

## Confession and Absolution

### 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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| 1 | Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!<br>Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br>Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!<br>Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!                     | 3  | But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!<br>Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br>Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!<br>Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2 | Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!<br>Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!<br>Who endured the cross and grave,<br>Alleluia!<br>Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | △4 | Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br>Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!<br>Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!<br>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!  |

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*Stand*

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

## Invocation

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

## Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Declaration of Grace

*LSB 151*

- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C **Amen.**

Stand

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,  
 that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\*  
 if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.  
 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*  
 make known his deeds among the | peoples!  
 Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\*  
 tell of all his | wondrous works!  
 Glory in his | holy name;\*  
 let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!  
 Seek the LORD | and his strength;\*  
 seek his presence con- | tinually!  
 Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*  
 his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.  
 He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\*  
 the word that he commanded, for a thousand 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.**  
 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,  
 that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\*  
 if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 A 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.  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to  
 the Lord.  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
 C **Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**First Reading**

*Acts 5:29–42*

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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 un- | der his feet.

**Epistle***1 Peter 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse***LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel***John 20:19–31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas

answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

### **470 O Sons and Daughters of the King**

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| <p>1 O sons and daughters of the King,<br/>Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,<br/>Today the grave has lost its sting!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>      | <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard<br/>That they had seen the risen Lord,<br/>He doubted the disciples' word.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>       |
| <p>2 That Easter morn, at break of day,<br/>The faithful women went their way<br/>To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>        | <p>6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,<br/>And look upon My hands, My feet;<br/>Not faithless but believing be.”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>           |
| <p>3 An angel clad in white they see,<br/>Who sits and speaks unto the three,<br/>“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>          | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;<br/>He saw the feet, the hands, the side;<br/>“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>     |
| <p>4 That night the apostles met in fear;<br/>Among them came their master dear<br/>And said, “My peace be with you here.”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen<br/>And yet whose faith has constant been,<br/>For they eternal life shall win.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>9 On this most holy day of days<br/>Be laud and jubilee and praise:<br/>To God your hearts and voices raise.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>            |   |

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## **Sermon**

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**Apostles' Creed**

**C 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.**

**472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real**

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| <p>1 These things did Thomas count as real:<br/>The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,<br/>The grain of wood, the heft of stone,<br/>The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.</p> | <p>3 His reasoned certainties denied<br/>That one could live when one had died,<br/>Until his fingers read like braille<br/>The markings of the spear and nail.</p> |
| <p>2 The vision of his skeptic mind<br/>Was keen enough to make him blind<br/>To any unexpected act<br/>Too large for his small world of fact.</p>                                  | <p>4 May we, O God, by grace believe<br/>And thus the risen Christ receive,<br/>Whose raw imprinted palms reached out<br/>And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.</p>   |

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**Prayer of the Church**

**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.**

**Collect for the Word or**

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Collect for the Church**

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Benediction***LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen 474**

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1 Alleluia!  
 Jesus is risen!  
 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
 Splendor, the Lamb,  
 Heaven forever!  
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
*Refrain*

ref *Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

2 Walking the way,  
 Christ in the center  
 Telling the story to open our eyes;  
 Breaking our bread,  
 Giving us glory:  
 Jesus our blessing, our constant  
 surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine,  
 We are the branches;  
 Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
 Heaven to earth,  
 Christ to the people,  
 Gift of the future now flowing to me.  
*Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone;  
 Sorrow, be silent:  
 Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
 Cherubim sing:  
 "O grave, be open!"  
 Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
*Refrain*

5 City of God,  
 Easter forever,  
 Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
 River of life,  
 Saints and archangels,  
 Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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