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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

*Exodus 16:2–5, 11–18*

**L** A reading from Exodus, chapter 16.

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.

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

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

## READING

*1 Corinthians 10:1–4, 15–17*

**L** A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 10.

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

<sup>15</sup>I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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

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

## READING

John 6:32–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

**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.**

**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.**

*(Stand)*

## 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**

**☒ 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**

**☒ 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**

# 589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS

sts. 1–3



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!

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(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** Lord Jesus, Your kingdom continues to be in our midst as You come to us now through holy water, holy words, and holy food. Help us to see that Your kingdom is a kingdom of suffering, but that through suffering, we will be prepared to enter into glory when You return on that final day; for You live and reign with the Father 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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