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## OPENING VERSICLES

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**L** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

**L** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

**C** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

**L** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**C** **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **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.**

*(Sit)*

## ONE HOUSE ABIDES UNENDING

*sts. 1–2*

1 One house abides unending,  
One Master fears no fall,  
One Lord provides, attending  
The daily want of all.  
When ruin would allure them  
Whose one estate was need,  
One Father would secure them  
In will, in trust, in deed.

2 The wealth of all creation  
We squandered at our birth.  
The heirs of condemnation  
Sowed tears in blighted earth.  
But light, the world's first treasure,  
The Master worked anew  
In promise, and in measure  
No mortal eye could view.

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## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

## READING

*2 Kings 2:19–22*

<sup>19</sup>Now the men of the city said to Elisha, “Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful.” <sup>20</sup>He said, “Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup>Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, “Thus says the LORD, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it.” <sup>22</sup>So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## READING

*Colossians 4:2–6*

<sup>2</sup>Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup>At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup>that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup>Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## READING

*Matthew 5:13–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## RESPONSORY

**L** We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**L** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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## TEN COMMANDMENTS

- C** You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## 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.

## 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.

(Sit)

## SERMON

### 425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## OFFERING

(Stand)

## PRAYER

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

- L** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

## EVENING PRAYER

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## ONE HOUSE ABIDES UNENDING

sts. 3–4

3 With endless hunger driven  
The grave cried out for more,  
But Jesus Christ has given  
Safe passage through its door:  
His flowing blood our raiment,  
The flood to purge our shame;  
The living God the payment  
That buys for us His name.

4 Exchange our ash for beauty,  
Anoint our grief with joy;  
Dear Lord, who paid our duty,  
All grace for us employ.  
Feed us the saving manna  
Lest on the way we fail  
And sweeten our Hosanna  
To holy Easter's hail.

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## BLESSING

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

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