

# Confession and Absolution

## 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- △ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**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,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **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.**

**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.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Introit**

*Psalm 47:1–2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11*

Men of | Galilee,\*  
why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.  
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,\*  
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.  
Alle- | luia.  
Clap your hands, all | peoples!\*  
Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!  
For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\*  
a great king over | all the earth.  
God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.  
God reigns over the | nations,\*  
God sits on his | holy throne.  
**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.

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why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.  
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,\*  
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.  
Alle- | luia.

**C** **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.**

## Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

- P** Let us pray.  
 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.

- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*



**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
sins,**

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

## **The First Article**

### *Creation*

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

### *What does this mean?*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
 2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
 Δ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
 to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
 prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
 Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
 As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
 With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
 Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
 world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
 You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## Offertory

LSB 192



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

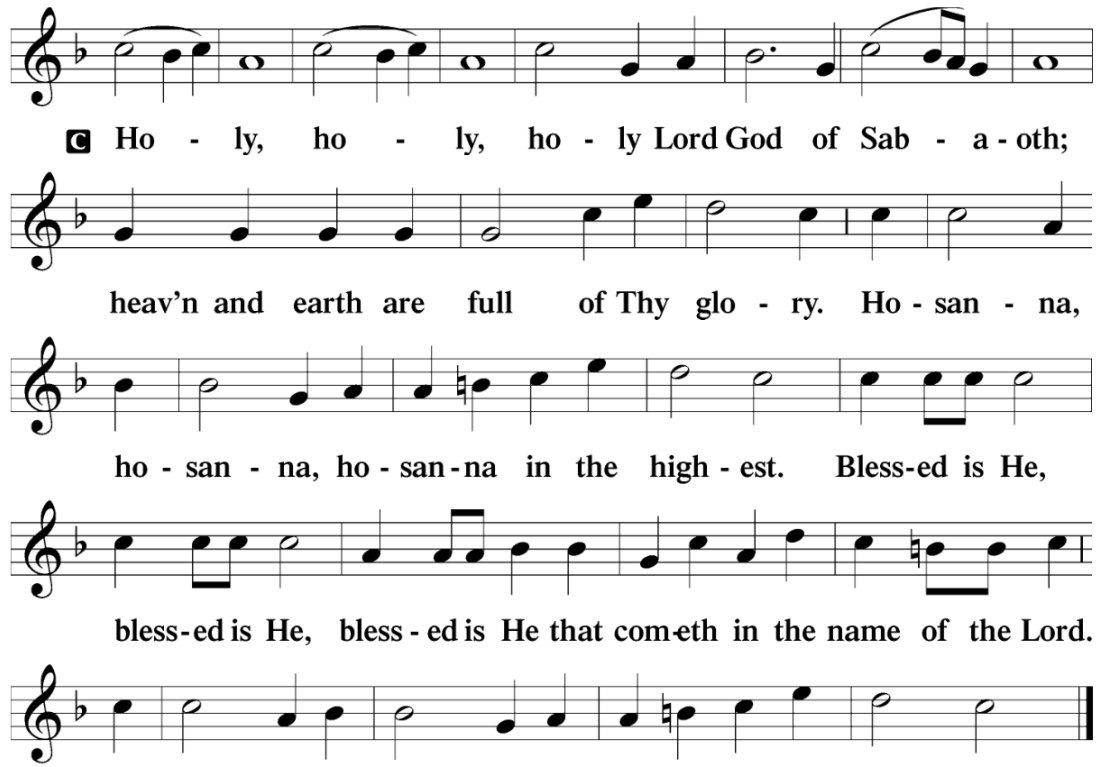
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- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
  
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
  
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising  
You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- 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.
- C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

**C** 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.

Sit

**Distribution**

**495 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious**



1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glo - rious; See the Man of  
 2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown Him! Rich the tro - phies  
 3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock - ing thus the  
 4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud tri -



Sor - rows now! From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious,  
 Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en - throne Him  
 Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a - round Him,  
 um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion;



Ev - 'ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
 While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
 Own His ti - tle, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
 Oh, what joy the sight af - fords! Crown Him! Crown Him!



Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns be - come the  
 Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Sav - ior  
 Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread a - broad the  
 Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings and



vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.  
 King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior King of kings.  
 vic - tor's fame. Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.  
 Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

## 494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph



1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in  
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of  
 3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed  
 4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -  
 5 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the clouds to



roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His  
 ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has  
 from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -  
 in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the  
 God's right hand; There we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, There with



heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es  
 gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,  
 on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
 kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael  
 Him in glo - ry stand. Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels;



Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals  
 He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished  
 Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,  
 In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -  
 Man with God is on the throne. By our might - y



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
 sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.  
 is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.  
 li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.  
 Lord's as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

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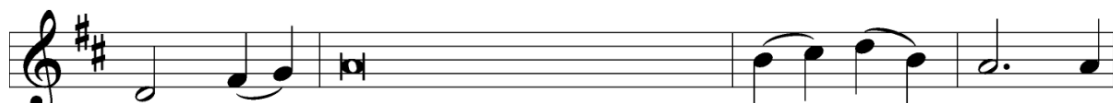
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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

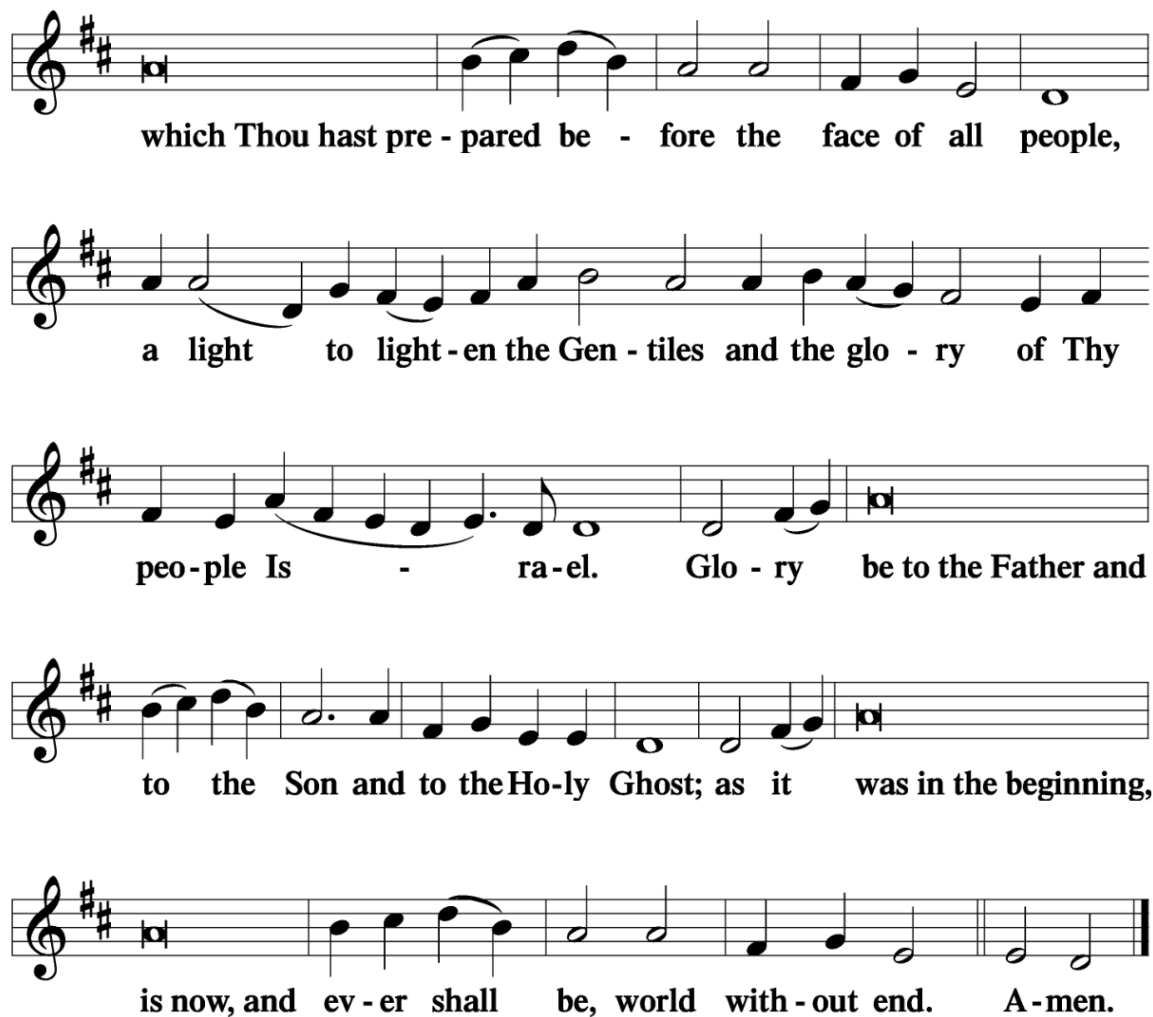
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

- 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.**

- 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.

## 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -

cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for

ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let

know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

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