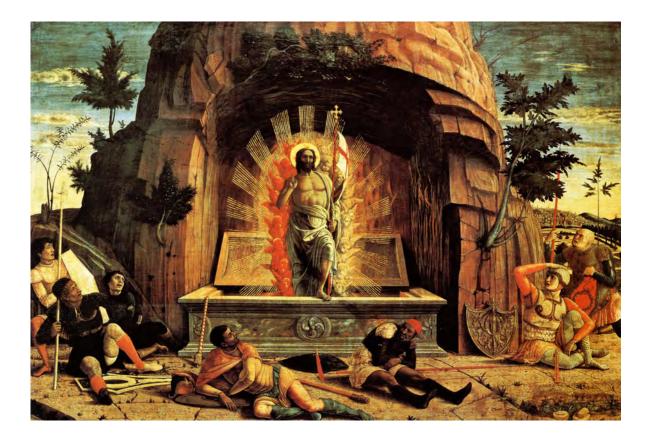
The Feast Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord

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Resurrection

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The Dead Shall Be Raised

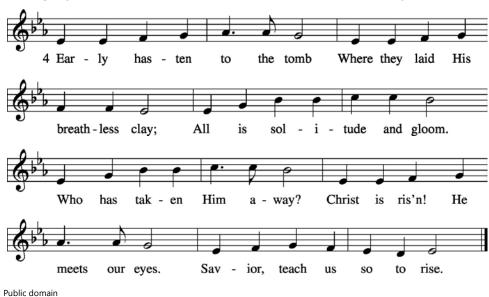
Imagine if the journey through Lent and Holy Week ended with the service on Good Friday and there was no vigil to the celebration of Easter, no Easter Sunday service, no Easter joy. If that were the case, Paul's word to the Corinthian Christians would ring absolutely true, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:17-19). If the hope of Christians were only in Jesus' death, then pity would be the only thing appropriate for believers. If Jesus' death were the end of the story, then there is no hope for anyone.

But as Paul proclaims to the Christians in Rome, our Lord Jesus Christ "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25). The resurrection of the bodies of believers and life in the eternal kingdom of God is the end of the story of Christ Jesus and of those who believe in Him. One reflects on the nature and details of Christ's suffering and death not to feel sorry for Him or to mourn Him or to make oneself feel even more guilty. One reflects on Jesus' Passion and cross to see God at work in Jesus and upon rebellious humanity. In hearing and experiencing that work of God, believers have life in Jesus' name (John 20:31).

Just as Jesus' suffering and death is not the end of His story, so it is not the end of your story either. Jesus' suffering and death crucifies the rebellious person in you, and His resurrection raises you from the dead. It is an event that happens to you. As Paul says in his Epistle to the Romans, "For if we have been united with Him in a resurrection like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His" (6:5). It is, as Martin Luther says, the great exchange and reversal, Christ's life becomes ours and our life becomes His.

What happens to Christ happens to you, and the end of the story for Him is the end of the story for you. This is where the reflection on the Passion of Christ leads. The dead shall be raised. The One who suffered and was crucified has been raised from the dead. Your Baptism into Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection will be completed on the Last Day when you, who were crucified in Him, will be raised. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet...the dead will be raised" (1 Corinthians 15:52). That truly is the end of the story.

George Joseph Stanley Sr, MD., He Was Crucified pp. 172-79.



Opening Hymn 436 Go To Dark Gethsemene (Verse 4 only)

Service of Light Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Invitation

Beloved in the Lord, during this most holy night, in which Our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life, we are gathered here in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

Collect

P Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light 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.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

The cross is traced on the paschal candle.

Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.

- **P** the Alpha and the Omega.
- P His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.
- **P** By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

The paschal candle is lit.

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

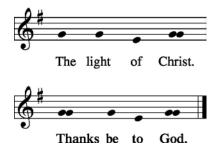


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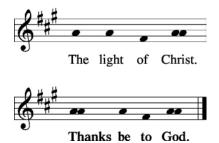
The bearer of the paschal candle stops in the middle of the nave.

Lux Christi



When all have processed, the bearer of the paschal candle lifts the paschal candle high.

Lux Christi



▲ Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,	Al	- le -	lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,		- le -	lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dure 4 Sing we to our God a - bove		- le - - le -	lu - ia! lu - ia!
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Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,	Al	le -	lu - ia!
Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly king,	Al -	le -	u - a
Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured;	A1 -	le -	lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love;	Al -	le -	lu - ia!
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Who did once up - on the cross,	Al -	le - 1	u - ia!
Who en-dured the cross and grave,	Al - Al -		u - ia! u - ia!
Who en-dured the cross and grave, Now a - bove the sky He's king,	Al - Al -	le - 1 le - 1	u - ia! u - ia!
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Processional Hymn - 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G who made heaven and earth.

- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

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.

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

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- 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.
- **G** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,* and he has become my sal- | vation;

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,* your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed;* you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.

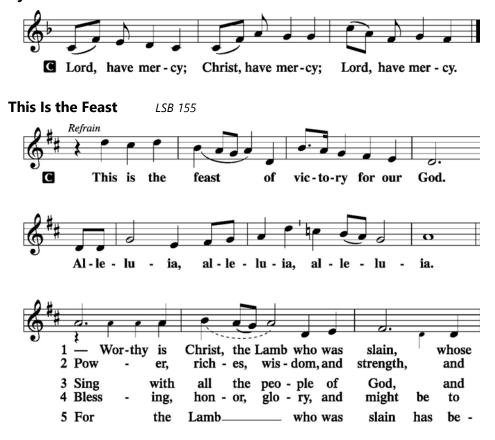
You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,* the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,

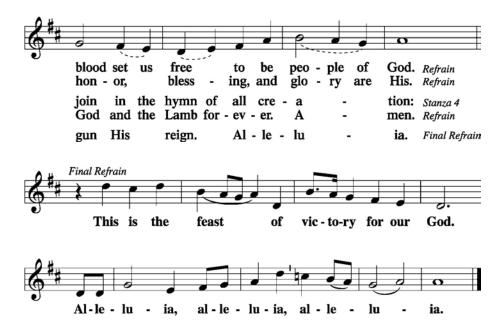
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.* The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

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.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

Kyrie





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.







P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

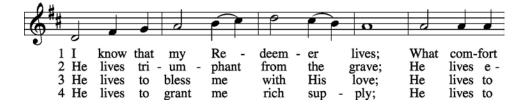
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

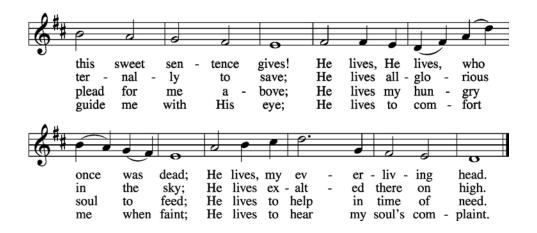
O Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon Hymn 461 | Know That My Redeemer Lives

Stz 1 – Congregation Stz 2 – High voices Stz 3 – Low Voices Stz 4 – Choir *Stz 5 –* Congregation Stz 6 – *High voices* Stz 7 - *Low Voices* Stz 8 - Congregation





- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Sermon ~ Pastor Wagner

Stand Apostles' Creed

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

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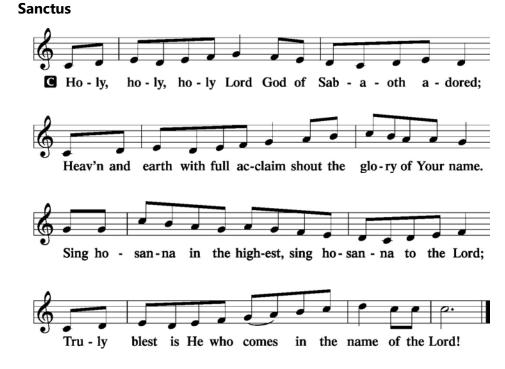
Sharing of the Peace

Stand Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all

eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.
- **G** Amen.



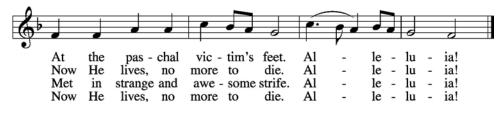


Sit Distribution

A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: Today we celebrate the Holy Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We joyfully receive our dear Lord's Body and Blood through the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who celebrate this Sacrament with us give public confession that they are one with us in our doctrines and beliefs. We seek to be obedient to the admonition of St. Paul who speaks for Christ concerning the proper administration and reception of this gift of life and for the spiritual welfare of those who receive this Sacrament. We ask that anyone wishing to partake of the communion who is not yet a confirmed member of this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, to please speak to the PASTOR or an ELDER prior to the worship service.

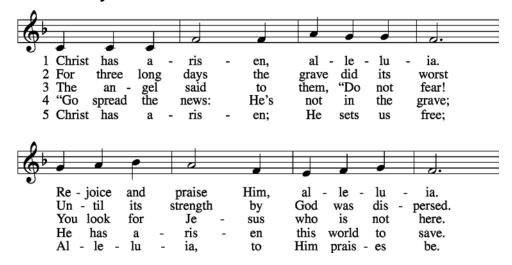
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1 Christ the Lord is	ris'n to - day;	Al -	le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the	Lamb has bled,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim	un - de - filed,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this	ho - ly day,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
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Chris-tians, has - ten	on your way;	Al -	le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the	sin - ner's stead.	Al -	le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners	rec - on - ciled,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful	hom-age pay;	Al -	le - lu - ia!
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Of - fer praise with	love re - plete,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is	ris'n on high;	Al -	le - lu - ia!
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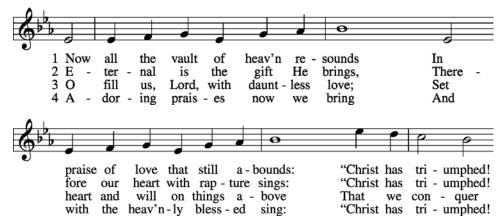
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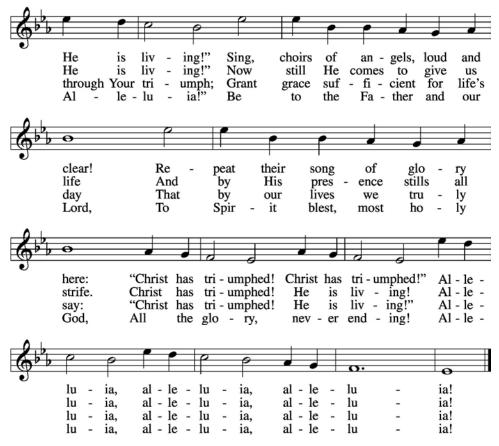




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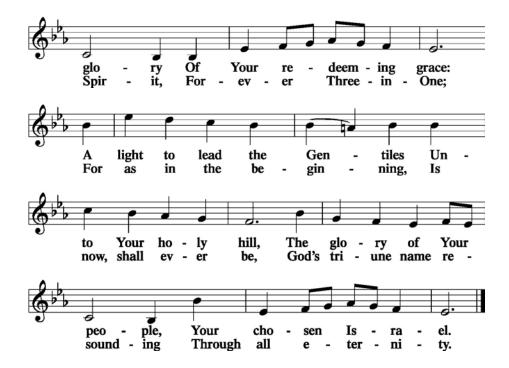
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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His 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.

Benediction

 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.

Sit

Dismissal Hymn 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



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.

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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.

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.

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