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726 Evening and Morning

- 1 Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning,
Wealth, peace, and gladness, Comfort in sadness:
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!
Times without number, Awake or in slumber,
Thine eye observes us, From danger preserves us,
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.

- 2 Father, O hear me, Pardon and spare me;
Calm all my terrors, Blot out my errors
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.
Order my goings, Direct all my doings;
As it may please Thee, Retain or release me;
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

- 3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me;
Though billows tower, And winds gain power,
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing And peace never ceasing:
These shall I treasure And share in full measure
When in His mansions God grants me a place.

- 4 To God in heaven All praise be given!
Come, let us offer And gladly proffer
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.
He well receiveth A heart that believeth;
Hymns that adore Him Are precious before Him
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

Introit

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?:

The Lord is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me:
they stumbled and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me:
my heart shall not fear.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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The Lord is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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they stumbled and fell.

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
 we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly
 King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
 Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that
 takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that
 takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that
 sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O
 Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the
 Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray: Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee : that the course of this world
 may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may
 joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our
 Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God,
 world without end. **C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may
 be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to
 him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this
 command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of
 your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please
 forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph
 wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before
 him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do
 not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me,
 but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept
 alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little

ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–23

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:36–42

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” ³⁹He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☩ 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 Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

696 O God, My Faithful God

- 1 O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.

- 2 Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.

- 3 Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.

- 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

- 5 Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;
And let my body have A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

- 6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

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Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

[Offering]

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

- 1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

1 From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me
And be my constant guide. He stretches out His hand
In evening and in morning, My life with grace adorning
Wherever I may stand.

2 When those whom I regarded As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed,
God's grace shall still endure. He rescues me from sin
And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have within.

3 The Lord my life arranges; Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes
All sorrow into joy. So let me then be still:
My body, soul, and spirit His tender care inherit
According to His will.

4 Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure
In Jesus Christ, His Son. He ev'ry gift imparts.
The bread of earth and heaven Are by His kindness given.
Praise Him with thankful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to His voice. Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress, That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure, And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

△7 For thus the Father willed it, Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day. The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given; He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

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683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am; Be Thou alone my constant flame.
- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- 3 This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.
- 4 In suffering be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side!

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758 The Will of God Is Always Best

- 1 The will of God is always best And shall be done forever;
And they who trust in Him are blest; He will forsake them never.
He helps indeed In time of need;
He chastens with forbearing. They who depend
On God, their friend, Shall not be left despairing.
- 2 God is my comfort and my trust, My hope and life abiding;
And to His counsel, wise and just, I yield, in Him confiding.
The very hairs, His Word declares,
Upon my head He numbers.
By night and day God is my stay; He never sleeps nor slumbers.
- 3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, Deny me not this favor:
When Satan sorely troubles me, Then do not let me waver.
O guard me well, My fear dispel,
Fulfill Your faithful saying: All who believe
By grace receive An answer to their praying.
- 4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am leaving,
Grant me to say, "Your will be done," Your faithful Word believing.
My dearest Friend, I now commend
My soul into Your keeping; From sin and hell,
And death as well, By You the vict'ry reaping.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P 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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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TRINITY IV

Christ's Mercy Is Our's To Share – “*Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful*” (Luke 6:36–42). The old Adam in us, however, wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, “*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay*” (Romans 12:14–21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Genesis 50:15–21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father – being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:8–13).

How is God our heavenly Father merciful? He sees that we are captives of death, but He mercifully gives us life. He sees that we are the children of hell, but He mercifully gives us heaven. He sees that we are poor, naked and exposed, hungry and thirsty but He mercifully clothes, feeds, gives us drink and satisfies us with all good things. So whatever we have for the body or spirit Our Lord gives us out of mercy. He continually pours His blessing over us and into us. And today Christ says, “Imitate your Father and be merciful to others just as He is merciful to you.”

– Martin Luther