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In nomine Jesu



Prelude

Trumpet Concerto in D Major (1st Movement)

Johann Friedrich Fasch
(1688–1758)

As the processional hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice, as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.
Tune: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916.

Versicles

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Venite

Psalm 95

The candidates sing the parts marked [I].

L The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.
C O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;
let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.



I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



II The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;



let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.



II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple



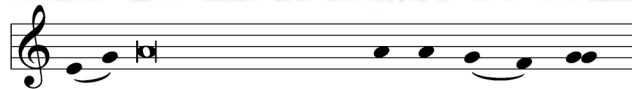
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.



III Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.



L The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.



III O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Sit



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
 2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
 Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the
 That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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 Tune: *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter.

First Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

L A reading from First Timothy, the second chapter.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

LSB 773

1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
 2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and

in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend

All that we through Christ in - her - it,
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.

That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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Tune: *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen.

Second Reading

John 16:23–33

- L** A reading from John, the 16th chapter.

[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word.

- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Sermon

Stand

Benedictus

Sing Praise to the God of Israel

LSB 936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

Sit

Rite of Certification for the Holy Ministry

Rite of Certification for the Diaconate

Charge to Deferred Pastoral and Deaconess Candidates

Charge to Deferred Vicars, Alternate Route Vicars and Deaconess Interns

Litany for the Servants of the Word

Stand

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|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| L | O God the Father in heaven, | C | have mercy. |
| L | O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | C | have mercy. |
| L | O God the Holy Spirit, | C | have mercy. |
| L | Be gracious to us. | C | Spare us, good Lord. |
| L | Be gracious to us. | C | Help us, good Lord. |

- L** For thankful hearts to discern Your will,
for a special measure of Your Spirit,
for mindfulness of the prayers of the church for us,
for a clear vision of Christ crucified and risen:

C we ask You to hear us, good Lord.

- L** To find joy in being small followers of a great Lord,
to find delight in Your working among people through Your holy Word and Sacraments,
to find purpose in serving You and Your people in the church,
to find peace in the five wounds of Christ and His open tomb:

C we ask for Your grace, heavenly Father.

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

- L** O Christ, **C** hear us.

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

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

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

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



P The al - mighty and merciful Lord, the Father,
the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.



Recessional Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

LSB 497



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
pow'r pre-pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Tune: *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, 1524, Erfurt.

Postlude

Komm, heiliger Geist (BWV 651)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Soli Deo Gloria

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