

Stand

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

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

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

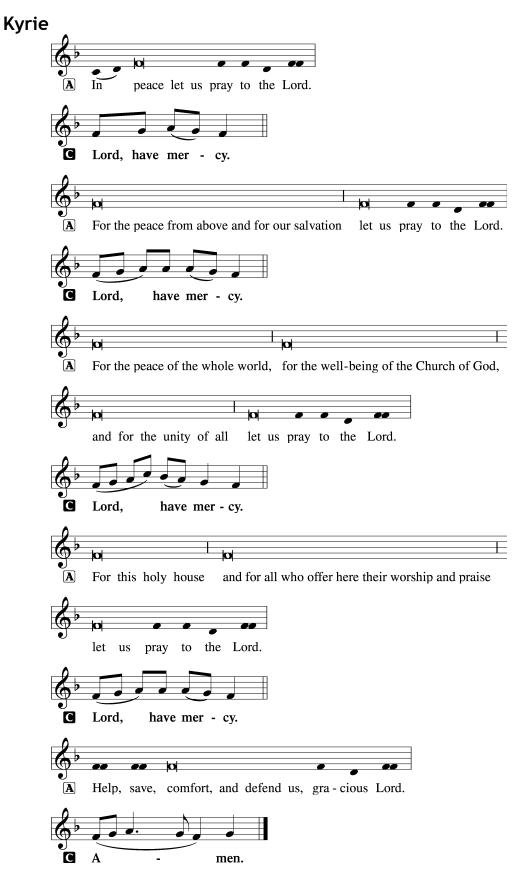
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

+Service of the Word+

Introit

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me. therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. 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. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.



The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent - A Brief Time of Silence

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

P The Old Testament Reading is from the thirty-seventh chapter of Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

P The Epistle is from the eighth chapter of Romans.

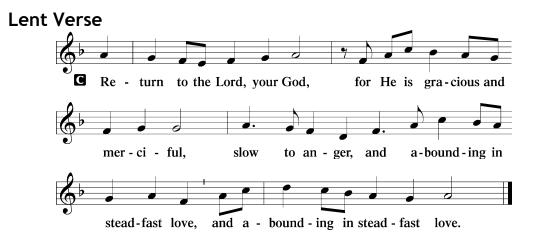
¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.



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

Stand



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Holy Gospel

John 11:17–27, 38–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.
G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁷When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."...

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.



 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!
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Sermon

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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.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **P** Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

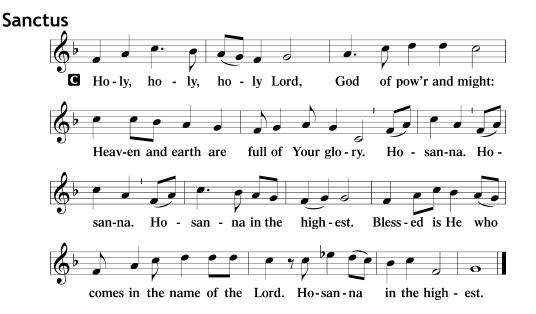


+Service of the Sacrament+

Preface



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

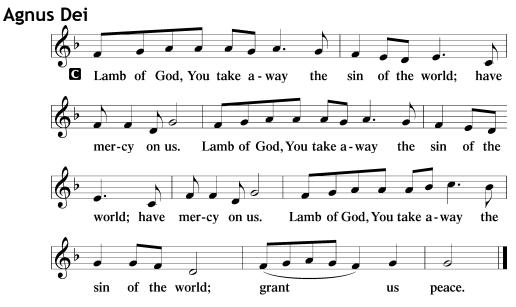
Lord's Prayer Our

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.

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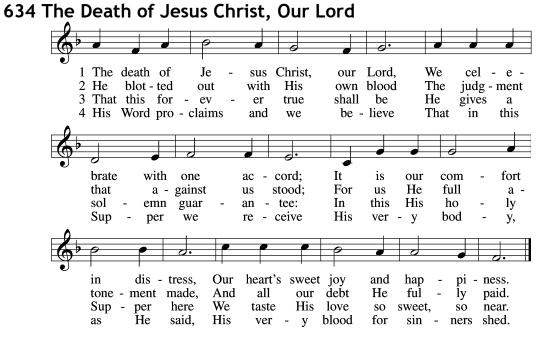
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

Distribution



- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive, Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind! –

- 7 But blest is each believing guest
 Who in these promises finds rest;
 For Jesus shall in love remain
 With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your Supper and in You find rest.

Amen! They who believe are blest. Text (sts. 1-4, 6-8): Haquin Spegel, 1645-1714; (sts. 1-4, 6-8): tr. Olof Olsson, 1841-1900, alt.; (st. 5): composite Tune: Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien, 1742 Text and tune: Public domain

548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O 2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on 3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,
Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us, Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion, pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,
Thou hast con-quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a - On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a - For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter
rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee
sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry. tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry. and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee. Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942

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440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now 1 Je Ι will pon - der now On Your ho - ly sus, pas - sion; 2 Make me see Your great dis-tress, An - guish, and af flic - tion, 3 Yet, Make me see Your pas - sion, O Lord, not thus a - lone With re - pen - tant 4 Grant that Ι Your pas-sion view griev - ing. With Your Spir - it en - dow For such med - i - ta-tion. me Your cru - ci - fix - ion; Bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness And me make known And ter - mi - na-tion. But its cause to its Let not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing. me a that I Grant in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You, Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion; Ah! Ι al - so and my sin How could I re - fuse to shun Ev 'ry sin - ful plea - sure Of Your suf-f'ring, pain, and death That Ι may not per - ish. How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You. This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion. Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure? 5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me, Let Your cross my fear disarm;

- Peace of conscience give me.
- Help me see forgiveness won

By Your holy passion.

If for me He slays His Son,

God must have compassion!

- 6 Graciously my faith renew;
 - Help me bear my crosses,
 - Learning humbleness from You,

Peace mid pain and losses.

May I give You love for love!

Hear me, O my Savior,

That I may in heav'n above

Sing Your praise forever.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615 Text and tune: Public domain 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living of Christ, the life all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of 1 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak en on Thee Bonds and stripes, 3 Thou hast on - ly smit - ing borne the That my wounds might sur-round Thee, 4 Heart - less scof - fers did Treat - ing Thee with Who, Thy - self death, our foe, for me once giv ing rod; Pain and scorn were heaped on Thee, cru el up all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad lone - ly, and shame-ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee. То suf - f'rings, the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy 0 Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That Thine Thou All as death, and mer - it e ter - nal life in - her - it. From the bonds soul de - liv - er of sin for - ev - er. en - dur - ing, Bless - ing God un - to me se - cur - ing. might - est own And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me. me Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear - est un - to Thee. Je - sus, Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus, un-to Thee. Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus, un - to Thee. Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free:

Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:

Thence I gain security; Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,

Even death by crucifixion,

Fully to atone for me;

Thou didst choose to be tormented

That my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee. 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

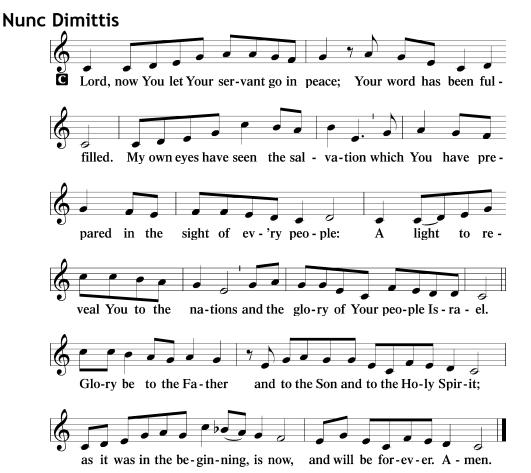
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. **P**

> Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

> > LSB 166

Benediction

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.



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