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**CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING
GOD'S PEOPLE**

**5th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024, 9AM**

JESUS IS RISEN ALLELUIA!! AMEN!!!

AS WE GATHER - EASTER PEOPLE PROCLAIM

When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

+ PREPARATION +

913 O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–73, adapt.; (sts. 1, 3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 2): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608 Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 66:1–4, 8–9; 40:5

PShout for joy to God, all the earth;

Csing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

PSay to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

CAll the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”

PBless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

Cwho has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

PYou have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

CI will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PHumble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

CO almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

PGod be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. As a called and ordained servant 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.

CAmen.

+ WORD +

830 SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD

st. 1



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.

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SALUTATION

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

830 SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD

st. 2



2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,



How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

830 SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD

sts. 3–4

3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

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FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

830 SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD

sts. 5–6



5 En - ter, might - y Word, the field; Ripe the prom - ise of its yield.

6 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



But the reap - ers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

Let the gath - 'ring na - tions all See Your light and heed Your call.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by

itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Cesar Blas

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

OFFERING & VIDEO *(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.)*

783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

sts. 1, 4-5



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children, and grant that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned.

Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

L May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

L Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need and those who have requested our prayers, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

L Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

L Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

L Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.

Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

L And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

L We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CAmen.

+ SACRAMENT +

642 O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN

st. 1



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Musae Sioniae, 1609, vol. 7, Wolfenbüttel, ed. Michael Praetorius Text and tune: Public domain

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

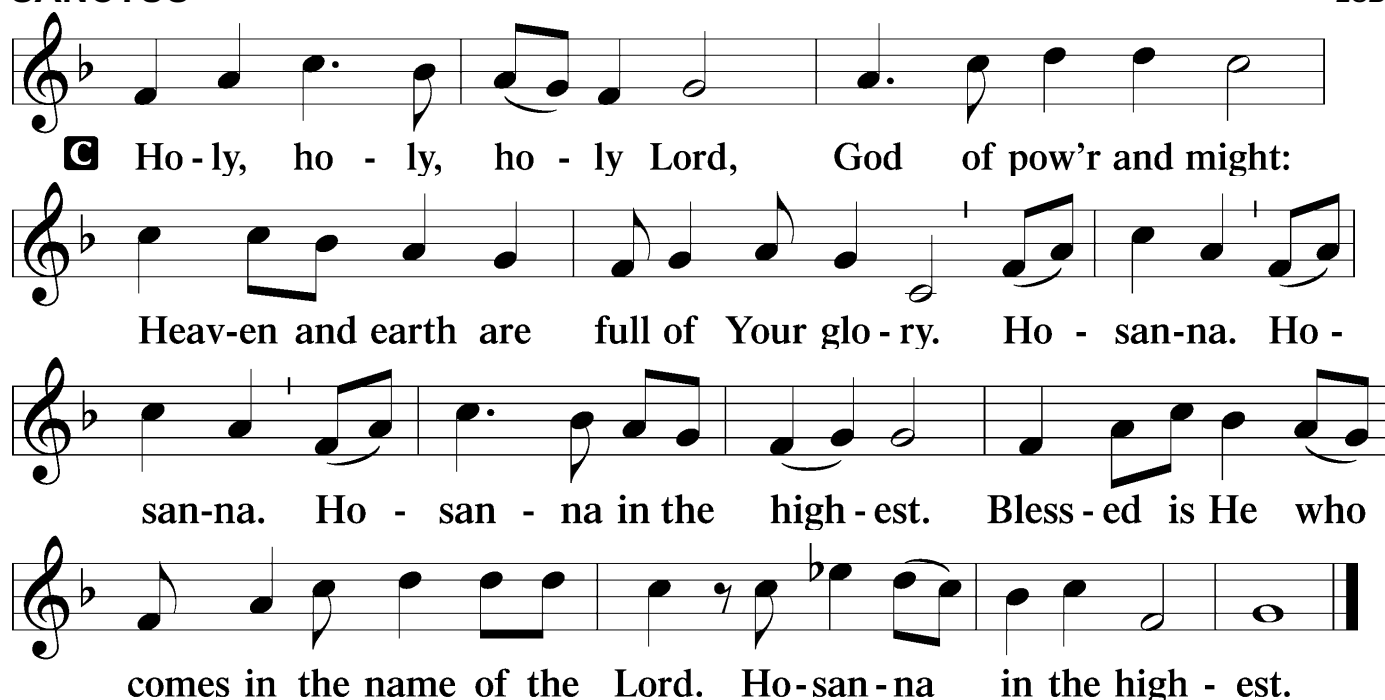
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we laud and magnify Your holy name. With joy we join in the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You nourish us that, firmly connected to Christ the Vine, we may grow in grace. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

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.

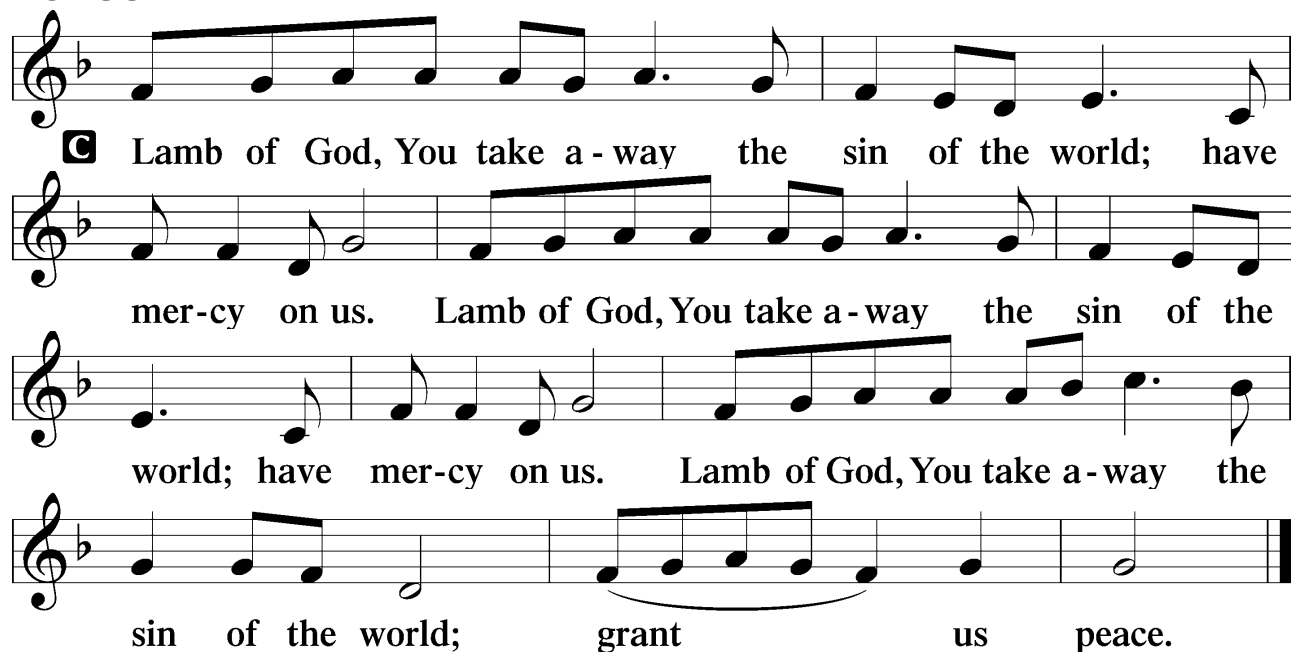
PAX DOMINI

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always.

CAmen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

GRAVES INTO GARDENS

Brandon Lake

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together.
And every desire Is now satisfied Here in Your love.

Oh, there's nothing better than You. There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, Nothing is better than You.

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen 'em all and You still call me friend.
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Oh, there's nothing better than You. There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

(Repeat section)

You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory. You're the only one who can.

(Repeat section)

You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can.
You're the only one who can.

Oh, there's nothing better than You. There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

(Repeat section)

You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can.

(Repeat section)

You're the only one who can. You're the only one who can.

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LIVING HOPE

Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain

There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory, whoa!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, you are my Living Hope

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THE DISMISSAL

PThe body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

AAmen.

THANK THE LORD

LSB 181

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

BENEDICTION

PThe 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.

CAmen.

821 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

1 Al-le-lu-ia! Sing to Je-sus; His the
3 Al-le-lu-ia! Bread of heav-en, Here on
5 Al-le-lu-ia! Sing to Je-sus; His the
scep-ter, His the throne; Al-le-lu-ia! His the
earth our food, our stay; Al-le-lu-ia! Here the
scep-ter, His the throne; Al-le-lu-ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der

like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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CLOSING PEACE

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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