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Alleluia! Christ is risen!



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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE OPENING HYMN—TUNE: ST. KEVIN—TEXT: RMH

- 1 **Come, believers, sing the song of triumphant gladness!**
God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness,
Freed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
On dry ground He leads us out through the Red Sea waters!
- 2 **All the night of death gone by—Passover resounding!**
From this world into the sky—Exodus astounding!
He was dead but, see, He lives, scars and triumph showing!
All He is to us He gives, endless life bestowing!
- 3 **Spring has come for souls today: Christ has burst His prison,**
And from three days' sleep in death, like the sun has risen!
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom we give love and praise undying!
- 4 **Hallelujah! Now we cry to our King Immortal**
Who was lifted once to die, then through heaven's portal!
Now He stands among His own, banishing our sadness!
Come, believers, sing the song of triumphant gladness!

THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

All-Powerful God, our Maker and our Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are sinful and unclean by nature, and also that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. And so we flee to find refuge in Your limitless mercy, looking and pleading for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, who gave Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake forgive us all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us real knowledge of You and of Your will and real obedience to Your Word so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

THE INTROIT

John 10:14, 15b; Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a

I am the Good Shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Oh 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!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For He is our God,

and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

THE GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God on high:

**and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You for Your great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.*

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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.

The Reading of God's Word

the First Reading: Acts 2:42–47

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (*antiphon v. 1; KJV*)

The LORD is my Shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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.

The LORD is my Shepherd;
I shall not want.

the Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19–25

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

the Holy Gospel: John 10:1–10

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

Having heard the Word, what do you believe?

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, 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.



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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The Sermon

HYMN OF RESPONSE—TUNE: TLH 648 —TEXT: TLH 648/LSB 740

1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
 Ever glad at heart I am;
 For my Shepherd gently guides me,
 Knows my need and well provides me,
 Loves me ev'ry day the same,
 Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,
 Jesus is my staff and stay.
 When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
 Into pleasant pastures leads me;
 When I thirst, He bids me go
 Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
 And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended,
 He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.

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The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

*Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Let us pray. **Dearest Lord Jesus, Master and Savior, Alpha and Omega, Firstborn from the dead, thanks and praise and glory to You. O risen Brother, Living God, lead us and we will follow You to the cross, to the grave, and to the skies. Amen.**

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

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.

Amen, amen, amen.

HYMN TO DEPART—TUNE: TLH 401—TEXT: LSB 692

**1 Praise to You and adoration,
Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation,
Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may
From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where Your steps are leading.**

**2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;
Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping
Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You,
And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion,
In Your death and resurrection.**

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God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

| | Morning Prayer | Evening Prayer |
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| Su | Lev. 8:1–13, 30–36 | Luke 9:1–17 |
| M | Leviticus 9:1–24 | Luke 9:18–36 |
| Tu | Leviticus 10:1–20 | Luke 9:37–62 |
| W | Leviticus 16:1–24 | Luke 10:1–22 |
| Th | Leviticus 17:1–16 | Luke 10:23–42 |
| F | Lev. 18:1–7, 20–19:8 | Luke 11:1–13 |
| Sa | Lev. 19:9–18, 26–37 | Luke 11:14–36 |

Christian Questions & Answers

*Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther
for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.*

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?* Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
2. *How do you know this?* From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. *Are you sorry for your sins?* Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. *What have you deserved from God because of your sins?* His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Rom. 6:21, 23.
5. *Do you hope to be saved?* Yes, that is my hope.
6. *In whom then do you trust?* In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

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Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name. TLH 648:1/LSB 740:1

Daily Prayer

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

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The following topics may guide your prayer each day.

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| Su | For the joy of the resurrection among us |
| M | For one's calling and daily work, coworkers, and the unemployed |
| Tu | For deliverance against temptation and evil; for all who suffer and are afflicted |
| W | For immediate, extended, and church family; for our schools, communities, and neighborhoods |
| Th | For the Church and her pastors, all who serve in the congregation, and missionaries |
| F | For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying |
| Sa | For faithfulness to the end; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word |

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the Fifth Sun. of Easter, May 10

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60; Psalm 146 (v. 2);
1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14