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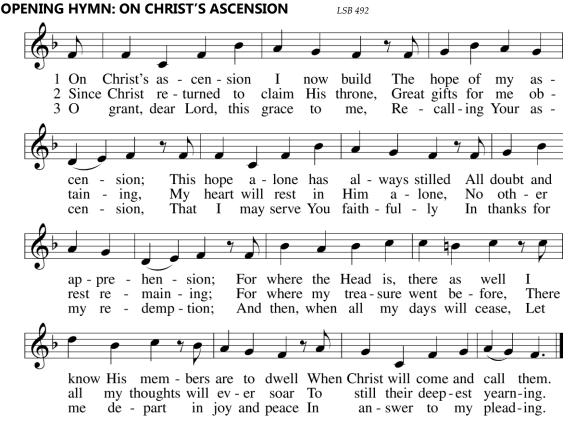
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## **DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Four**

## Lutheran Service Book, beginning on page 203



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#### **CONFESSION** LSB 203

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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- Since we are joined together to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and P praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children  $\mathbf{P}$ and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be with us, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### INTROIT Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,

"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord is at Your right hand;

He will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

#### KYRIE LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;

2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **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.

#### FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

After the reading:

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **GRADUAL**

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

He has put all things under His feet.

## **SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

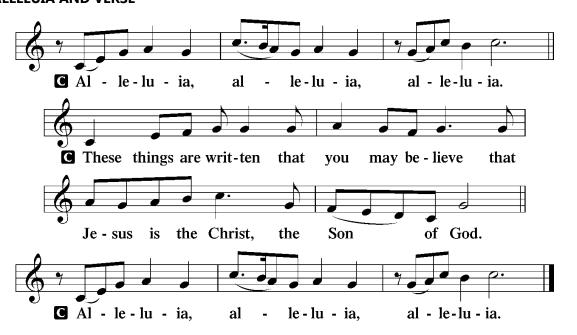
After the reading:

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

# Alleluja Alleluja Alleluja

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



#### **HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53**

*Before the reading:* 

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

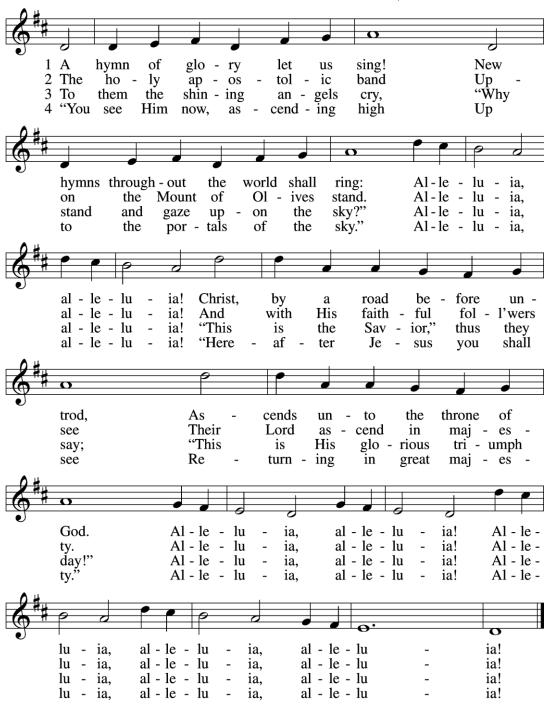
#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.



#### **SERMON**

Stand

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE: A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

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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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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with the words

- **P** ... let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### THANKSGIVING COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble and hearty thanks for all the goodness and loving-kindness that You bestow on us. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. But above all, we bless You for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We implore You to give us a right understanding of all Your mercies that our hearts may ever be deeply thankful and that we may show forth Your praise with both our lips and our lives. Direct our lives in ways of holiness and righteousness all our days that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Your favor, be sustained and comforted in every time of trouble, and finally be received into Your everlasting kingdom; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

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- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- C Amen.





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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	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Su	Numbers 14:1-25	Luke 18:18-34
M	Numbers 14:26-45	Luke 18:35-19:10
Tu	Numbers 16:1-22	Luke 19:11–28
W	Numbers 16:23-40	Luke 19:29–48
Th	Numbers 16:41-17:13	Luke 20:1–18
F	Numbers 20:1-21	Luke 20:19-44
Sa	Numbers 20:22–21:9	Luke 20:45-21:19

### 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:

- 14. What convinces you to believe the Sacrament is Christ's true body and blood? The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.
- 15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge? We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
- 16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death? First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

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## Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

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!

LSB 493:5

## 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.

- 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
- The 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, 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.

## Readings for the Day of Pentecost, May 31

Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39