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## THE COMMON SERVICE

### Hymn ----- To Your Temple I Draw Near

CW 226

1. To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.  
Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.
2. I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.
3. While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,  
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
4. While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
5. While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe  
Till your gospel brings to me Life and immortality.
6. While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.
7. From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

*Stand.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp, F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the third phrase: 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp, F#). It contains the melody for the word 'Amen', which is written as 'A - men.' with a hyphen indicating the syllable spans across notes.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

*Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

*Venite*

**C:** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of  
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a  
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are  
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he  
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and  
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Prayer of the Day*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

THE WORD

**First Lesson ----- Joel 3:12-16**

Let the nations be roused.  
Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat,  
for there I will be seated to judge all the nations.  
Swing the sickle,  
for the harvest is ripe.  
Come, trample the grapes,  
for the winepress is full and the vats overflow,  
because the nations' wickedness is so great!  
Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision!

For the Day of the LORD is near in the Valley of  
Decision.  
The sun and moon will be darkened,  
and the stars will stop shining.  
The LORD will roar from Zion  
and shout from Jerusalem.  
The sky and the earth will tremble.  
But the LORD will be a refuge for his people,  
a stronghold for the people of Israel.

**Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 18**

CW p.69

*Refrain*

**The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;\*  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;\*  
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;\*  
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

*Refrain*

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;\*  
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble\*  
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,\*  
and your right hand sustains me.

**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*

**Second Lesson ----- Romans 8:26,27**

In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that are not expressed in words. And he

who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to God's will.

*Verse of the Day*

*Isaiah 55:11b*

*Tune: CW 261*

C: My Word will ne'er re - turn to me De -  
void of might or pow'r, But will ac - comp - lish  
my de - cree As rain brings forth the flow'r.

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*Stand.*

**Gospel ----- Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

He presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. The servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?’

‘No,’ he answered, ‘because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.”’ ...

Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the

field.”

He answered them, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The

Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day ----- Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide**

CW 541

1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide,  
Nor let your Word, that heav’nly light, For us be ever veiled in night.
2. O God, how sin’s dread works abound!  
Throughout the earth no rest is found,  
And falsehood’s spirit wide has spread, And error boldly rears its head.
3. In these last days of sore distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That pure we keep, till life is spent, Your holy Word and sacrament.
4. Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,  
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.  
Oh, prosper well your Word of grace, And spread its truth in ev’ry place.



5. Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray; The guile and rage of Satan stay!  
Oh, may your mercy never cease! Give concord, patience, courage, peace.
6. The cause is yours, the glory, too, So hear us, Lord, and keep us true.  
Your Word alone is our defense, The Church's glorious confidence.
7. Oh, grant that in your holy Word We here may live and die, dear Lord,  
And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.

**Sermon** ----- **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*Wait Patiently for the Harvest*

*Stand.*

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

*We Praise You, O God*

*Te Deum*



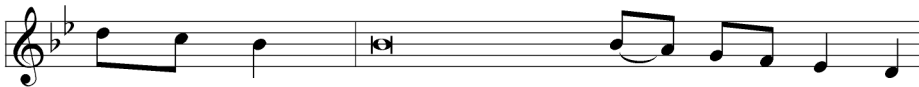
**C:** We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



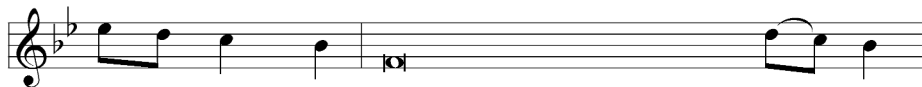
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



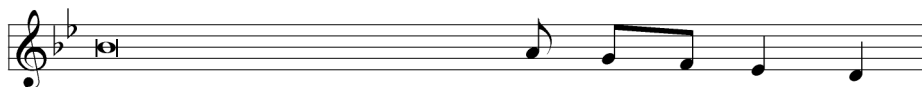
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph-ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



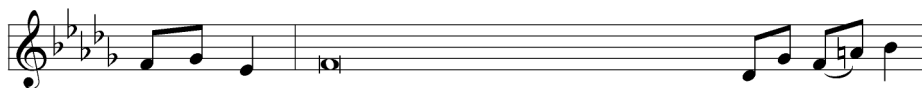
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Stand.*

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*Prayer of the Church*

*The minister offers the petitions and the congregation responds with “**hear our prayer.**”*

M: Redeemer and Lord of hosts, the future is in Your hands. Remove all fear from us, and keep us mindful that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord of heaven and earth, we give thanks that Your Son, Jesus Christ, died to redeem the world and restore creation. Until new life supplants the groanings of this age, lead us to steward Your creation well, not in waste

but in wise and diligent use with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Bless the leaders of our synod and the delegates who meet in convention this week. Give them wisdom and sound judgment so that together our churches may continue to serve you in faithfulness as the Day of the Lord approaches. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Be patient with those who do not repent or believe. Send Your Holy Spirit to bring them into saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Guide the leaders of all nations, that they would work for peace and justice in the face of conflict and discord. By, or despite, their efforts, protect the weak and defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: We commend to You all who endure the bondage of decay through infirmity and weakness [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Deliver them according to Your will, and strengthen and preserve their faith, that they may rejoice that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Preserve us in hope for what we do not see. Grant that we would receive Your Holy Supper with hearts free from pride, presumption or any other sin that would profane His precious body and blood. May we rejoice in His bodily presence for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, You have called us according to Your purpose. You cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when You gather us with the saints into Your kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### *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.

### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



*O Christ, Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*

### **Hymn ----- Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**

CW 311

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render  
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.  
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'rence greet him,  
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.
3. He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.
4. Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,  
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,  
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.  
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.



5. Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,  
That Christ's body must be boundless  
    Since the souls it feeds are countless,  
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.
6. Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
7. Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,  
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring-  
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.
8. Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.  
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.  
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace you give me  
    As your guest in heav'n receive me.

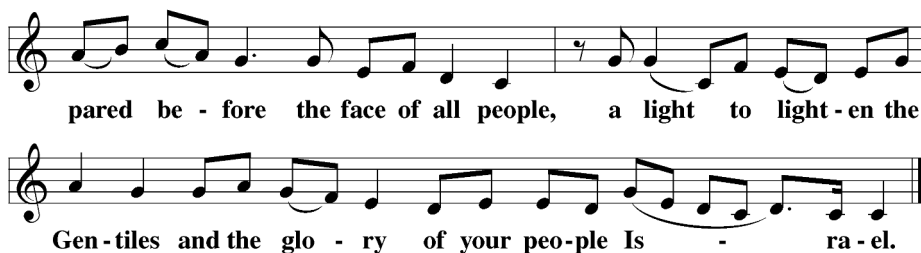
*After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:*

*Song of Simeon*

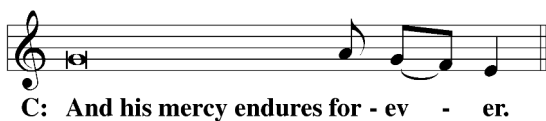
*Nunc Dimittis*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing

to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



*Be seated.*

Hymn ----- Come, You Thankful People, Come

CW 613

1. Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.  
God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and weeds together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home,  
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,  
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest-home;  
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.  
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.

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