

Sermon for The Third Sunday in Easter

Date: May 5, 2019

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, Austin, MN

Old Testament: 2 Chronicles 7:12,14-16

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:5-13

Sermon Text: Matthew 6:5-13

Sermon Title: When You Pray



Hymns:

LSB 770 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 777 – Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

LSB 766 – Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

LSB 769 – Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ (v.1,3)

LSB 958 – Our Father Who Art in Heaven – Ila *(Needs intro)*

LSB 768 – To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Distribution:

LSB 775 – Be Present at Our Table, Lord

LSB 774 – Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

LSB 779 – comes My Soul With Every Care

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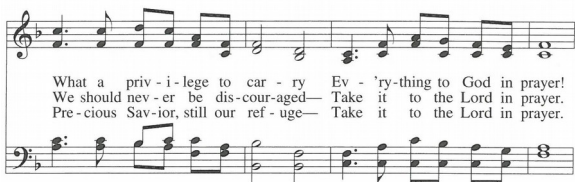
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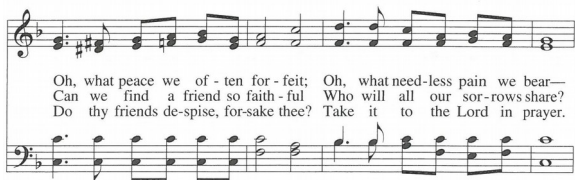
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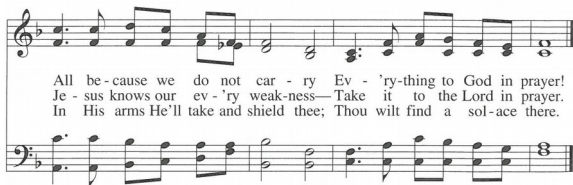
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

C to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

P To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

C be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 30:1–5, 8, 10–12*

P I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

C O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession.

- P** Almighty God,
- C** **we confess to You that we are sinful by nature. We have searched for You where You never promise to be and have failed to recognize You as You come to us today as our risen Redeemer. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and have been reluctant to be Your witnesses and to do Your will. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray, forgive us.**
- P** Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
- C** **Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**
- P** To You, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
- C** **Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!**
- P** Beloved in the Lord, God has heard our confession, and because of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has answered with Good News and revealed Himself as our Savior—our risen Redeemer. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
- C** **that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever! Amen.**

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PRAYER

Grant Peace, We Pray,
in Mercy, Lord

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Grant peace, we pray, in mer - cy, Lord; Peace

in our time, O send us! For there is

none on earth but You, None oth - er

to de - fend us. You on - ly,

Lord, can fight for us. A - men.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray:

O God, through the sacrifice of Your Son on the cross to the empty tomb, You revealed Christ risen and the life-changing mercy and love for us and all mankind.

C **Grant to Your faithful people a daily recognition of His victory over sin, death, and the grave, that we might serve You in confident joy;**

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Chronicles 7:12,14-16

The Lord *[said]*, “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, pray, search for me, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear their prayer from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land. My eyes will be open, and my ears will pay attention to those prayers at this place. I have chosen and declared this temple holy so that my name may be placed there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be here.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 30:2-8,10-12

O Lord my God, I cried out to you for help, and you healed me. O Lord, you brought me up from the grave. You called me back to life from among those who had gone into the pit. Make music to praise the Lord, you faithful people who belong to him. Remember his holiness by giving thanks. His anger lasts only a moment. His favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping may last for the night, but there is a song of joy in the morning. When all was well with me, I said, "I will never be shaken." O Lord, by your favor you have made my mountain stand firm. When you hid your face, I was terrified. I will cry out to you, O Lord. I will plead to the Lord for mercy.

Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me! O Lord, be my helper! You have changed my sobbing into dancing. You have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy so that my soul may praise you with music and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Above all, I encourage you to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and prayers of thanks for all people, for rulers, and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life, always lived in a godly and reverent way. This is good and pleases God our Savior. He wants all people to be saved and to learn the truth. There is one God. There is also one mediator between God and people—the man Jesus Christ. >>>

He sacrificed himself for all people to free them from their sins. This message is valid for every era.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:5-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to You O Lord.

When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They like to stand in synagogues and on street corners to pray so that everyone can see them. I can guarantee this truth, that will be their only reward. When you pray, go to your room and close the door. Pray privately to your Father who is with you. Your Father sees what you do in private. He will reward you. When you pray, don't ramble like heathens who think they'll be heard if they use many words. Don't be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, let your name be kept holy. Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us our daily bread today. Forgive us as we forgive others. Don't allow us to be tempted. Instead, rescue us from the evil one.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to You, O Christ.

766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above *sts. 1–3*

- 1 Our Father, who from heav'n above
 Bids all of us to live in love
 As members of one family
 And pray to You in unity,
 Teach us no thoughtless words to say
 But from our inmost hearts to pray.

- 2 Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,
 In purity to keep Your Word,
 That to the glory of Your name
 We walk before You free from blame.
 Let no false teaching us pervert;
 All poor deluded souls convert.

- 3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain
 And Your eternal righteous reign.
 The Holy Ghost enrich our day
 With gifts attendant on our way.
 Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage;
 Preserve Your Church from age to age.

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Sermon Part 1: When We Pray

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Grace to you, and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

You heard it in the Gospel Reading. You heard it three times. Three times Jesus says, "when you pray..."

"When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites..."

"When you pray, go to your room and close the door...."

"When you pray, don't ramble like heathens..."

"When you pray..." Jesus assumes that you pray.

Luther once said:

"A Christian without prayer is as
just as impossible as a living person
without a pulse."

The assumption Jesus makes does not stop there. Jesus goes on to say, "This is how you should pray..."

He assumes that we need to be taught how to pray. Without His instruction we do what everyone does.

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Without God's Word we imagine God in our image.

Without God's Word we will fail to understand God as our Father, and ourselves as His children.

Without God's Word, we will ask God for those things we don't need, and fail to ask God for things that we do need.

We do this because, as God says:

My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts are higher than your thoughts.

If we listen to Jesus, and do what He says, we will pray for those things that our Father knows we need, and that He wants to give to us.

When we pray like this, we do so with the complete confidence that He hears our prayer, and will give us what we ask.

It is in this context that Jesus teaches:

Ask, and you will receive.
Search, and you will find.
Knock, and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive. The one who searches will find, and for the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

He is, after all, our Father, and a loving Father who is not going to give us what is harmful to us, no matter how much we may nag Him.

He is our Father, and in His love for us, He is going to give us only what is good for us.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus gives us seven things to ask for, "as dear children ask their dear Father."

These seven petitions (or requests) can be divided into two groups.

The first three requests are "Your" or "Thy" petitions. "

Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

We are being taught to look for those things that come from our Father who is in Heaven.

Jesus teaches us to lift up our hearts to God, because those things come from above.

Then come the final four petitions, which are all "us" petitions.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,

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Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.”

Here we are being taught to ask the Father for those things we need, in this world.

The thing that we should be sure to see, is that the Thy petitions come first, and the us petitions come last, which is contrary to the way that we would pray on our own.

In the Lord's prayer we find a very unnatural way to pray. Jesus' teaching, is changing the direction of our life. It is saying:

Seek first the Kingdom of God and
His righteousness, and all these
things will be added to you.

As contrary as this may sound, this is precisely what is best for us.

With that introduction and understanding let's look at the first of the three Thy petitions: “hallowed by Thy name.”

In his Large Catechism, Luther begins his explanation of the 1st Petition by saying, “this is not a common way for Germans to speak.”

I think that rings true for most Americans too.

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The Lord's Prayer is not how we would pray given to our own devices. It starts with God's name.

God's name is how the eternal, invisible, God makes Himself known to us.

His name is the point at which people are able to approach Him, and communicate with the God who is completely unlike us, because He is God.

Now when we pray, "hallowed be Thy name," we are **not** asking God to make His name holy.

That would be like saying,
"may the water be wet,"
"may the fire be hot," or
"may the tree be wood."

God says, "I am who I am. I, the Lord your God, am holy."

When Jesus says, "Pray like this... Hallowed be Thy name..." He is telling us to put our life in its proper relationship with the Father.

He teaches us to pray in a way, that we see God as the Holy God that He is.

Luther writes in his Small Catechism, "We pray in this petition that His name would be kept holy among us also."

We are taught to pray that we would believe that God is real, true, good and right, and that everything contrary to God is unreal, untrue, ungood and wrong.

I think it is important to note that Jesus does not say anything like, “Pray like this, Our Father in heaven, make my name holy...”

Strange isn't it, that there is nothing in this prayer in which Jesus directs us to ask the Father to make us holier, or to make us better Christians?

In fact every petition of this prayer is answered completely and perfectly only in Jesus.

It is Jesus who ‘hallows’ the name of the Father for us, and in us.

Let's sing the next 3 petitions of this prayer...

766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above *sts. 4–6*

4 Your gracious will on earth be done
 As it is done before Your throne,
 That patiently we may obey
 Throughout our lives all that You say.
 Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill
 That sets itself against Your will.

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- 5 Give us this day our daily bread,
And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live,
To care and greed no entrance give.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

Sermon Part 2: When We Pray

Through faith in Jesus Christ, and when we pray
in His Holy Name, we can stand up straight, lift up
our heads, and pray,

knowing in the complete confidence that it has
already been done.

Jesus wants us have priorities straight.

There are things better, and more important, than
stuff in this world, and that is God's kingdom and
the righteousness that comes with it.

So the next thing we we pray is "Thy kingdom
come" before we get to "... our daily bread."

This falls right in line with what Jesus teaches His
disciples. He says that we are not to worry about
food, and clothing, and everything else.

If God takes care of the birds and feeds them, and if God decorates the flowers of the field,

(and you guys are much more valuable than bird and flowers)

then you can relax a little bit and not worry so much.

Your heavenly Father knows what you need even before you ask Him.

So that frees you up to set your mind on the things of God, and to put your priority their.

Then we pray that the kingdom of God would come and be among us.

That's what Jesus said was happening when He began His ministry. Jesus announced, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."

In other words, God's promised end-times kingdom was breaking in to our world.

Jesus brought with Him the blessings of that kingdom: Wisdom, healing, freedom, forgiveness, life, salvation and righteousness, all bound up in the person, and the work, of Jesus – Himself.

Where Jesus is, there is the kingdom.

Jesus came, and brought in the kingdom with all its blessings!

We would be lost with from Jesus' coming.

Our sins would condemn us.

Death would consume us.

Misery and despair would be our lot in life.

Yet Jesus came, and saved us from all that.

His righteous life,

His death,

His victorious resurrection, has come among us, and opened up to us a whole new life.

So now when we pray "Thy kingdom come," we are praying that these divine realities would be ours.

We are praying that we would take hold of Jesus' gifts, which we receive through Word and Sacrament,

and that God's kingdom would be extended throughout the world, so that all would come to faith.

The kingdom of God is how God rules among us,
by His grace,

to save us from our sins,
to give us new life,
to bring us to faith, and
keep us in the faith, through the Means of Grace.

That is the Kingdom of Grace, and it is a big part
of what we are praying for, when we pray the
Lord's Prayer.

Now there is more to the coming of God's
kingdom.

Notice how Jesus moves from the "Kingdom of
Grace" to the "Kingdom of Glory." He says,
"Behold, the kingdom of God
is in the midst of you."

He moves immediately to the "Kingdom of
Glory," that is, to the day of His return in glory,
at the Last Day.

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Jesus said,

As the lightning flashes, and lights up the sky, from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.”

That’s talking about Jesus’ Second Coming.
We pray that day would come, and come quickly.
“Thy kingdom come.”

This has been the Church’s cry ever since our Lord ascended.

We want Jesus to return soon, and deliver us from this messed up world, and usher in the age to come,

when all the dead in Christ will be raised from death, to live in a restored creation, a new heaven and new earth, the New Jerusalem.

Is this something you look forward to, or is this something don’t think about?

God’s Word should shape our minds, our thinking, and our praying, and it does every time you read it.

766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above *sts. 7–9*

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
 Where our grim foe and all his horde
 Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
 Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
 The times and days are perilous.
 Redeem us from eternal death,
 And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
 Make strong our faith in You, that we
 May doubt not but with trust believe
 That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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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.

Prayer of the Church

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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. Blessed Lord, You appeared to the disciples, showing Yourself again as the one and only risen Redeemer. You forgave Peter his betrayal and appointed him to feed Your sheep. Forgive our sins, restore us to Your service, and bless all that we do that it be to Your glory. *Risen Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P You set apart nations and governments for the protection of people, for justice, and for the promotion of virtue. Raise up good and honest leaders here and everywhere, and guide them on the path of peace for the benefit of all. *Risen Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P You deliver the sick from their illness, the wounded from their pain, the grieving from their sorrow, and the dying from their fear, especially:

Juanita Pfeifer

Diane Brandt

Diane Joseph

Pastor Bailey

Lois Schmidt

We also offer our thanks for Lillian West and the healing she has been given. Bless all people according to their need, with grace sufficient to carry them through their day of trouble, and sustain them in faith, according to Your gracious will. *Risen Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P For those celebrating birthdays, we would ask your special blessing on:

Diane Waksdahl
Sharry Watkins
Kevin Johnson
Blake Kruse
Gloria Dirksen
Robert Kruse

Wanita Pfeifer
Morgan Caron
Winnie Greenlee
Sharon Kamp
Nelainy Rae Steinbrink
Nicole Meyer

As well as those celebrating wedding anniversaries including: Robert & Shirley Bos

Bless them in all things. *Risen Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P You bestow upon us the resources we need for this body and life and You equip us with eternal life. Grant that in our baptismal vocation we live for more than the moment and use the resources entrusted to us for Your eternal purpose. *Risen Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we join in fellowship at Your Table, help us through Your Spirit's gift of faith that we recognize our risen Lord, and Him alone, for our forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. *Risen Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offering

769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

sts. 1, 3

- 1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
 I know not how to ask or what to say;
 I only know my need, as deep as life,
 And only You can teach me how to pray.

- 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear
 Of human need; O give me eyes to see
 Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured,
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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SACRAMENT

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.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should praise Your holy name, O Lord, our God, for You offered Yourself as the perfect Lamb to be sacrificed in our place, and having redeemed the world to Yourself, You are now enthroned as the worthy Lamb on high. Therefore with every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, we laud and magnify Your glorious name with blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



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.

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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.”

Proclamation of Christ

- 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:

Hymn 958 Our Father Who Art in Heaven — IIa

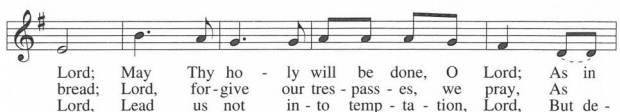
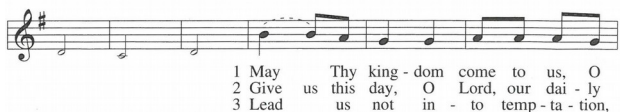
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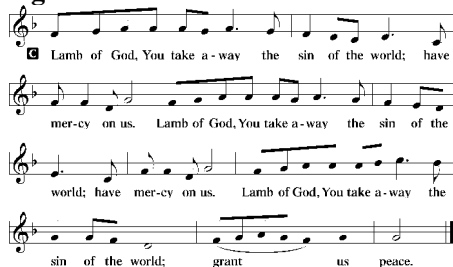
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

775 Be Present at Our Table, Lord (*Saturday*)

- 1 Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and ev'rywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.

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774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

- 1 Feed Thy children, God most holy;
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.

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779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

- 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.
- 2 Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such
None can ever ask too much.
- 3 With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.
- 4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.
- 5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.
- 6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

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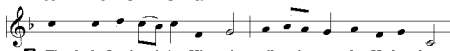
Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are ✠ forgiven you.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P 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.


Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26; Hebrews 13:20–21, adapted

P May the God of peace,
who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought
back from the dead
our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,
equip you with everything good for doing His will, and
may He work in us that which is pleasing to Him
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and
ever.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

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G Am⁷ G



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,

Bm⁷ Em A⁷ D



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end the day.
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;

G C Am Em G



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free,
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

Em Bm⁷ C D G



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Sending

P Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of the Lord.

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