to make disciples. It isn’t about going. It is about making disciples. And we are told exactly how to do that. Baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach those being disciplined all that Jesus taught His disciples on earth. We don’t pick and choose. The Bible, the Scriptures, are God’s Word. From Genesis to Revelation. From “In the beginning” to “<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” When the Bible makes sense to us and when it doesn’t. When we understand how to reconcile Scriptures and Science and when we don’t. The Bible doesn’t contain God’s Word, leaving us to pick and choose, like eating at a Smorgasbord. As Paul wrote to Timothy “<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God<sup>[b]</sup> may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3”16-17). We teach the whole counsel of God. We don’t bend God’s Word to fit the modern world. We don’t leave out the unpopular things. We don’t place ourselves over God’s Word to determine what is best in the moment. We cling to God’s promises. We cling to solid doctrine, even when we don’t fully understand it. The Holy Trinity is a mystery. We know the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet we don’t fully understand. We can’t completely comprehend. We accept what Scripture says and teaches as God’s Word, the sole source and norm of faith, even when God’s Word doesn’t make sense to our sin corrupted human mind.

Once a year, we confess the Athanasian Creed which was written to clarify the Trinity, a concept beyond our understanding. We can only understand God as He has revealed Himself in Scriptures. We cling to the clear passages and promises and use those to interpret the difficult passages.

While you can’t fully comprehend God, the Scriptures tell you that God loves you and wants you to be His own dear child, purchased and redeemed by Jesus’s life, death, and resurrection. Jesus died and rose again that you might have life and have it abundantly. Life that the world cannot give. Forgiveness of sins that the world

cannot give. Salvation that the world cannot give. As Paul writes “<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-10). And so, we struggle with the mystery of the Trinity, one God in Three Persons, assured that we will be with God for all eternity in His Kingdom that has no end. 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 the Church of the Holy Lord God, called out of darkness into His marvelous light and purchased with the precious blood of Christ, that she would be kept in the true faith, without error, schism or compromise, until He welcomes her home as His spotless Bride, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of Christ would shine through us so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father, who with the Son and the Spirit created all things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the protection of our youth from all sin and temptation; for broken families, that they would confess their sins and forgive each other as Christ has forgiven them; for those who celebrate their marriage anniversaries, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*], that their love may never grow weary; and for our elderly as they cope with physical limitations, that they may cling to God’s mercies, which are new every morning, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the preservation of government and law to protect the weak and foster godly virtue; for our president, governor and all who make, administer and judge our laws; for the armed forces, emergency medical workers and those who inform us; and for those who would oppress with mistruth, violence or fear to be frustrated, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are sick, lonely, whose hearts are heavy with grief, or who are in any need [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]; and that they would be healed and given relief by the Lord who upholds His creation and will, at the last, put an end to the curse of sin, 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.**

## 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.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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

*LSB 202*

**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.

## 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.

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