

The Ascension of Our Lord

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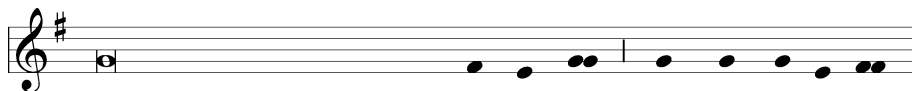
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*The congregation assembles in silence.*

Service of Light

Opening Versicles (*stand*)

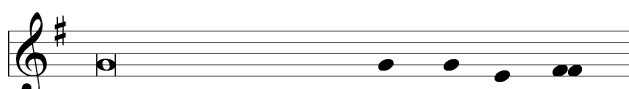
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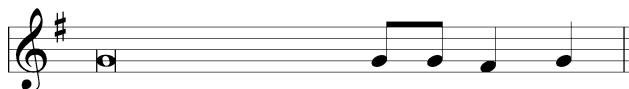
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



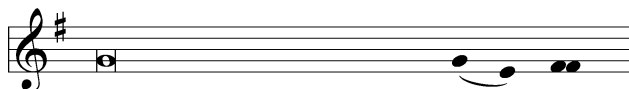
**C** A - men.



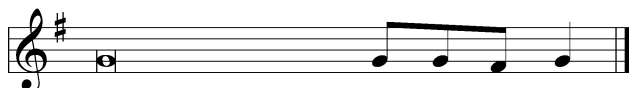
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**C** to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



**L** to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

**Exhortation**

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**L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

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**L** Holy and gracious God,

**C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

**L** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

**C** **Amen.**

Psalmody

**Psalm 150** (*sit*)



<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctu- | ary;\*  
praise him in his mighty | heavens!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his | mighty deeds;\*  
praise him according to his excellent | greatness!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him with | trumpet sound;\*  
 praise him with | lute and harp!  
<sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambou- | rine and dance;\*  
 praise him with | strings and pipe!  
<sup>5</sup>Praise him with sounding | cymbals;\*  
 praise him with loud clashing | cymbals!  
<sup>6</sup>Let everything that has breath | praise the LORD!\*  
 Praise | the LORD!  
**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.**

### Christmas

**Christmas Hymn** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

LSB 388

*Refrain*

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
 Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
 Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.** *Refrain*

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
 Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.** *Refrain*

**Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
 And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.** *Refrain*

**Reading for Christmas** *The Word Became Flesh*

John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Christmas Hymn** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

LSB 363

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
 Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
 Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
 Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Collect for Christmas**

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lent**

**Lenten Hymn** "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436, st. 1-3

**Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Reading for Lent** *Garden of Gethsemane*

Mark 14:32–50

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."  
<sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.  
<sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."  
<sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.  
<sup>36</sup>And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."  
<sup>37</sup>And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?"  
<sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."  
<sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.  
<sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.  
<sup>41</sup>And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.  
<sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.  
<sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard."  
<sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him.  
<sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him.  
<sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.  
<sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?"  
<sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled."  
<sup>50</sup>And they all left him and fled.

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Collect for Lent**

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Easter**

**Easter Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

LSB 461, st. 1, 2, 8

**I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**Reading for Easter** *The Resurrection*

Mark 16:1–15

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup>But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

<sup>12</sup>After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. <sup>13</sup>And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

<sup>14</sup>Afterward [Jesus] 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.

<sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Easter Voluntary** *The Strife is O'er*

arr. Sondra Tucker  
to follow text, see LSB 464

### **Collect for Easter**

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Ascension**

**Ascension Hymn** "Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537, st. 1, 3, 4

*All*            **Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

*Choir*        Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

*All*            **Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

**Reading for Ascension** *The Ascension*        Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Ascension Voluntary** "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" *to follow text, see LSB 493*

### **Collect for Ascension**

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Pentecost**

**Pentecost Hymn** "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

LSB 650

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
In the holiest realms of light;**

**Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
O'er a world of gloom and night;**

**Holy Spirit, ever raising  
Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit,  
You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living  
As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
In the Church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship  
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working  
Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending,  
You we worship and extol.**

**Reading for Pentecost**    *Coming of the Holy Spirit*

Acts 2:1-47

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Pentecost Hymn** *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* African American spiritual

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan River, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul.

**Collect for Pentecost**

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**Responsory**

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**L** In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



**L** You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



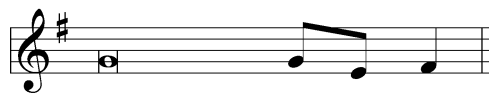
**L** Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.



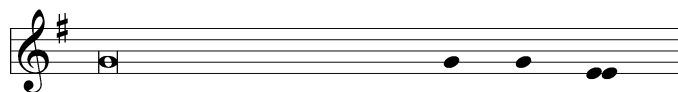
**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



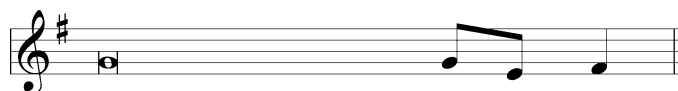
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



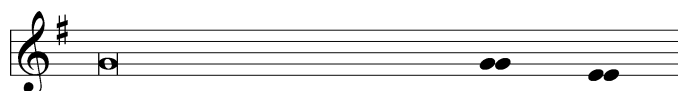
**C** listen to my cry.



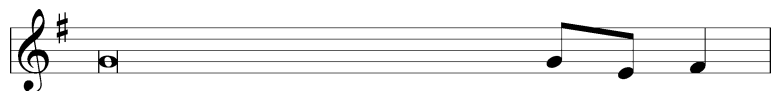
**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.



**L** In righteousness I shall see You;



**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

### Collects at the Close of the Day

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.**

### Benediction

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. **Amen.**



- 1       **All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!**  
          **Let angels prostrate fall;**  
          **Bring forth the royal diadem**  
          **And crown Him Lord of all.**  
          **Bring forth the royal diadem**  
          **And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 5       **Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget**  
          **The wormwood and the gall,**  
          **Go, spread your trophies at His feet**  
          **And crown Him Lord of all.**  
          **Go, spread your trophies at His feet**  
          **And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 6       **Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe,**  
          **On this terrestrial ball**  
          **To Him all majesty ascribe**  
          **And crown Him Lord of all.**  
          **To Him all majesty ascribe**  
          **And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 7       **Oh, that with yonder sacred throng**  
          **We at His feet may fall!**  
          **We’ll join the everlasting song**  
          **And crown Him Lord of all.**  
          **We’ll join the everlasting song**  
          **And crown Him Lord of all.**

## **Postlude**