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837 Lift High the Cross sts. ref-6

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

- Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified, Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain
- O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell, Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Confession and Absolution

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in our catechumens, and You have blessed their instruction and training in Your Word. We implore You to pour out Your Holy Spirit on their hearts and minds so that they will truly love and revere You, confess the faith with joy and boldness, endeavor to live according to Your commandments, and praise and glorify You as their faithful God and Lord, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle *Revelation 5:1–14*

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 21:1–14

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

The Recitation of Essays by our Confirmands

Homily

588 Jesus Loves Me sts. 1, ref

- Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain*
- ref Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Confirmation

588 Jesus Loves Me st. 2

2 Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gates to open wide. He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 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 T 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 T 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 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

- Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns, All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king, Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won, Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.
- Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky, Can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their wond'ring eyes, At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
 And rose victorious in the strife, For those He came to save. His glories now we sing,
 Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n, The wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns, As thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

482 This Joyful Eastertide

- 1 This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain*
- ref Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!
- Death's flood has lost its chill, Since Jesus crossed the river; Lover of souls, from ill, My passing soul deliver: *Refrain*
- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber Till trump from east to west, Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Thine the amen Thine the praise, Alleluias angels raise, Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread, Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup, Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

- Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise let there be, Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee, Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry, Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- Thine the truly Thine the yes, Thine the table we the guest, Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be, Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war, Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize, Thine the wonder full surprise Thine the banquet then the praise, Then the justice of Thy ways Thine the glory Thine the story, Then the welcome to the least Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- Thine the glory in the night, No more dying only light, Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally, Then the holy holy, Celebration jubilee Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

(Screen) I AM Forever Who I AM

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.

Benedicamus

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

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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing sts. 1–4

- Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own. In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.
- Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

- Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
- I the Lord will bless and keep you, And give you peace; I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:, I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother. Go, My children; I will keep you, And give you peace.

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