599 Come, Christians Join to Sing Come, Christians, join to sing 1 Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen! Come, lift your hearts on high, 2 Alleluia! Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! he is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen! Please stand for the final stanza Praise yet our Christ again; 3 Alleluia! Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

CW 599

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise. Hasten to save me, O God; O Lord, come quickly to help me. Jesus Christ is Lord of all: praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

CW 208

O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

2 For the Lord is a great God

and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

the heights of the hills are also his.

- 3 The sea is his, for he made it,
- and his hand formed the dry land.
- O come, let us worship and bow down,
- let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

4 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. (Be seated)

100 Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

Psalm 100

Refrain Enter his gates with thanksgiving.

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth. Worship the LORD with / gladness; come before him with / joyful songs.

Know that the / LORD is God. It is he who made us, and / we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his / pasture. *Refrain*

Enter his gates with thanks- / giving and his / courts with praise; give thanks to him and / praise his name.

For the / LORD is good and his love endures for- / ever; his faithfulness continues through all gener- / ations.

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

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:18-22

¹⁸Then King David went and sat before the LORD and said:

Who am I, LORD God? And what is my house that you have brought me to this point? ¹⁹Yet this was a small thing in your eyes, LORD God. You have also spoken about the house of your servant for a long time into the future. Is this the law for the man, LORD God?

²⁰What more can David say to you? You know your servant, LORD God. ²¹Because of your word and according to the plan of your heart, you have carried out this great thing in order to make your servant aware of it. ²²Therefore, you are great, LORD God, because there is none like you. There is no God except you, in keeping with everything we have heard with our ears.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4–9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. ⁹The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Luke 7:36–50

³⁶A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, ³⁸stood behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume. ³⁹When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would realize who is touching him and what kind of woman she is, because she is a sinner."

⁴⁰Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

He said, "Teacher, say it."

⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?"

⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven."

Then he told him, "You have judged correctly." ⁴⁴Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You did not give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

⁴⁹Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

^{5°}He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

II Samuel 7:18-22 It Is Always a Good Day to Thank God I. For showering us with his blessings II. Because there is no one like him (Stand)

We Praise You, O God

CW 210

 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'nly hosts,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and only Son;

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

4 You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

5 When you became man to set us free,

you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

6 You sit at the right hand of God

in the glory of the Father.

We believe that you will come

to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. (Be seated) Offering (Stand)

Lord, Have Mercy

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

CW 213

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer

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.

Let us praise the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

506 For the Fruits of His Creation

 For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, CW 506

silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor,

God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing,

God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,

thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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