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# CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

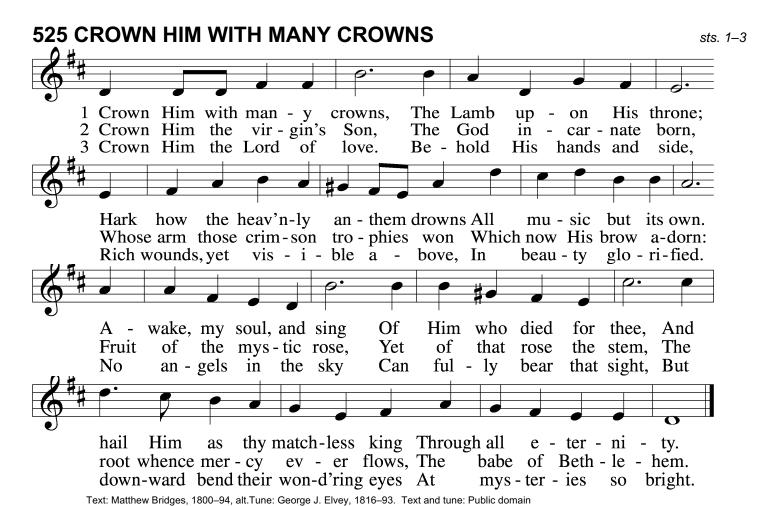
8<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 14, 2024, 9AM

# 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM

#### AS WE GATHER: A LASTING INHERITANCE

We are often reminded things in this life don't last. This includes everything from material things and earthly goods to health and well-being as age increases, to relationships we treasure, and ultimately mortality, which leads to death. Yet just as things in this life are temporary, with joy we are pointed frequently to what is everlasting. Adopted as God's own children, we are given an eternal inheritance through the work of Jesus Christ. Amid the temporary things of a broken and sinful world, we keep our focus on Christ and the eternal blessings assured "to the praise of His glorious grace" (Ephesians 1:6).

#### + PREPARATION +



## INVOCATION

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

# **CONFESSION**

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C who made heaven and earth.

- P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

#### **PSALM RESPONSE**

Psalm 85:1-7

- P LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.
- P You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.
- C Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!
- P Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
- C Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?
- P Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

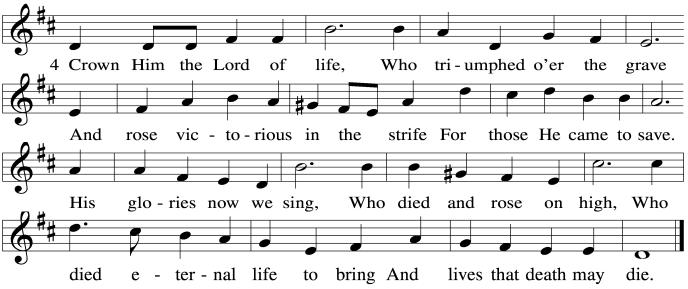
## **ABSOLUTION**

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.

+ WORD +

# **525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

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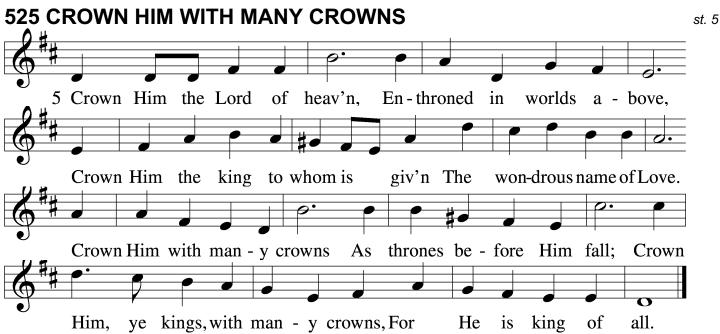
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#### SALUTATION

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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same 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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<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

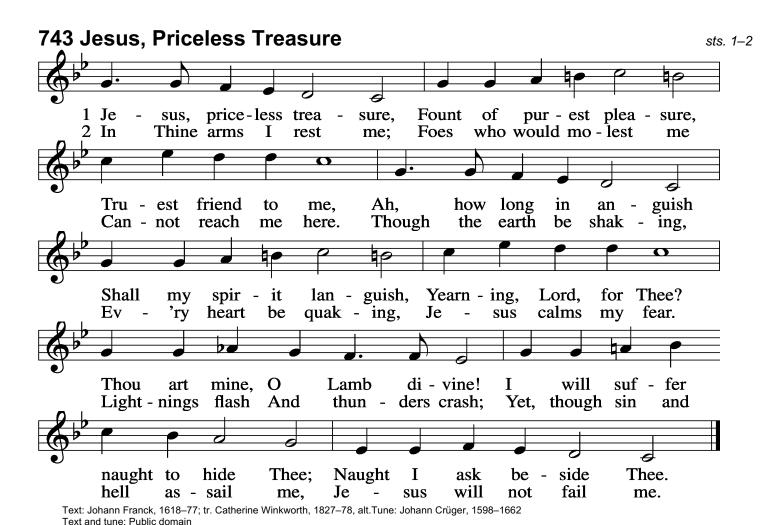
L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 1:3–14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:14–29

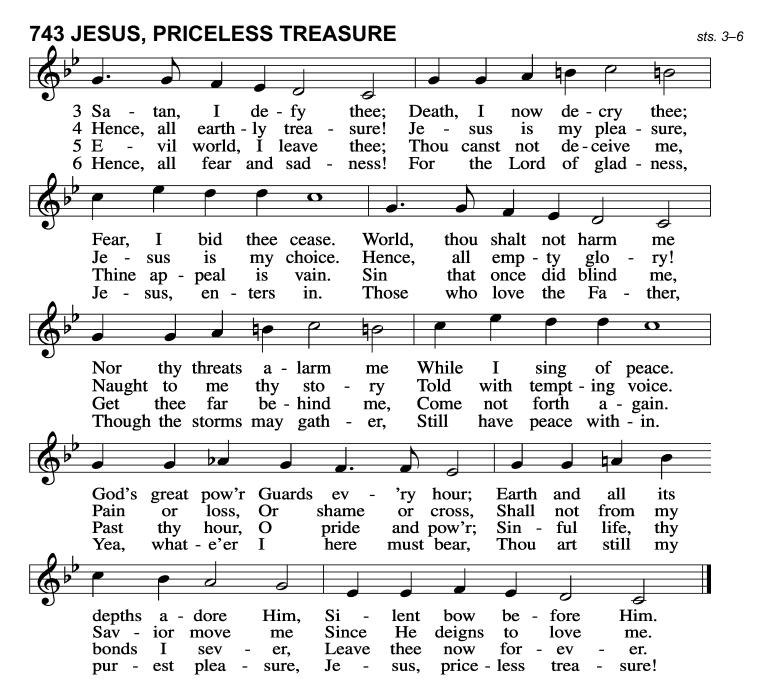
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed

to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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



#### **SERMON**

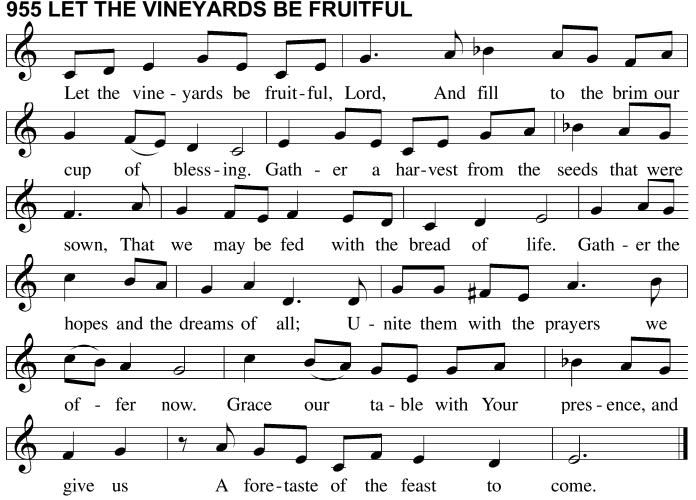
## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

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.)



#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious Lord, we are citizens of the nations and places in which You have put us, with our citizenship in heaven assured. In our land, guide and direct the governing authorities over us that they may serve according to Your will. Impart in them Your truth and wisdom that life be treasured and protected, justice enacted, and order kept secure. Grant Your protection over those who serve in the military both here and abroad, and safety to all who keep roads and communities safe in their law enforcement vocation. Amid the conflicts and tribulations in any land, instill in us responsible citizenship as we await the eternal kingdom not of this world. Thy kingdom come,
- C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- L In these summer months grant favorable weather and safe travel for all who give thanks for Your creation. In each and every season, continue to pour out Your mercy and grace that we as Your people remain faithful and trusting in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come. Thy kingdom come,
- C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- L For all who face troubles and trials in life, in mind, body, or soul, give Your peace and comfort in times of affliction, especially those who have requested our prayers. For those who have gone before us in the faith, we give You thanks for their witness of truth and hope. Comfort those who grieve. In all things, grant us Your Spirit to sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage. Thy kingdom come,
- C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- L We lift up to You the authorities over us in our Synod, districts, and congregations. Grant wisdom and confidence for all who lead. Bless all churches and people of all ages that You gather together as Your own, that we may be courageous witnesses of Your grace and truth to our neighbors, communities, and beyond. Thy kingdom come.
- C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- L Your kingdom is not of this world, yet You come to us still in Your Word and Sacraments to strengthen us, nourish us, and forgive our sins. Bless our unity and fellowship at Your Table as we receive Jesus in His body and blood until the eternal feast You have prepared for those who keep faith in You. Thy kingdom come.
- C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- L Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### + SACRAMENT +

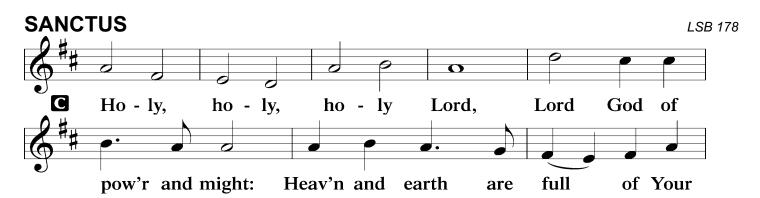


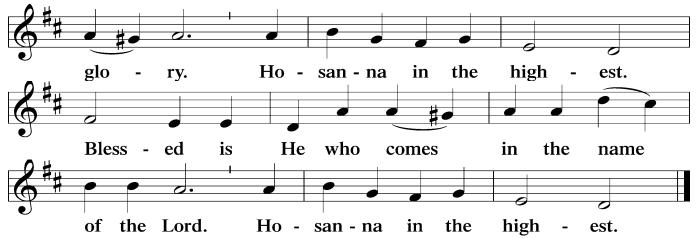
### **PREFACE**

- 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 in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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.

  We thank You that You call us by name, and we pray we continually heed Your voice of invitation. Even as You call us now to this Table to receive our Savior's body and
  - blood, let Your servants hear Your word of forgiveness and grace to strengthen and sustain us. 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.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

# PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

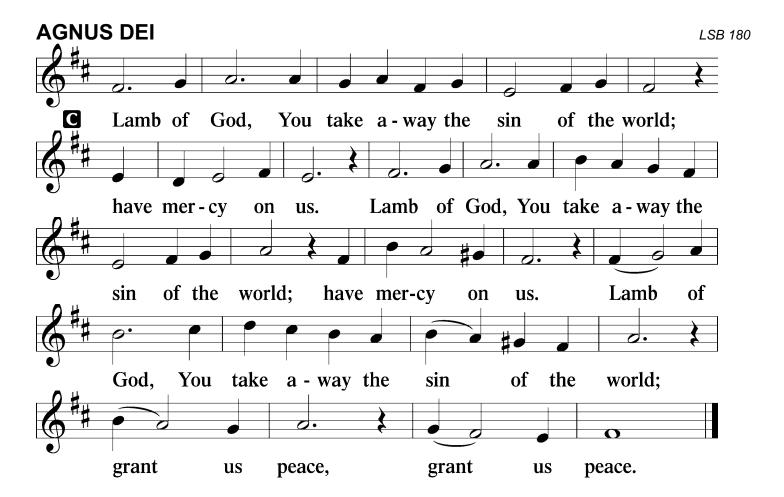
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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**

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

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



# + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

IS HE WORTHY?

Chris Tomlin

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave;

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.

Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave;
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From every people and tribe, Every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God To reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy, Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is! He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!

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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

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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!

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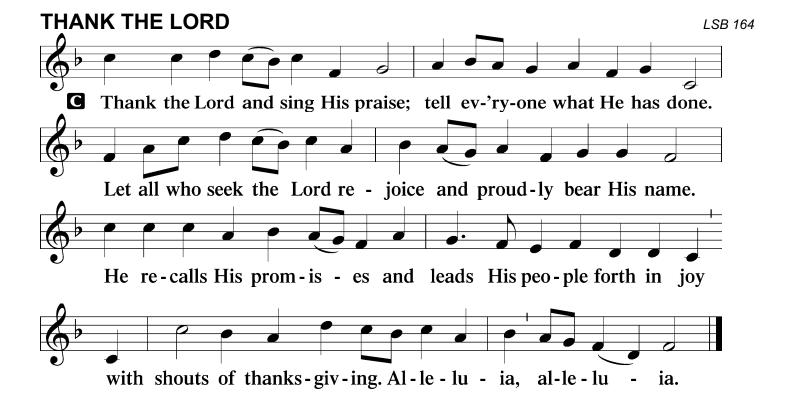
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Jesus Christ, my living hope Oh God, you are my Living Hope

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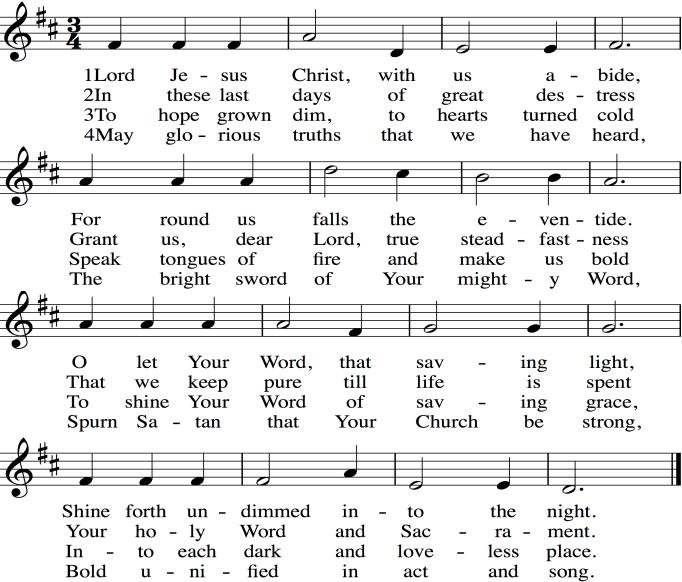
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



#### 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.
- C Amen.





- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through—Your Word alone our heart's defense, The Church's glorious confidence.

## **CLOSING PEACE**

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

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