

**SERVICE OF THE WORD
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THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER
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Order of Procession

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In nomine Jesu



Choral Prelude

Salmo

Music by Ernani Aguiar

*Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus:
Laudate eum in firmament virtutis ejus.*

Praise the Lord in His holy place
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.

*Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus:
Laudate eum secundum multitudinem
magnitudinis ejus.*

Praise Him for His mighty acts,
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

*Laudate eum in sono tubae:
Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.*

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise Him with the psaltery and the harp.

*Laudate eum in tympano et choro:
Laudate eum in chordis et organo.*

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance,
Praise Him with strings and pipes.

*Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus:
Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis:*

Praise Him with high-sounding cymbals,
Praise Him with cymbals of joy.

Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum. Alleluia.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Text: Psalm 150, Latin Vulgate.

As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers the
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you and
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter

grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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Invocation

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

Psalm 148

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
C **praise him in the heights!**
P Praise him, all his angels;
C **praise him, all his hosts!**
- P** Praise him, sun and moon,
C **praise him, all you shining stars!**
P Praise him, you highest heavens,
C **and you waters above the heavens!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD!
C **For he commanded and they were created.**
P And he established them forever and ever;
C **he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
- P** Praise the LORD from the earth,
C **you great sea creatures and all deeps,**
P fire and hail, snow and mist,
C **stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- P** Mountains and all hills,
C **fruit trees and all cedars!**
P Beasts and all livestock,
C **creeping things and flying birds!**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples,
C **princes and all rulers of the earth!**
P Young men and maidens together,
C **old men and children!**
P Let them praise the name of the LORD,
C **for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**
P He has raised up a horn for his people,
C **praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.**
Praise the LORD!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

1 Peter 2:1–12

L A reading from 1 Peter, the second chapter.

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Setting by Henry V. Gerike

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

Text: Henry Baker, 1821–1877.

Second Reading

Mark 16:9–16

L A reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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. Amen.

Sit

Hymn

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

LSB 597

Arranged by Jeffrey Blersch
The choir sings stanza 3.

1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and

tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing

Life has come, with life for all.
Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
With His bod - y and His blood.
Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
Life has come, with life for all.

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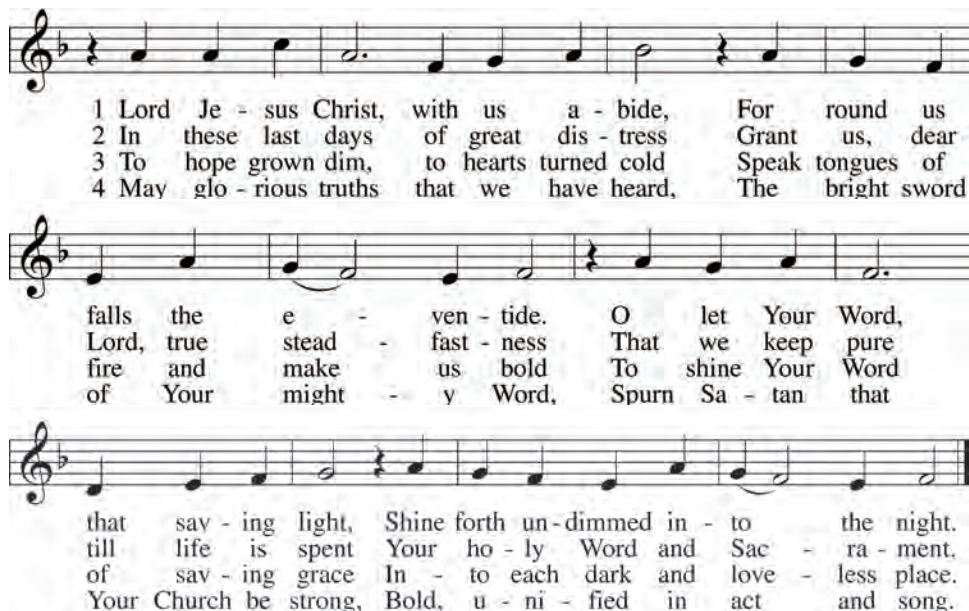
Sermon

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

LSB 585

The choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword
falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that
that say - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.
of say - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

Text: tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001, alt.; (st. 1): Philipp Melancthon, 1497–1560; (st. 1): German version *Geistliche Psalmen*, 1611, Nuremberg; (sts. 2–6): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–92; © 1982 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000082.

Tune: *Geistliche Lieder D. Martini Lutheri*, 1589, Leipzig.

Assignment of Vicarages and Deaconess Internships



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the

great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He

fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion

bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the

ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the

sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring

Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622.

Prayers

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for these students who have been assigned vicarages and deaconess internships. By Your Holy Spirit grant them grace in their assignments and readiness, steadfastness, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit and great zeal in their service. Support and strengthen them that by Your Word Your church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Choral Benediction The Lord Bless You and Keep You Music by Clarence C. Robinson

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
And give you peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And
 praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our
 clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly
 here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Postlude

Lasst uns erfreuen

By Aaron David Miller

Soli Deo Gloria

In the Lord's Service

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