



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Lamentations 3:22–33*

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord,

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choral Response:** "Christ is Risen, Christ is Living"      School Choir

## Epistle Reading

*1 Peter 2:11–20*

*Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

*Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a*

*cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

*Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord,

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia Verse**

*(Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26)*

**P** Alleluia. He sent redemption to his | people.\*

Alle- | luia.

**C** **Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his | glory?\***

Alle- | luia.

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 16:16–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn:** *“With High Delight Let Us Unite”* LSB 483

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** p158

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**Offering**

**Offertory** p159 ff

## **Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface - Sanctus - Prayer of Thanksgiving** p161 ff

**Lord’s Prayer - The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini - Agnus Dei**

**Distribution Hymns:**

*“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”* LSB 627

*“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”* LSB 633

*“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”* LSB 793

**Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord** p164 ff

**Post-Communion Collect - Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** *“In Thee Is Gladness”* LSB 818

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