

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
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***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him;  
bless his name!  
Psalm 100:4

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

LSB 756

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|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | Why should cross and trial grieve me?<br>Christ is near<br>With His cheer;<br>Never will He leave me.<br>Who can rob me of the heaven<br>That God’s Son<br>For me won<br>When His life was given?             |   | Come what may,<br>Guides me and defends me.  |
| 2 | When life’s troubles rise to meet me,<br>Though their weight<br>May be great,<br>They will not defeat me.<br>God, my loving Savior, sends them;<br>He who knows<br>All my woes<br>Knows how best to end them. | 4 | From God’s joy can nothing sever,<br>For I am<br>His dear lamb,<br>He, my Shepherd ever.<br>I am His because He gave me<br>His own blood<br>For my good,<br>By His death to save me.                 |
| 3 | God gives me my days of gladness,<br>And I will<br>Trust Him still<br>When He sends me sadness.<br>God is good; His love attends me<br>Day by day,  | 5 | Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,<br>Though it might,<br>Day and night,<br>Trouble and dismay me.<br>Christ has made my death a portal<br>From the strife<br>Of this life<br>To His joy immortal! |

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

## Service of the Word

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## First Reading

*Acts 11:1-18*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we

believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 148*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the | heavens;\*

praise him | in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his | angels;\*

praise him, | all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, | sun and moon;\*

praise him, all you | shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest | heavens;\*

and you waters above the | heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD!\*

For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and | ever;\*

he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth;\*

you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, | snow and mist;\*

stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and | all hills;\*

fruit trees and all | cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all | livestock;\*

creeping things and | flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all | peoples;\*

princes and all rulers | of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens to- | gether;\*

old men and | children!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is ex- | alted;\*

his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for | all his saints;\*

for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!

**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.

Epistle

*Revelation 21:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

*John 16:12-22*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

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| 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing<br>Praise to our victorious King,<br>Who has washed us in the tide<br>Flowing from His piercèd side.<br>Alleluia!                     | 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,<br>Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;<br>You have conquered in the fight,<br>You have brought us life and light.<br>Alleluia!     |
| 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine<br>Gives His sacred blood for wine,<br>Gives His body for the feast—<br>Christ the victim, Christ the priest.<br>Alleluia!            | 6 Now no more can death appall,<br>Now no more the grave enthrall;<br>You have opened paradise,<br>And Your saints in You shall rise.<br>Alleluia!                 |
| 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,<br>Death’s dread angel sheathes the<br>sword;<br>Israel’s hosts triumphant go<br>Through the wave that drowns the foe.<br>Alleluia! | 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!<br>This alone can sin destroy;<br>From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,<br>Newborn souls in You to be.<br>Alleluia!                   |
| 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was<br>shed,<br>Paschal victim, paschal bread;<br>With sincerity and love<br>Eat we manna from above.<br>Alleluia!                       | △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,<br>Savior, by whose death we live,<br>Spirit, guide through all our days:<br>Three in One, Your name we praise.<br>Alleluia! |

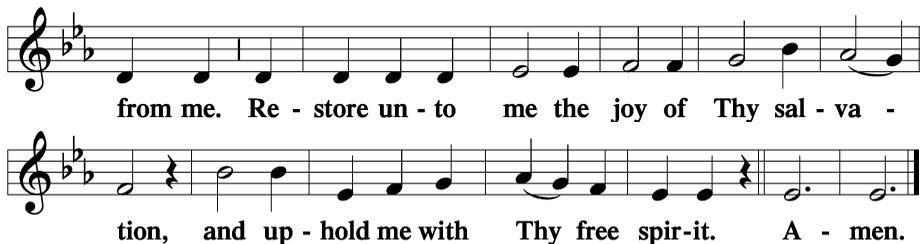
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## Sermon

### Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



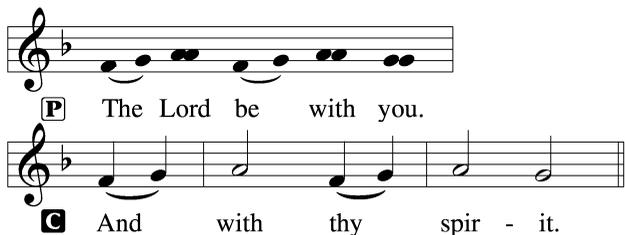
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

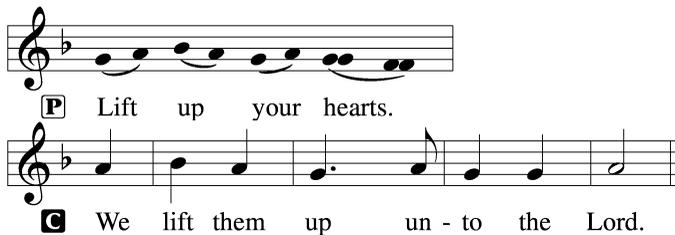
## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

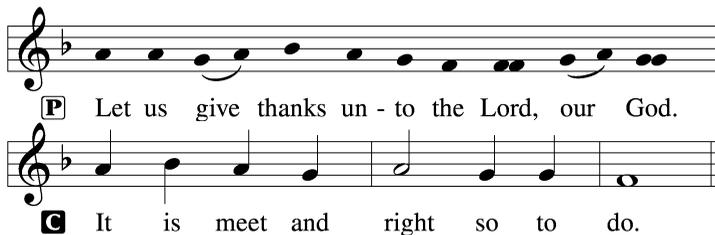
*LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



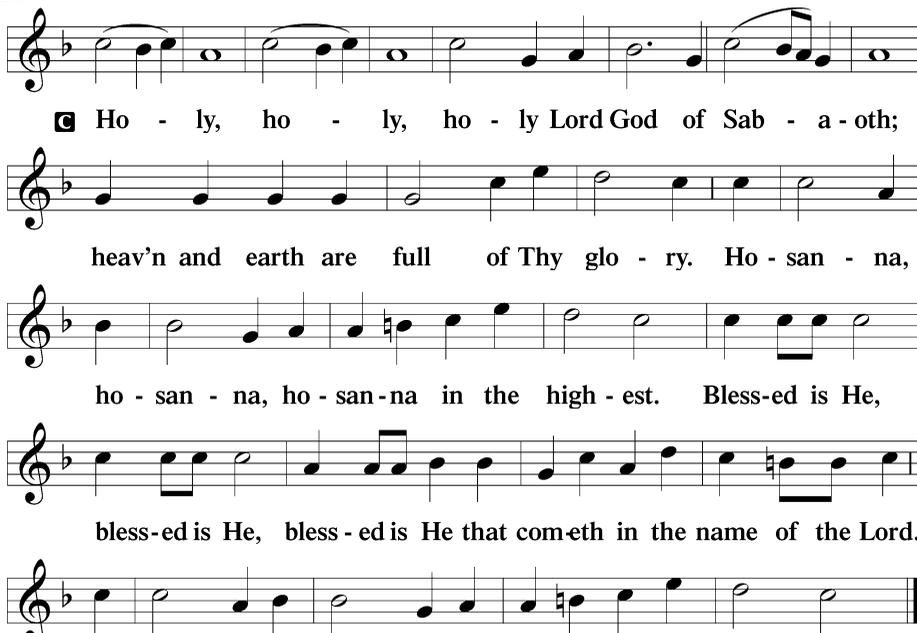
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored

to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**A** - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### Distribution Hymns:

#### “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

LSB 673

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,  
O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found,  
No grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks  
Continually are green;  
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs  
As nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit  
And evermore do spring;  
There evermore the angels dwell  
And evermore do sing.
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there  
Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare  
For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore  
With all Thy saints above.

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## **“Your Table I Approach”**

**LSB 628**

- 1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## “By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566

1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,

Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

**G** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: “Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672

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| 1 Jerusalem the golden,<br>With milk and honey blest—<br>The promise of salvation,<br>The place of peace and rest—<br>We know not, oh, we know not<br>What joys await us there:<br>The radiancy of glory,<br>The bliss beyond compare!                     | 3 Around the throne of David,<br>The saints, from care released,<br>Raise loud their songs of triumph<br>To celebrate the feast.<br>They sing to Christ their leader,<br>Who conquered in the fight,<br>Who won for them forever<br>Their gleaming robes of white. |
| 2 Within those walls of Zion<br>Sounds forth the joyful song,<br>As saints join with the angels<br>And all the martyr throng.<br>The Prince is ever with them;<br>The daylight is serene;<br>The city of the blessèd<br>Shines bright with glorious sheen. | △ 4 O sweet and blessèd country,<br>The home of God’s elect!<br>O sweet and blessèd country<br>That faithful hearts expect!<br>In mercy, Jesus, bring us<br>To that eternal rest<br>With You and God the Father<br>And Spirit, ever blest.                         |

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