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April 6, 2025 ✝ The Fifth Sunday in Lent

St. John's Lutheran Church is a supporting congregation Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, 638-0228.

Today the paraments are purple, emphasizing Jesus' royalty. His, though, is a royalty not based on wealth, armies, or thrones, but on the divine majesty in human flesh. His power is made perfect in weakness, giving life to those who are dead in their sins.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. Gluten-free wafers are available; speak with Pastor or an elder prior to worship. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John's as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, **please see the pastor prior to the service**).

Sunday, March 30, 2025:

Attendance: 74 (5 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 17 / 18 / 2

Offerings: \$3269.51 / \$545 / \$170 (electronic)

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Attendance: 29 (4); Offerings: \$120 / \$25

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Congratulations to our Scholar Bowl Lions! Tuesday, the team won the Show-Me Central Conference championship!! Ella Roberts also placed 1st, individually! Earlier in the week, they placed 2nd in the Mexico Standard Division competition.
- Mr. Zorena led chapel this week, sharing a message on Worship.

LION ATHLETICS AT HOME

April 7 Baseball v Stover, 5PM *Senior Night

April 11 Home Baseball Tournament, CLHS @ 7PM

April 12 Home Baseball Tournament, CLHS @ 11:30AM, 4:30PM

Stay up to date with Calvary games and events by visiting

calvarylhs.org/calendar/

BREAKING GROUND! – Calvary's board of directors is moving forward with Expanding Excellence by breaking ground on Sunday, May 18 at 2PM! You are invited to join us for a short service to thank God for His providence and ask for His blessing on this step of faith. Thank you to those who have supported students and families at Calvary by giving or pledging to this project. Calvary is still accepting gifts to fully fund this project. Thank you for your prayerful support! ExpandingExcellenceCLHS.org

CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION – Tickets are available for the 2025 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Purchase tickets online at www.calvarylhs.org/auction/.

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT – Calvary's 21st Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be **Friday, May 30** at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton. Sign up today for a fun day supporting students at Calvary Lutheran High School! If you are interested in helping to plan this event or volunteering the day of, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 for more information. Teams can register at calvarylhs.org/golftournament/.

BE PART OF THE TEAM – Calvary is seeking mission-minded individuals to complete the team.

- Part-time Outreach Coordinator
- Part-time Athletic Director, beginning summer 2025

Applications can be submitted to John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org or 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101

SAVE THE DATE –

May 2 FFA Petting Zoo

May 2 Spring Concert, 7PM

May 24 Graduation, 10AM

We celebrate the word of the hands of Christ on Wednesday evenings during Lent. We will gather for dinner before the evening services during Lent. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Spaghetti Luncheon at St. Paul's, Lohman will be today, serving from 10:30am to 1:30pm. See the bulletin board for more information

“Friend, you have a good word to speak to your neighbor. You have God’s Word of life to share—with your spouse, your children or grandchildren, your co-worker or friend. You can tell them that their life is sacred, a gift of God, and that their life matters to you.” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church–Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The 2025 Movie “Snow White,” The 1550 Magdeburg Confession, A Christian Response to Gender Ideology, The Importance of Palm Sunday, Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

This week:

Sunday, 4/6	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

Mon, 4/7	6:30pm	Elders
Tues, 4/8	6:30pm	Confirmation
Wed, 4/9	6:00pm	Lent Supper
	7:00pm	Midweek Service

Thurs, 4/10	6:30pm	Lutheran Basics
Friday, 4/11	7pm	Church Council

Sunday, 4/13	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Fellowship / Voters’ Meeting

Remembering . . . and forgetting

Remembering is important. You may have heard of people who have had amnesia. With total amnesia, one loses his or her identity. Can you imagine not knowing your name, let alone important details from your life? Remembering shapes not only who you are, but how you act.

Throughout the Scriptures, we are told that God remembers. And at times, He promises to “not remember.” This is not the same as forgetting. For God, remembering is not simply a “cerebral” exercise. It is not about mind-pictures, thoughts, and emotions. Remembering is first and foremost about action and consequence. When God remembers, He acts according to His promise. When He remembers His covenant with Abraham, He shows mercy. When He promises to not remember your sins, it means that He will not give you what your sins deserve. When He does not remember your sins, He does remember that Jesus already paid the price for them. He does not forget.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says to “remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.” This is because He was announcing a new thing. The past is important, especially God’s acts of mercy, demonstrating that we can trust Him to do what He promises. Yet at times He says to not remember the things of the past. Chiefly, that means letting go of your sins. Do not remember, do not dwell on the things which you have done against God or against other people. Repent of them and turn from them.

When you turn away from your sins in repentance, you turn to God in faith. When you “set your minds on things that are above” (Colossians 3:2), your body and spirit follow. “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Luke 12:34). With another metaphor, the writer to the Hebrews says (Hebrews 12:1-2) to run the race and “look to Jesus.”

It is okay to be aware of the past, but do not let it control you. It cannot save you. It cannot prevent harm or failure. It also cannot prevent God’s mercy. Looking at the past may give insight into the future, but the future remains open to God’s mercy and grace. Go into the future with the confidence of God’s presence, His unfailing love, and His memory of His promises!

Confession and Absolution

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary


- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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Stand

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
your blessing be on your | people!
But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,*
my glory, and the lifter | of my head.
I cried aloud | to the LORD,*
and he answered me from his | holy hill.
I lay | down and slept;*
I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people*
who have set themselves against me | all around.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

**and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
your blessing be on your | people!

Kyrie

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸“Remember not the former things,
 nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
 for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
 that they might declare my praise.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

C Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding

in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake

My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

- 2 He came from His blest throne
 Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
 The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
 My friend indeed,
 Who at my need
His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way
 And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
 Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!”
 Is all their breath,
 And for His death
They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
 He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
 Yet they at these
 Themselves displease
And ’gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
 To suffering goes
 That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?

Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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Sermon

Stand

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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For courage, that God would deliver us from fear, give us boldness to confess His saving truth, and assure us of deliverance in time of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For pastors, missionaries, and chaplains, including Pastor Josh Ketelsen, missionaries Patty Lawson, Jonah Domenichelli, Sergio Fritzler, Angela Sharp, Shauen Trump, and Eric Stinnett, and military chaplains Jacob Scott and James Bartok, that they would be faithful in the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; and for the church, that we would receive these gifts in thankfulness that Christ was rejected by sinners so that we may be welcomed into His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For parents, that God would bless them with every good gift to teach their children that salvation and life is theirs in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all whom the Lord has called to follow Him, that we would daily give thanks for His mercy as we receive His blessings, especially for Jessica Plaster (4/8), McKendra Fischer (4/11), and Allan & Doris Propst (4/12), let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For civil authorities, that God would strengthen them to discourage evil and encourage good; and that He would keep us ever mindful that it is He who shields us and lifts our heads, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For [*Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, Tammy Deaver, Ken Meller, Marjorie Loesch, Curt Bracher* and] all who suffer in our midst, that our heavenly Father would remind them continually of His benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For repentant hearts, that we may abandon all confidence in our flesh, counting all other gains as loss, and so receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all the faithful, that we may count all things as loss except Christ and Him crucified and be drawn to Him through Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Offertory

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly good, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- 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

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

Agnus Dei

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

- 1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain
- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessèd, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only

That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

644 The Church's One Foundation

- 1 The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
 From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses
 With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

- 4 Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace

That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

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- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

- 2 When the woes of life o’ertake me,
 Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
 Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
 Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
 Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
 By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
 Joys that through all time abide.

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