

530 Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor



1 Hark! The Church pro - claims her hon - or, And her
2 He his Church has firm - ly found - ed; He will
3 Frail and fleet - ing are our pow - ers, Short our
4 Though we here must strive in weak - ness, Though in
5 On - ward, then, with - out de - spair - ing! Calm we



strength is on - ly this: God has laid his choice up -
guard what he be - gan. We, by sin and foes sur -
days, our fore - sight dim. We con - fess a choice not
tears we of - ten bend, What his might be - gan in
fol - low at his Word, Thus through joy and sor - row



on her, And the work she does is his.
round - ed, Build her walls as best we can.
ours: We were cho - sen first by him.
meek - ness Shall a - chieve a glo - rious end.
bear - ing Faith - ful wit - ness to our Lord.

Text: Samuel Preiswerk, 1799–1871; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating where a note spans multiple syllables. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: 'C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.'

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.



PLEASE BE SEATED

The Word

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the House of the LORD. ⁶He said, "Amen! May the LORD do that! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied and bring back the vessels of the LORD's house, and may he bring all the exiles back from Babylon to this place. ⁷Nevertheless, listen now to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets from ancient times, who came before you and me, prophesied war, famine,^[a] and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, only when the word of the prophet actually comes true will that prophet become known as someone whom the LORD has truly sent."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 89

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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Refrain

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever.*

I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever.*

that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*

your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,*

who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long,*

they exult in your righteousness.

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.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON

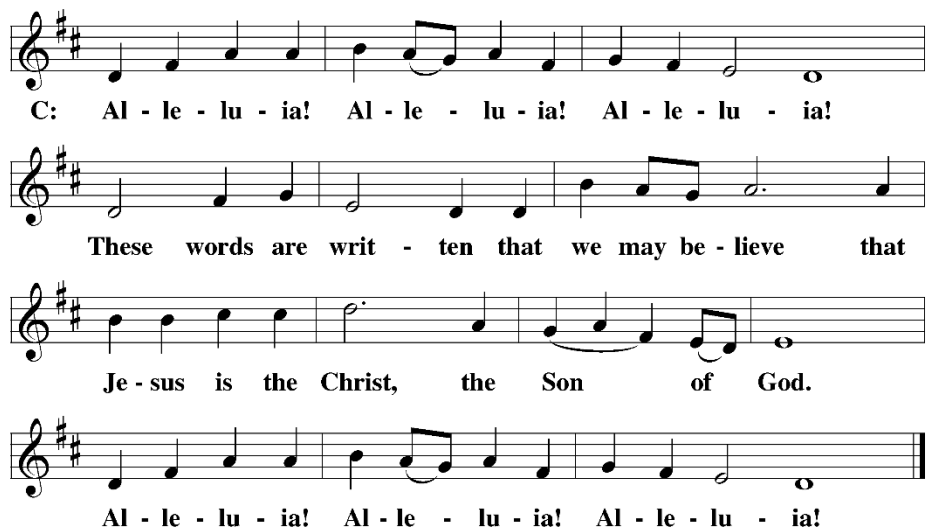
Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? ² Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. ⁷ For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:34-42

M: The Gospel according to Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ “Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.^[a]

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴² Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple — Amen I tell you — he will never lose his reward.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



PLEASE BE SEATED

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Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white,
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here;
3 O - bless - ed saints, now take your rest;

Like thou - sand snow - clad moun - tains bright;
But now, how glo - rious they ap - pear!
A thou - sand times you will be blessed

With palms they stand. Who is this band
Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest - ly band,
For keep - ing faith Firm un - to death

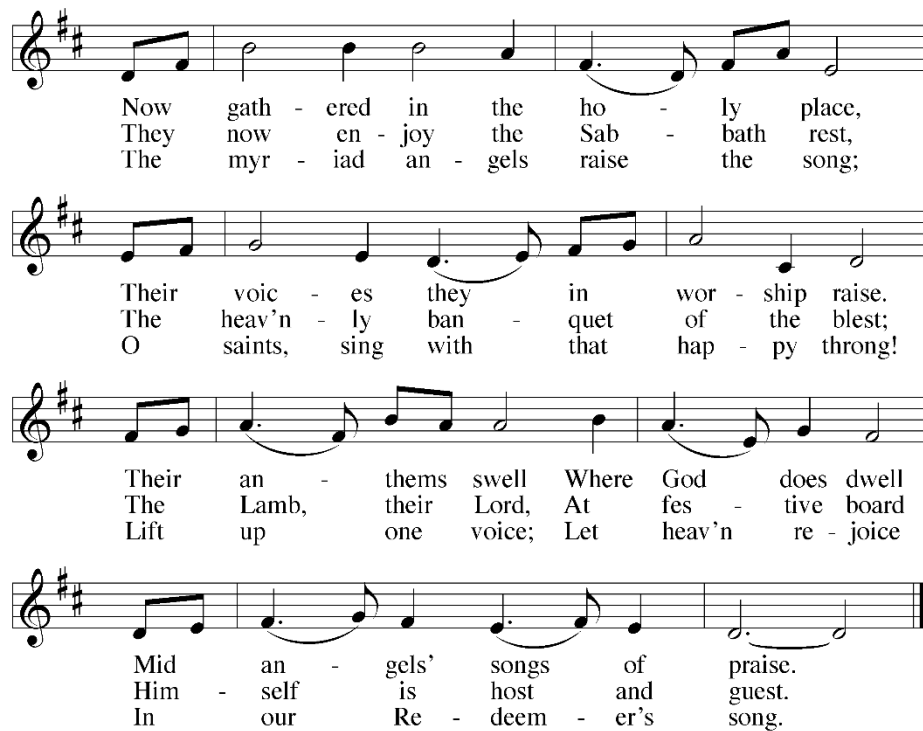
Be - fore the throne of light?
God's throne for - ev - er near.
And scorn - ing world - ly trust.

These are the saints of glo - rious fame,
So oft in trou - bled days gone by,
For now you live at home with God;

Who from the great af - flic - tion came
In an - guish they would weep and sigh;
You toiled and sowed the Word a - broad.

And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
At home a - bove The God of love
Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
For - e'er their tears shall dry.
Be - fore the throne of God.



Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
 They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,
 The myr - iad an - gels raise the song;
 Their voic - es they in wor - ship raise.
 The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest;
 O saints, sing with that hap - py throng!
 Their an - thems swell Where God does dwell
 The Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board
 Lift up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice
 Mid an - gels' songs of praise.
 Him - self is host and guest.
 In our Re - deem - er's song.

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 Tune: GREAT WHITE HOST (PM) Norwegian folk tune, 17th century.

SERMON

Jeremiah 28:5-9

“What Is the Truth?”

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

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.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

466 **Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose**



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,
 From him my life, my all, re - ceive,
 To him I look; on him I call.
 Soon shall I end my tri - als here,
 Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:
 To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,
 He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply
 Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.
 And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.
 Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
 In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 To live is Christ; to die is gain.
 "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745-88, alt.
 Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698-1768, alt.

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

CLOSING PRAYER

M: 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.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

M: 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.



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Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful; Join the hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See his ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 This through count - less a - ges Saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.