



**Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024 Setting 3 8:15**

Abiding in Christ's Love

**Prelude** Handbells "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**As We Gather**

In our Gospel John uses the word "love" either as a noun or a verb some nine times as Jesus speaks His last words before His death. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love.

## Welcome

**Hymn of Invocation** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**A** 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.**

**A** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**A** 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.**

**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.**

*(The Absolution we fully receive in Jesus rests in the waters of our Baptism which brought us into the Body of Christ, His Church. Today we receive Evelyn Marie Murrell into this same grace through the waters of baptism.)*

## **Rite of Baptism for Evelyn Marie Murrell**

### **WELCOME**

**P** On behalf of St. Paul Lutheran Church we welcome you! The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is a monumental and lifetime event in the life of a Christian. The Baptism of this child becomes a reminder of the day of our baptism when God claimed us as His son or daughter through the power of His Word. In this particular moment God comes to us in water and Word.

### **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### **TEACHING**

**P** Martin Luther wrote about baptism, asking the simple question, "What does such baptizing with water indicate?"

**C** **"It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition (sorrow for our sin) and repentance (a desire to change), be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts. And also it shows that a new man should daily come forth and arise, who shall live**

**before God in righteousness and purity forever.” (Small Catechism)**

- P** St. Paul says in the sixth chapter of Romans,
- C** ***“We were buried, therefore, with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).***
- P** The command to baptize comes from Jesus. He speaks to His disciples in the last chapter of Matthew saying, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”* In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, *“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”* And the apostle Peter has written, *“Baptism now saves you.”*
- A** The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The Pastor addresses the parents and sponsors:*

- P** How is this child named?
- R** Evelyn Marie Murrell

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:*

- P** Evelyn Marie Murrell, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

## ***THE RESPOSNSIBILITIES OF PARENTS AND SPONSORS***

- P** It is your task as parents and sponsors to confess with the whole Church the faith we have in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name this child is to be baptized. After this child has been baptized you are at all times to remember her in your prayers, put her in mind of her Baptism, and, as much as in you lies, give your counsel and aid, especially if she should lose her parents. Place in her hands the Holy Scriptures so that she grows and matures as His disciple expressing a living faith to all she encounters in her life. That with instruction in this faith she comes to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and thus, abiding in baptismal grace and in communion with His Church, she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus the Christ.

This, then, you intend gladly and willingly to do?

**Parents & Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.**

## ***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH***

- P** It is not the water alone nor the parents and sponsors, who present this child at this font, which empowers Baptism. As we have heard it is God's Word of promise, freely given, through Christ's death and resurrection, which conveys God's abundant grace through the simple means of water, which our Lord commanded us to use. It is God's action of redemption we witness here. In our weakness it is Christ's power bestowing life, faith, and salvation.
- A** People of God, baptized into God's Triune name, proclaim on behalf of this child what you believe about God the Father.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- A** People of God, baptized into Christ's death, proclaim on behalf of this child what you believe about God the Son.

- C** I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- A** People of God, having received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, proclaim in behalf of this child what you believe about God the Holy Spirit.
- C** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

### ***THE BAPTISM***

- P** Who brings this child to be baptized?

**Parents:** We do.

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:*

- P** Evelyn Marie Murrell, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*The pastor places his hand on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting. *(The blessing renewed at Confirmation.)*

**C Amen.**

*The pastor or another may give a white baptismal cloth and a burning light as gifts of the church.*

**A** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Evelyn Marie Murrell the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*An Elder or representative of our church will speak a welcome and our members respond.*

**A** Evelyn Marie Murrell, in Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

**C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

**P** And you, Evelyn Marie Murrell, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore. Peace + be with you.

**C Amen.**

**Service of the Word**



## **Kyrie (sing)**

- ☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.**
- Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis (sing)**

- ☐ Glory be to God on high:**
- ☐ 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**

**A** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

### **First Reading**

*Acts 10: 34-48*

*(People from every nation are accepted by God.)*

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who

ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**he has put all things under his feet.**

## Epistle

*1 John 5: 1-8*

*(The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

<sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the

victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia (stand to sing)**

**C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Gospel**

*John 15: 9-17*

*(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life

for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

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



**Hymn of the Day** "Christ the Eternal Lord" LSB 829

**Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days  
And make Your glory known.**

**Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;**

**Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.**

**Christ the redeeming Son,  
Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won  
For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray,  
To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today  
And follow Him as Lord.**

**Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give  
To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth's brief journey ends.**

**Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.**

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**Sermon** "Abiding in Christ's Love" John 15: 9-17

### **Offertory (sing)**

**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.

### **Prayer of the Church**

**A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, we give You thanks and praise for the new life and salvation with which You have brought beauty into our lives and our world again through the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray that You open the ears of all who hear Your Word, that this salvation come to many in true repentance and faith, the gift of Your own Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** When suffering for Your truth comes our way, remind us of the certain victory that is ours by our Baptism into Christ. Give us the vision of Your mercy and grace, that we endure any opposition to the true faith. We pray for Your Spirit's presence in our Voter's meeting this day. Bind us together in the unity of Your grace to graciously hear others as they speak and to speak graciously Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Visit with Your peace and healing all who suffer illness, injury, or any painful difficulty, especially *Bill Nielsen, Mildred Pittman, Mary Fodor, Jan Peterson, Charles Barber, Ed Mischen, Jose Luna, Ken Wolski, Debra Berger, Janet Pollard, Greg Coleman, Carol Danner, James Allen, Joseph Davis, Janice Weikert, Chris Quakenbush, Tammy Tolbert, Dave Peterson, Erik, Peterson*. Let not their hearts be troubled or weighed down with any fear, but lift their eyes to Your sure and certain promises of eternal life and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord, Give to Your Church Your Word and Your Spirit, that we hear Your voice and follow where You lead, proclaiming Your Gospel to every corner of the world. We lift to You our Re: Vitality Workshops as they move forward. Fill our congregation, and those on our LRPC, with Your Holy Spirit to unite us as one body in Christ. Grant gifts of discernment, wisdom, and faithfulness to the task of developing a plan for the support of the work of Your Kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord, we pray for Your presence and provision within our families and in the lives of our children. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day, Deanne Hyde, Kurt Hyde, Carl & Mary Lee Johnson, Gary & Liz Keith. Bless the children of our CLC Henry, Ian, Delilah, Karlee, along with their parents and our staff. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**A** With reverence and affection, we remember before You, O everlasting God, all our departed family and friends who have followed Christ and now are with Him in glory. By Your grace, keep us faithful and steadfast, that we see the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

*(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)*

### **Offerings Are Received**

### **Prepare our Hearts for Communion**

1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

### **Communion Instructions**

*(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

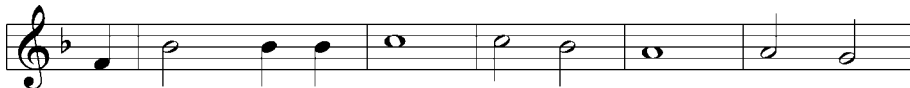
**A** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus (sing)

**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

**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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

**A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei (sing)

**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.**

**Distribution Hymn** "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice" LSB 556

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!**

**Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.**

**My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.**

**But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.**

**God said to His belovèd Son:**

**“It’s time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever.”**

**The Son obeyed His Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow’r disguised He bore;  
A servant’s form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.**

**To me He said: “Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.**

**“Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.**

**“Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.**

**“What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”**

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**Distribution Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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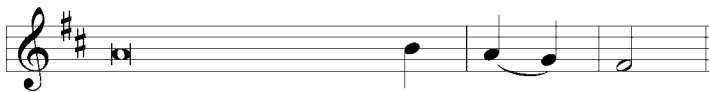
**Nunc Dimittis (stand to sing)**

**☐ 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

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

**A** Bless we the Lord.



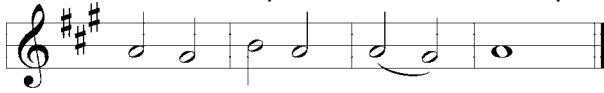
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn to Depart "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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## **Postlude**

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