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3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 14, 2024, 9AM

JESUS IS RISEN ALLELUIA!! AMEN!!!

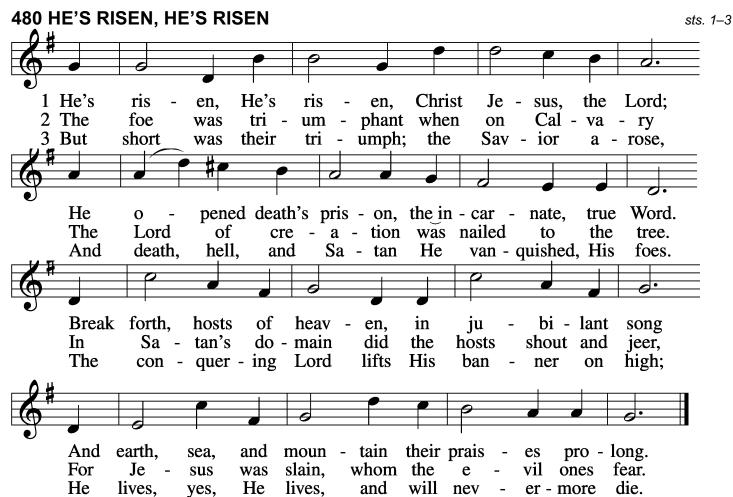
PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER - MORE AMAZING THAN A MIRACLE

"Amazing" is a commonly used word in the English that has a rich history. It came into common usage in the 14th century as a variant of the older root word "amasod," which meant stupefied or confounded or overwhelmed with sudden surprise or wonder. The word "amazing" shows up several times in hymns that we sing—from describing the action of God in the birth of Jesus as "love amazing" (*LSB* 375:1) to bringing to our hearts and minds that in His suffering to pay the price of our sins, our Lord showed "amazing pity" (*LSB* 437:2). Two other hymns refer to the "amazing grace" of God (*LSB* 744:1; 558:2), and in another hymn, the author of the text rejoices that God "has done amazing things to me" (*LSB* 934:2). The season of Easter is a time for us to be truly amazed and filled with the praise of our amazing Lord!

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VIDEO

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INVOCATION

- **I** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8

- **L** This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- death no longer has dominion over Him.
- **I** Christ has risen from the dead.
- **G** God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.
- L He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- **G** He has put all things under His feet.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a servant of Christ, I announce to you His forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!
- C Amen.

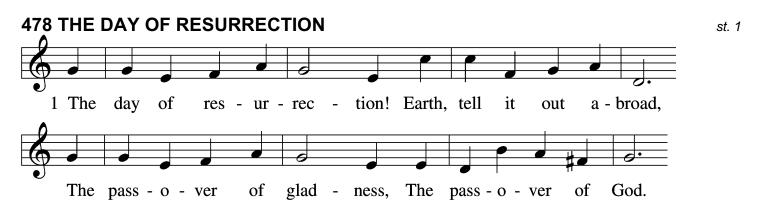


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LITURGICAL HYMN REFLECTION 1

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The psalmist writes, "Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him" (98:1). The strains of Easter joy echo through all the services of the Easter season. Each Sunday is a "little Easter" for us to celebrate as together we sing of the victory of our God. We are amazed Easter people, and our amazement is best expressed in our songs of joy. One of the oldest hymns in our hymnbooks is "The Day of Resurrection," written by John of Damascus in the eighth century. Together we sing stanza 1 that celebrates "the passover of gladness."



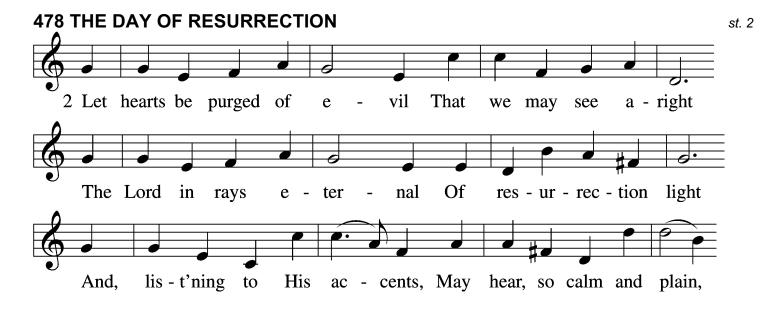
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LITURGICAL HYMN REFLECTION 2

Paul writes: "When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57). The victory of Christ is the lasting source of joy that gives hope to the grieving and assurance to all the faithful. We rejoice as we sing the second stanza of "The Day of Resurrection."



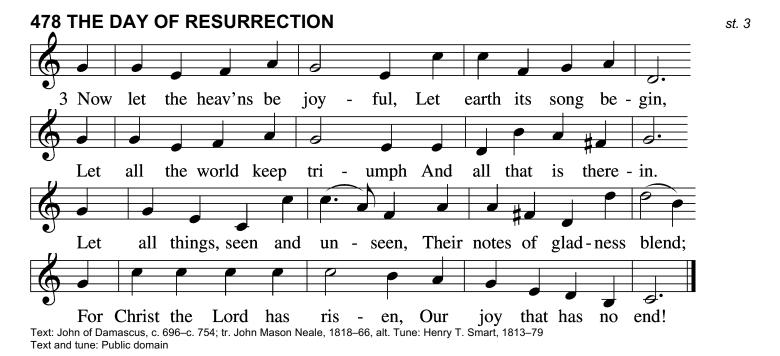


His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain. Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79 Text and tune: Public domain

LITURGICAL HYMN REFLECTION 3

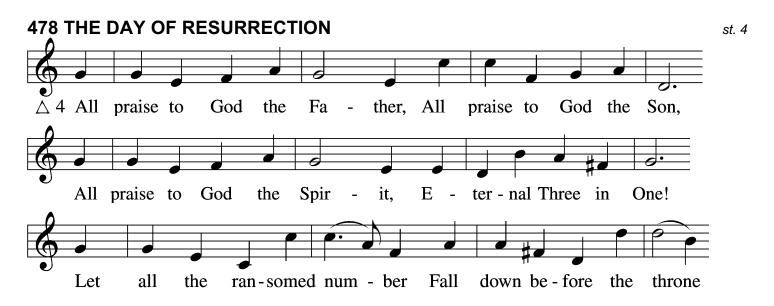
■ John writes in the book of Revelation: "And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast . . . standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of

Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, 'Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!'" (Revelation 15:2–3). The celebration of the victory of Jesus, the Lamb of God slain for our salvation, goes on throughout eternity. We join in the joyful praise as we sing the third stanza of "The Day of Resurrection."



PRAYER OF THE DAY

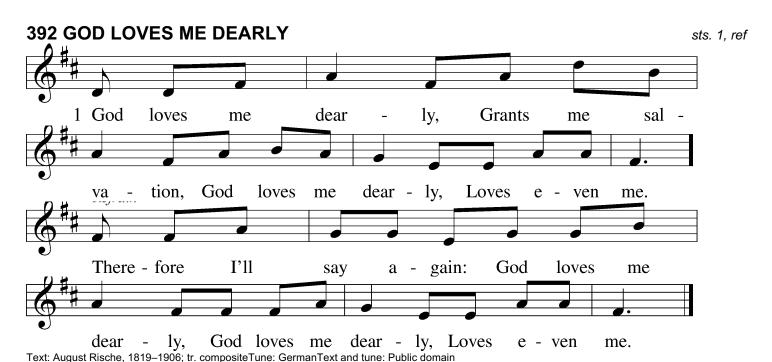
- O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.





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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



FIRST READING Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the

time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

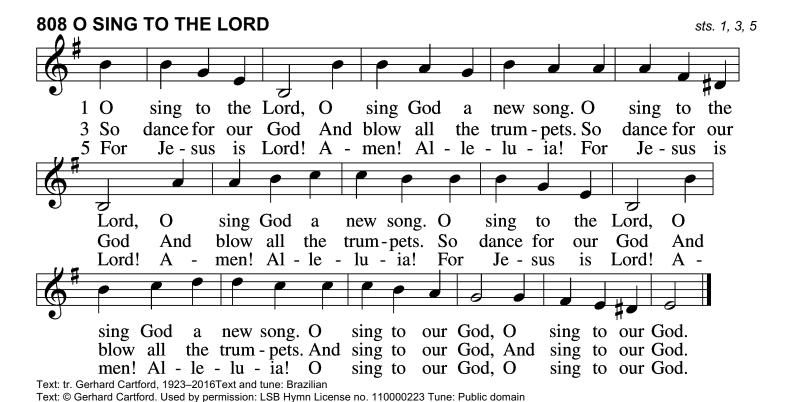
- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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



GOSPEL *Luke* 24:36–49

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

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

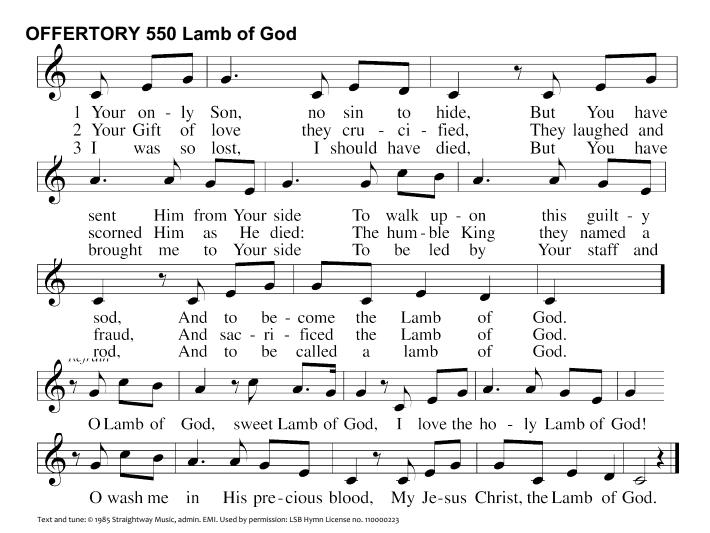
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SERMON

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OFFERING

(at this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- L We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

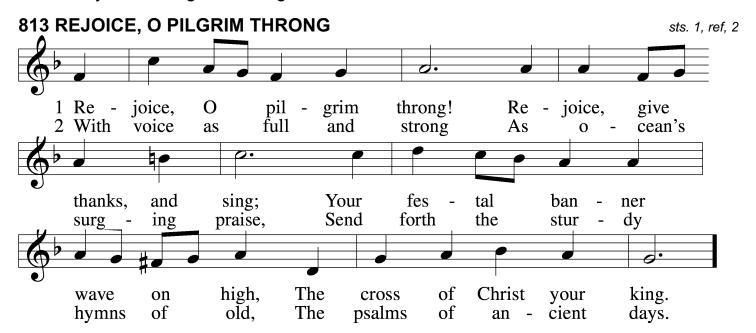
L We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- L We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer. Amen.

LITURGICAL HYMN REFLECTION 4

Many hymns in the hymnal contain the words "joy," "joyful," "joyfully," and "rejoice." One of these, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" was inspired in part by Psalm 20:5, a psalm of David, which exhorts: "May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners!" As a superscript to the poem from which the hymn text was taken, author Edward Plumptre wrote, "In the name of God, we will set up our banners." Rejoicing in our salvation, we sing the first two stanzas of "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng."

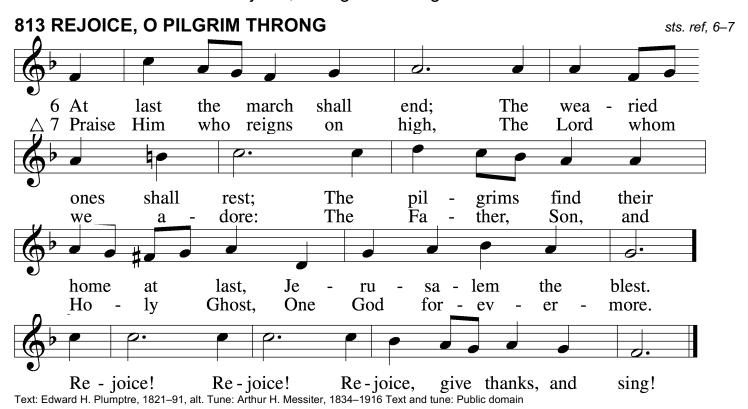




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LITURGICAL HYMN REFLECTION 5

I The hymn text by Edward Plumptre, an English clergyman who lived in the nineteenth century, reminds us that we are part of the much larger assemblage of those who praise God, including "all the angel choirs" and "all the saints on earth." The hymn writer sees God's people as part of an endless procession steadfastly proceeding from the darkness of the world to the brightness of heaven. In its final stanzas, the hymn celebrates the pilgrims reaching their final heavenly destination by God's grace and gives praise to "the Lord whom we adore." Together we sing stanzas 6 and 7 of "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng."



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PREFACE

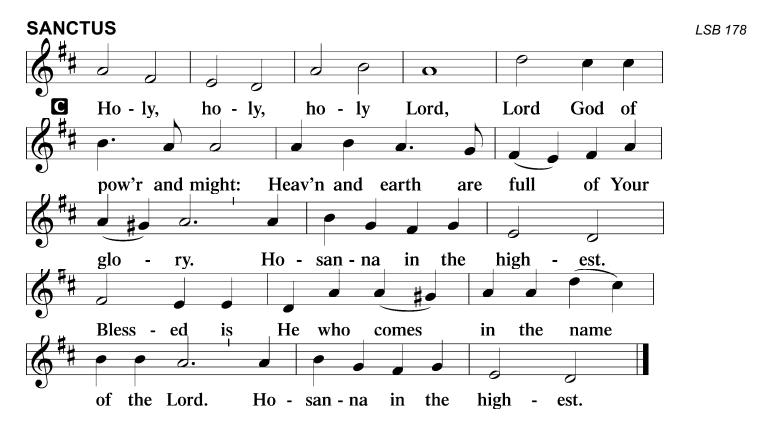
- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for, like as a Father, You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

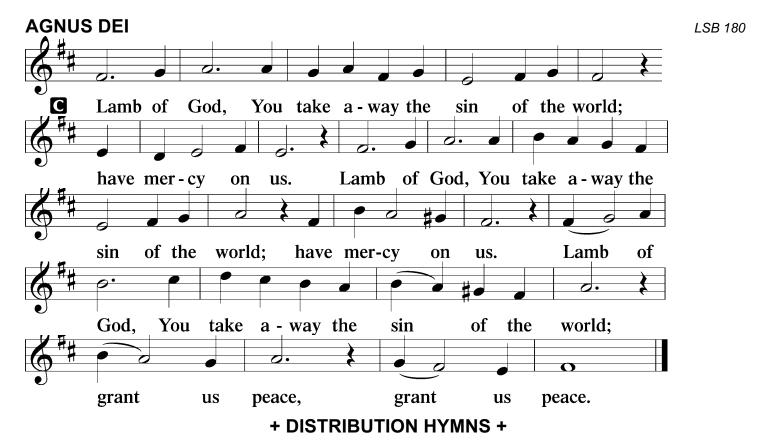


LORD'S PRAYER

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 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."



Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, With all my fears and failures, Fill my life again. I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in, And now I surrender.

Savior, He can move the mountains.

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Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

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Your Grace is Enough (video)

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.

You lead us by still waters and to mercy, And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children.

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation, And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children.

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children.

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaching down to us.

Your grace is enough for me.

God, I see Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love.

Your grace is enough for me, for me.

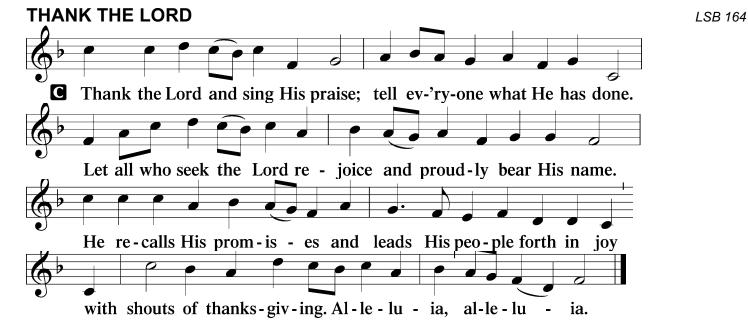
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I The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

C Amen.



BENEDICTION

- C Amen.



CLOSING PEACE

- **L** Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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June 17-20



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This project will not be finished until the third week in April. If you want to help with this project, please contact Sharon Boeck.

We will have before and after photos posted on Facebook when this project has been completed.