Confession and Absolution

498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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

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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 LSB 184

- 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,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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 LSB 185

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.

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

C Amen.

Stand

Introit

Service of the Word

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- cy to us.

I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*

my flesh also | dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*

or let your holy one see cor- ruption.

You make known to me the path of life;*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- cy to us.

Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P 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

- **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

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴"To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields.

or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual Romans 10:8b, 10

The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,* the word of faith that | we proclaim.

For with the heart one believes and is | justified,* and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

Second Reading Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"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—
²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

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

²⁹"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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, 35until I make your enemies your footstool.' ³⁶Let 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 John 8:48–59

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- **G** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Athanasian Creed

- L 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.
- **L** 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.
- **L** 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.
- L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- **C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **L** 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.
- **L** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- and vet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- **L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

- and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- Lord, so also are we prohibited by the Catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- **L** 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;
- L 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.
- 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.
- L 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;
- **L** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- **C** 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.
- **L** 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

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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!

- 2 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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."
- 6 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.
- 7 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.

- 8 "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.
- 9 "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.
- 10 "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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Sermon

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 195

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

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

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

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.

642 O Living Bread from Heaven

- O living Bread from heaven,
 How well You feed your guest!
 The gifts that You have given
 Have filled my heart with rest.
 Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
 Oh, cup that heals our woes!
 My heart, this gift possessing,
 With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace; For You have freely given What earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
 This food can death destroy.
 And You have freely granted
 The cup of endless joy.
 My Lord, I do not merit
 The favor You have shown,
 And all my soul and spirit
 Bow down before Your throne.
- Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
 My course on earth is lengthened,
 To serve with holy fear.
 And when You call my spirit
 To leave this world below,
 I enter, through Your merit,
 Where joys unmingled flow.

 Text: Johann Rist, 1607-67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight's splendor,
 There with joy your praises render.
 Bless the One whose grace unbounded
 This amazing banquet founded;
 He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him. For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal. Open wide the gates before Him,

Saying, as you there adore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.

Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:
 With the choicest wine of heaven
 Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure, Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,

Our true faith confessing,

The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The Supper is ended.

O now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching,

Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us.

His love shall unite us

To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving

To God ever-living,

The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing,

In love ever caring,

Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us.

With Your light now lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living

With praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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

Thanksgiving LSB 200

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

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

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

Benedicamus LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction 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.

506 Glory Be to God the Father

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!

2 Glory be to Him who loved us,

Washed us from each spot and stain;

Glory be to Him who bought us,

Made us kings with Him to reign!

Glory, glory

To the Lamb that once was slain!

3 Glory to the King of angels,

Glory to the Church's King,

Glory to the King of nations;

Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!

Glory, glory

To the King of glory sing!

4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!

Thus the choir of angels sings;

Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!

Thus its praise creation brings.

Glory, glory,

Glory to the King of kings!

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