

Opening Hymn

883 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; but now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray, now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; who is
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, a priest -
home in end - less day, ex - tol the Lord, who with



this band be - fore the throne of light? These are the
ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. So oft in
his Word sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, who from the great af - flic - tion
trou - bled days gone by, in an - guish they would weep and
nar - row path you trod; you toiled and sowed the Word a -



came and in the flood of Je - sus' blood are cleansed from
sigh; at home a - bove the God of love for - e'er their
broad; re - joice and bring your fruits and sing be - fore the



guilt and blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
tears shall dry. They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,
throne of God. Swing high your palms, lift up your song,



their voic - es they in wor - ship raise; their an - thems
the heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; the Lamb, their
yes, make it myr - iad voic - es strong! Let heav - en



rise where God re - sides, mid an - gels' songs of praise.
Lord, at fes - tive board him - self is host and guest.
ring— to Christ the King all praise and thanks be - long!

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Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

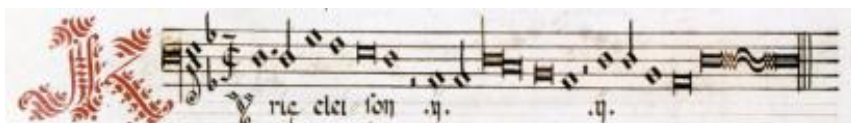
Kyrie! God, Father *Lord, Have Mercy, Luther's version*

CW 934



Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, you a - bound in gra - cious love,
of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!
Ky - ri - e! O Christ our King, sal - va - tion for all you came to bring.
O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne,
hear our cry and grant our sup - pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!
Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our faith, the
gift we need the most, and bless our life's last hour that we leave this
sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases extending across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



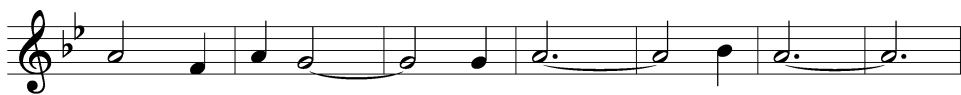
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, “These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?”

¹⁴And I answered him, “Sir, you know.”

And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,

and they serve him day and night in his temple.
 He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.
 The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
 He will lead them to springs of living water.
 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Sing to the LORD, Sing a New Song

Refrain

Sing to the LORD, sing a new song.

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the LORD!

Verses

1 Sing praise to the LORD, come sing a new song;
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the LORD;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with danc - ing and song give praise to God's name;
 with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their faith shall pre - vail;

let Is - rael be glad in their mak - er and sing,
 for God in the faith - ful great plea - sure will seek,
 go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in his might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword—



Refrain

let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
thus God shows great glo - ry, sing praise to the LORD.

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Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

¹See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ²Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. ³Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



They are before the throne of God



and serve him day and night in his tem - ple.

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things.

³Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

880 For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold
 4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
 and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sermon

1 John 3:1–3

“Who We Are and What We Will Be”

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Be seated

Be seated

Offering

*May be left in the offering box in the
entryway or given online*



Prayer of the Church

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

[We especially remember before you this day....]

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

Hymn

690 Blest Are They



- 1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
- 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones, they shall in -
- 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy, mer - cy
- 4 Blest are they who seek peace, they are the
- 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate all be -



king - dom	of	God.	Blest	are	they,
her - it	the	earth.	Blest	are	they who
shall	be	theirs.	Blest	are	they, the
chil - dren	of	God.	Blest	are	they who
cause	of	me.	Re - jice	and	be glad,



full	of	sor - row,	they	shall	be	con - soled.
hun - ger	and	thirst,	they	shall	have	their fill.
pure	of	heart,	they	shall	see	God!
suf - fer	in	faith,	the	glo - ry	of	God is theirs.
yours	is	the	king - dom;	shine	for	all to see.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are

you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

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Stand

Prayer for the Word and Lord's Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

885 There Is a Higher Throne

CW 885



1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne;



where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.
we'll hon - or him in per - fect song where we be - long.



Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die;



be - liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
the Lamb be - comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain



Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an - them rings through



em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies; their prais - es rise.



All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are

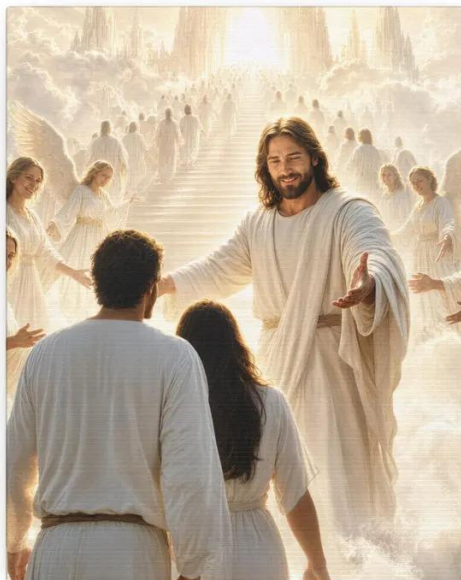


to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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