



1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense
and my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
rests upon the hope he's giving,
though the night of death be fraught
still with many'—an anxious thought.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
I, too, unto life shall waken.
Endless joy my Savior gives;
shall my courage then be shaken?

Shall I fear, or could the head
rise and leave his members dead?

3 No, too closely am I bound
unto him by hope forever;
faith's strong hand the rock has found,
grasped it, and will leave it never.

Even death now cannot part
from its Lord the trusting heart.

4 I am flesh and must return
unto dust, whence I am taken;
but by faith I now discern
that from death I shall awaken
with my Savior to abide
in his glory, at his side.

5 Glorified, I shall anew
with this flesh then be enshrouded;
in this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
in this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.

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(Stand)

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

438 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 438

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate

to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading

Job 19:23–27

Oh how I wish that my words were written down.

Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,

²⁴that they would be engraved in rock forever with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.

²⁵As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.

²⁶Then, even after my skin has been destroyed, nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.

²⁷I myself will see him.

My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.

My emotions are in turmoil within me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

The LORD is my strength and / my defense;
he has become my sal- / vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;
you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected
has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

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. Refrain**

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." ²⁶Death is the last enemy to be done away with.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. ²Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶He said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter,

‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

⁸They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. ,
Praise be to you, O Christ!
(Be seated)

440 Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands

CW 440

1 Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands
for our offenses given;
but now at God’s right hand he stands
and brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 No son of man could conquer death,
such ruin sin had wrought us.
No innocence was found on earth,
and therefore death had brought us

into bondage from of old
and ever grew more strong and bold
and held us as its captive.

Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down,
his people to deliver;

destroying sin, he took the crown
from death's pale brow forever.

Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;

an empty form alone remains;

its sting is lost forever.

Alleluia, alleluia!

4 It was a strange and dreadful strife
when life and death contended.

The victory remained with life,
the reign of death was ended.

Holy Scripture plainly saith
that death is swallowed up by death;
disgraced, it lies defeated.

Alleluia, alleluia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
whom God so freely gave us;
he died on the accursèd tree—
so strong his love—to save us.

See, his blood now marks our door;
faith points to it; death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
to which the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all,
the sun that warms and lights us.

Now his grace to us imparts
eternal sunshine to our hearts;
the night of sin is ended.

Alleluia, alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
on Christ, the bread of heaven;
the Word of grace has purged away
the old and evil leaven.

Christ alone our souls will feed;

he is our meat and drink indeed;
faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon *(Stand)*

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary,**

and became truly human.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate.**

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

THE SACRAMENT

(Stand)

Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

(Be seated)

Distribution

(As he distributes the elements, the minister says to the communicants:)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441

1 I know that my Redeemer lives!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everliving head!

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

3 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;

he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 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!

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Proclamation of Christ

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the
heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament.
Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our
hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us

to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

CW 455

1 Alleluia! Jesus lives!

He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy house of death
forth the conqueror has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.

2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;
praise him, ransomed ones of earth.

Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.

Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.

3 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?

He who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,

lives forever to bestow
blessings on his Church below.

4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life is yours eternally;

joined to him, your living head,
where he is, you too shall be;

you with him at his right hand
victor over death shall stand.

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