



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
 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.

Introit

Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10

- P** The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
 everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
C They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
 and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.
P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
 let me know how fleeting | I am!
C Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as

- nothing be- | fore you.*
Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!
- P** And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait? *
 My hope | is in you.
- C** Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
 Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷Behold, I create new heavens
 and a new earth,
 and the former things shall not be remembered
 or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
 in that which I create;
 for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
 and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
 and be glad in my people;
 no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
 and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
 an infant who lives but a few days,
 or an old man who does not fill out his days,
 for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
 and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain
 or bear children for calamity,
 for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
 and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
 and dust shall be the serpent's food.
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 in all my holy mountain,"
 says the LORD.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Epistle Reading is from First Thessalonians, the fifth chapter.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

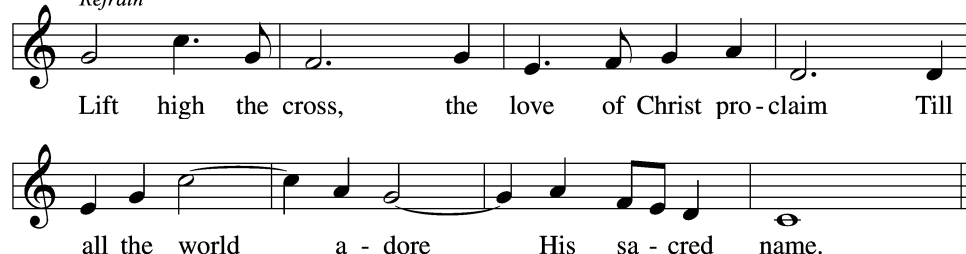
[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sermon

Hymn

Lift High the Cross *LSB 837*

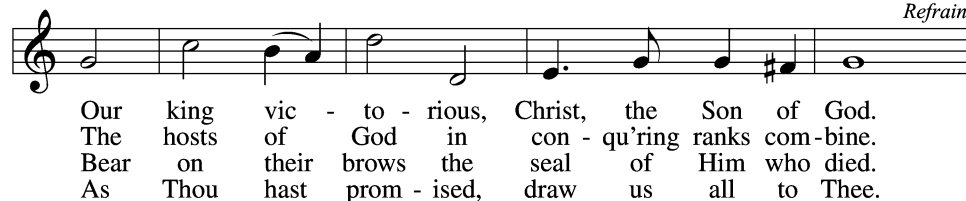
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till
all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

- L** O Lord,
C have mercy.
L O Christ,
C have mercy.
L O Lord,
C have mercy.

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.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence 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 T everlasting. Amen.

Versicles

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
L Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
L Create in me a clean heart, O God,

- C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,
- C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- C** my lips will praise You.
- L** For You have been my help,
- C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day

C O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benedicamus

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- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Blessing

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- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C** Amen.

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