



Welcome

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To _enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

Stand

Invocation

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

C Amen.

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." ¹⁶ Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to

them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹ “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. ²² But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

²³ “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴ “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ ²⁵ When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Lenten Responsoy

P “But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door;

C **it desires to have you.”** (*Gen.4:7*)

P We know that the law is spiritual;

C **but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.** (*Rom.7:14*)

P For sin shall not be your master,

C **because you are not under law, but under grace.** (*Rom 6:14*)

P You have been set from sin,

C **and have become slaves to righteousness.** (*Rom.6:18*)

P Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

C **So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”**

(*Jn.8:34-36*)

Reading

Exodus 8:16-19

¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,’ and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats.” ¹⁷ They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came on people and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats. ¹⁸ But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not.

Since the gnats were on people and animals everywhere, ¹⁹ the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the LORD had said.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Responsory

P The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

C Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, save me!” (*Ps. 116:3-4*)

P “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death.

C Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?” (*Hos. 13:14*)

P On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

C he will swallow up death forever.

P The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

C he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

P In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

C This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” (*Isa. 25:7-9*)

Reading

Isaiah 34:8-17

⁸ For the LORD has a day of vengeance,
a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.

⁹ Edom's streams will be turned into pitch,
her dust into burning sulfur;
her land will become blazing pitch!

¹⁰ It will not be quenched night or day;
its smoke will rise forever.

From generation to generation it will lie desolate;
no one will ever pass through it again.

¹¹ The desert owl and screech owl will possess it;
the great owl and the raven will nest there.

God will stretch out over Edom
the measuring line of chaos
and the plumb line of desolation.

¹² Her nobles will have nothing there to be called a kingdom,
all her princes will vanish away.

¹³ Thorns will overrun her citadels,
nettles and brambles her strongholds.

She will become a haunt for jackals,
a home for owls.

¹⁴ Desert creatures will meet with hyenas,
and wild goats will bleat to each other;
there the night creatures will also lie down
and find for themselves places of rest.

¹⁵ The owl will nest there and lay eggs,
she will hatch them, and care for her young
under the shadow of her wings;

there also the falcons will gather,
each with its mate.

¹⁶ Look in the scroll of the LORD and read:
None of these will be missing,
not one will lack her mate.

For it is his mouth that has given the order,
and his Spirit will gather them together.

¹⁷ He allots their portions;
his hand distributes them by measure.

They will possess it forever
and dwell there from generation to generation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Responsory

P We know that we are children of God,

C and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

(1 Jn 5:19)

P Jesus said, "I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming.

C He has no hold on me. *(Jn. 14:30)*

P As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world,

C and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. *(Eph. 2:1-2)*

P Jesus said, "Now is the time for judgment on this world;

C now the prince of this world will be driven out." *(Jn. 12:31)*

Reading

Revelation 18:1-2

18 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. ² With a mighty voice he shouted:

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!”

She has become a dwelling for demons

and a haunt for every impure spirit,

a haunt for every unclean bird,

a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

With a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,

Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel,

Healing ev'ry dread disease,

Calming storms, and feeding thousands

With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.**

Homily

Stand

Lord's Prayer

Nicene Creed

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**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,**

whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Martin Luther

P Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

C My lord, fill it.

P I am weak in faith;

C Strengthen me.

P I am cold in love;

C Warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to
my neighbor.

P I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am
unable to trust you altogether.

C O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

P In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor;

C You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

P I am a sinner;

C You are upright.

P With me, there is an abundance of sin;

C In you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will
remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may
not give. Amen.

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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

Evening Prayer

☐ I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction

Sending



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