

Please stand and face the processional cross

Hymn 578 Thy Strong Word arr. by John Behnke



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Choir only:

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Women only:



3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Choir only:

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Men only:

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

All sing:

△ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee
laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of
Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,
glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,
now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

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

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

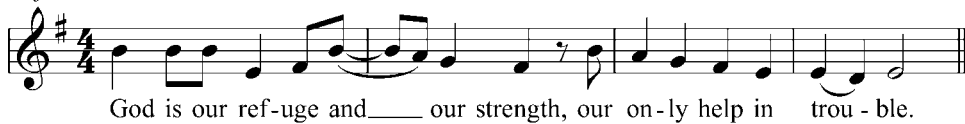
⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, ⁶with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (Choir and Congregation)

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Chant Tone



- ¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,
- ³ though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

Refrain

- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
He utters His voice, the | earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Refrain

- ⁸ Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how He has brought desolations | on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots | with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!"
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

**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.**

Refrain

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Epistle *Romans 3:19–28*

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

Stand and face the Gospel procession

Choral Alleluia: Salvation Alleluia by Diana Meux

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Today here we proclaim this great truth:
we are free, set free by the Son.*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Salvation comes to us, Scripture says,

by God's grace, through faith in Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

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

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

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none other God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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Sit

Sermon

Stand

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.

Service of the 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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

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.

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

P 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old , by Martin Luther, arranged by Matthew Machemer



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab - a - oth! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels



trem - bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

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Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution - Please refer to the inside of the back cover of the bulletin for prayers before and after taking communion, and for the policy regarding taking communion. An offering plate will be available as you go to communion.

How Firm a Foundation arr. by Andrew Clark, brass, timpani and organ

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
 5 God said to His be-lov-ed Son: "It's time to have com-
 6 The Son o-beyed His Fa-ther's will, Was born of vir-gin



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
 pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of My crown, And bring to
 moth-er; And God's good plea-sure to ful-fill, He came to



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
 all sal-va-tion. From sin and sor-row set them free; Slay
 be my broth-er. His roy-al pow'r dis-guised He bore; A



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
 life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
 bit-ter death for them that they May live with You for-ev-er."
 ser-vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev-il cap-tive.

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Hymn Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll

Tune: Es ist Das Heil

- 1 Though all our life is like a scroll
 Unrolled with blemished pages;
 Though sin has shredded what was whole
 And death is now our wages;
 Yet here we stand in confidence,
 With Jesus as our sole defense,
 For He alone still saves us.
- 2 Though pompously we try to dress
 In costumes of our making;
 Though fig leaves of self-righteousness
 Are futile and heartbreaking;
 Yet filthy rags Christ gladly wore
 So we would perish nevermore.
 His grace alone still clothes us.
- 3 Though earth's deep waters foam and roar
 As surging waves are rolling;
 Though all the nations rage with war
 While bells of doom are tolling;
 Yet God gives peaceful fortitude,
 He nurtures us with Heaven's food.
 True faith alone still anchors.
- 4 Though critics cut out Scripture's claims
 And treat them with derision;
 Though they conduct their hostile aims
 With scalpels of suspicion;
 Yet how the living, two-edged sword
 Proclaims the dead and risen Lord!
 God's Word alone: still truthful.

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655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Stand

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

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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