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	Divine Service, Setting Two	

As We Gather

"Come to the table." In our daily experiences, there is no invitation that is more readily received and fully appreciated. To be at the table is to be assured of nourishment and refreshment. In Psalm 23, we are told of a table that is prepared under challenging circumstances. Yet, even there, the cup of God's blessing overflows. Our gathering for worship and our coming to the Table of the Lord is a weekly experience of overflowing blessing filled with signs of God's gracious presence. We rejoice that we are invited to His amazing table!

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



Confession and Absolution

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

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

- 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.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

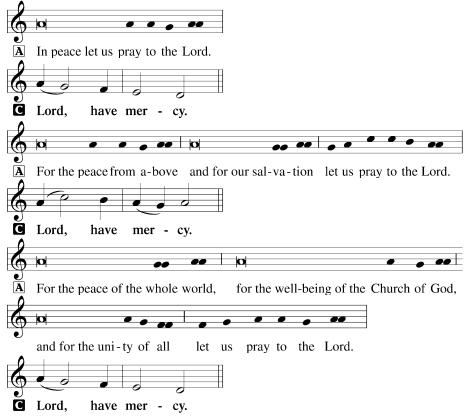
- I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God,
- **P** for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
- as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

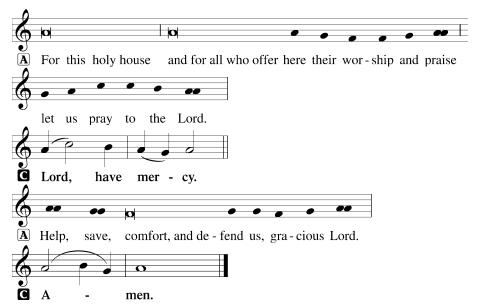
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Kyrie LSB 168





Gloria in Excelsis



LSB 170

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

- The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 25.
 - ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 - a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
 - of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GoD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

P The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 4.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sit

510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West



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.

Prayer of the Church

- P Invited by Your Word and encouraged by Your promise of mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the Church, for the leaders of the Church, for all pastors and missionaries, for those preparing for church vocations, and for those considering full-time church service, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives, for the children entrusted to their care, for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect, and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For a welcoming spirit in our congregation, for boldness in our invitation to those without a church home, and for a willingness to serve our neighbor in need and the stranger whose lives cross our paths, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For compassion toward the sick and those who suffer, for our care of those who need our assistance, for the hospitalized and those recovering, and especially for _____ and those we name in our hearts, that God may grant them healing, comfort, strength and peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all elected and appointed civil servants, for all judges and magistrates, for all emergency personnel, for all members of the armed forces, and for all of us as citizens and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the dawn of God's eternal day, for an end to death and sorrow, for the comfort of those who grieve, [especially ______,] and for the strength of those facing death, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For those preparing for Baptism, for the catechumens, and for the places where we gather to teach and learn God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For gratitude in receiving the Lord's gifts and blessings, for generosity in sharing these resources with those in need, and for the tithes and offerings to support the work of the Kingdom in this place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For grace, that we may hear and heed the invitation of our Lord and joyfully wear the baptismal clothing of His righteousness:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P All these things, Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ and to fill us with contentment, that trusting in Your gracious will for all things, our hearts may enjoy perfect rest and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand



LSB 179

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: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.

LSB 176

Prayer

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 183

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.

813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng



5 Still lift your standard high,

Still march in firm array,

As pilgrims through the darkness wend

Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,

The Lord whom we adore:

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Refrain At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest, Refrain

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Announcements

Adult Sunday School is now studying Genesis.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory for Emily Clark's birthday.

The **Ladies Bible Study** is back studying Leviticus Wednesday at 10am.

Church Council will next meet, **Oct 11**, at 8am. They are starting the budget review for 2021.

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