

THE DIVINE SERVICE

September 20, 2009

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will come. Jesus taught us that if our brother has something against us, we ought to go and be reconciled to him before we do anything else in gathered worship. Please do that without delay if necessary.

In Preparation



PRELUDE

Garrett Martin

Nocturne in E-flat Major – Frederick Chopin

Prelude on SCOTT – Mary McDonald

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”
But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

❖ Congregation stands as able

⦿ Arriving worshippers may be seated

The Service of Entrance



CHORAL INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts – Camille Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, come and adore him,
Praise the holy Trinity, blessed forever.
Sing, oh ye heavens, on earth be ye joyful
In his presence, the Lord who cometh. Alleluia.

❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION



Te Deum, c. 4th cent.

L. R. Payton, 1998



1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



all on earth your scep-ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
proph-ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
while in es - sence on - ly One, un - div - id - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do-main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac-cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
and from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

Minister: Bless the LORD O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

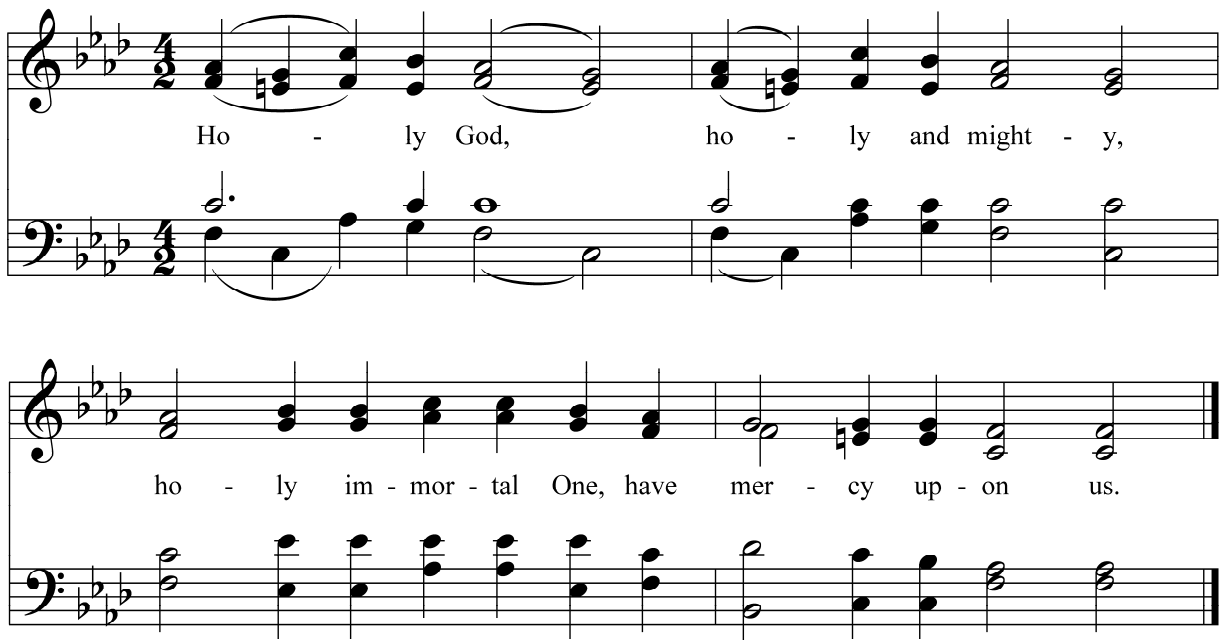
Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN



Trisagion Alexander Archangelsky, 1846-1924



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Minister: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God –

People: **Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

❖ **Minister:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

❖ GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE



Gloria in Excelsis

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 1539

All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion; in grace and
truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to
men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.

Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645-1732

Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629-1701

Choir: 1. What is the world to me with all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
All: 1. What is the world to me with all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2. The world seeks to be praised and hon - ored by the might - y
3. The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mam - mon of - fers
4. What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

when you, and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus are my trea - sure!
when you, and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus are my trea - sure!
yet nev - er once re - flects that they are frail and flight - y.
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize a - bove all things is he,
I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be:
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus, he a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

The Service of the Word



THE PSALTER

Psalm 63



Minister: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
People: **my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your lovingkindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.
May those who seek my life to destroy it
go down into the depths of the earth;
Let them fall upon the edge of the sword,
and let them be food for jackals.
But the king will rejoice in God;
all those who swear by him will be glad;
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

James 3:13—4:10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Ubi Caritas – Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor,
Where charity and love,

Where there is charity and love,

Deus ibi est
God there is.

God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor
Has gathered us into one of Christ love.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Let us rejoice and in it be glad.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Let us fear and love God living.

Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
And from heart let us love us sincere.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

☉ INTERLUDE

At this time, please sign and pass the red pads down the row.

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Dan Allen

Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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❖ THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 1:17—2:10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. D. P. Cassidy

Desperate Prayer

Jonah 1:17—2:10

(A sermon outline is available at the back of the bulletin.)

^{1:17}And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ^{2:1}Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, ²saying,

“I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

³For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.

⁴Then I said, ‘I am driven away
from your sight;
Yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.’

⁵The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head

⁶at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O LORD my God.

⁷When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

⁸Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

⁹But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

¹⁰And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land. (ESV)

The Biblical significance of eating in God's presence can be noted from the Garden of Eden in Genesis to the Garden-City in Revelation. The Lord Jesus instituted the New Covenant at a meal – the meal – as he broke bread and shared the cup with his disciples. The Church has always repeated this meal as Christ and his Apostles command, the culmination of worship in God's presence and a bold proclamation of Christ's death until he comes. We invite all baptized Christians to come to this table, his table, and to rejoice with us in God's grace given to us in Christ. If you recognize yourself as a repentant and believing sinner, trusting in Christ's shed blood for the forgiveness of your sins, then come. Baptized children are admitted to the Table upon an age-appropriate profession of faith in Christ. Let us draw near, then, with thankful and reverent hearts and receive by faith the body and blood of Christ, a true nourishment for our souls. If you have any question about whether or not you should receive communion, please ask one of our elders.

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you!**
Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

SONG OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Psalm 130

Martin Luther, 1523

Martin Luther, 1524



1. From depths of woe I cry to thee, the voice of lam - en - ta - tion;
2. *To wash a - way the crim - son stain,* grace, grace a - lone a - vail - eth;
3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own mer - it;
4. *What though I wait the live - long night,* and till the dawn ap - pear - eth,
5. Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more a - bound - eth;



Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion:
our works, a - las! are all in vain; in much the best life fail - eth:
on him my soul shall rest, his Word up - holds my faint - ing spir - it:
my heart still trust - eth in his might; it doubt - eth not nor fear - eth:
his help - ing love no lim - it knows, our ut - most need it sound - eth.



if thou in - iq - ui - ties dost mark,
no man can glo - ry in thy sight,
his prom - ised mer - cy is my fort,
do thus, O ye of Is - rael's seed,
Our Shep - herd good and true is he,



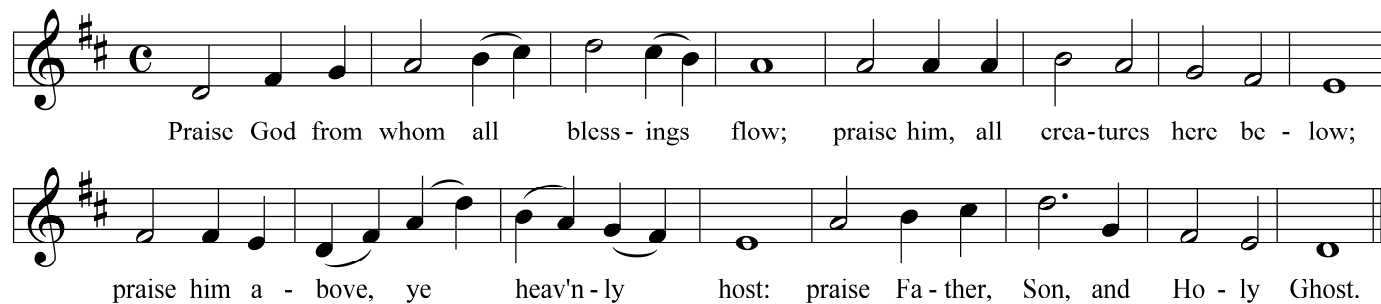
our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore thee?
all must a - like con - fess thy might, and live a - lone by mer - cy.
my com - fort, and my sweet sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience.
ye of the Spir - it born in - deed; and wait till God ap - pear - eth.
who will at last his Is - rael free from all their sin and sor - row.

- ❖ **Minister:** Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken, 1709

John C. Hatton, d. 1793



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;
 praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Our Holy and Triune God, for your glory and the advancement of your kingdom, with grateful, joyous, and faithful hearts we present to you these tithes and offerings, together with all that we are. Multiply these gifts and increase their usefulness; magnify your name and purposes in their distribution; continually increase in us the joy of honoring you so; and now set your blessing upon us all, supplying our every need according to your riches and glory in Christ Jesus, in whose mighty name we pray.

People: Amen.

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

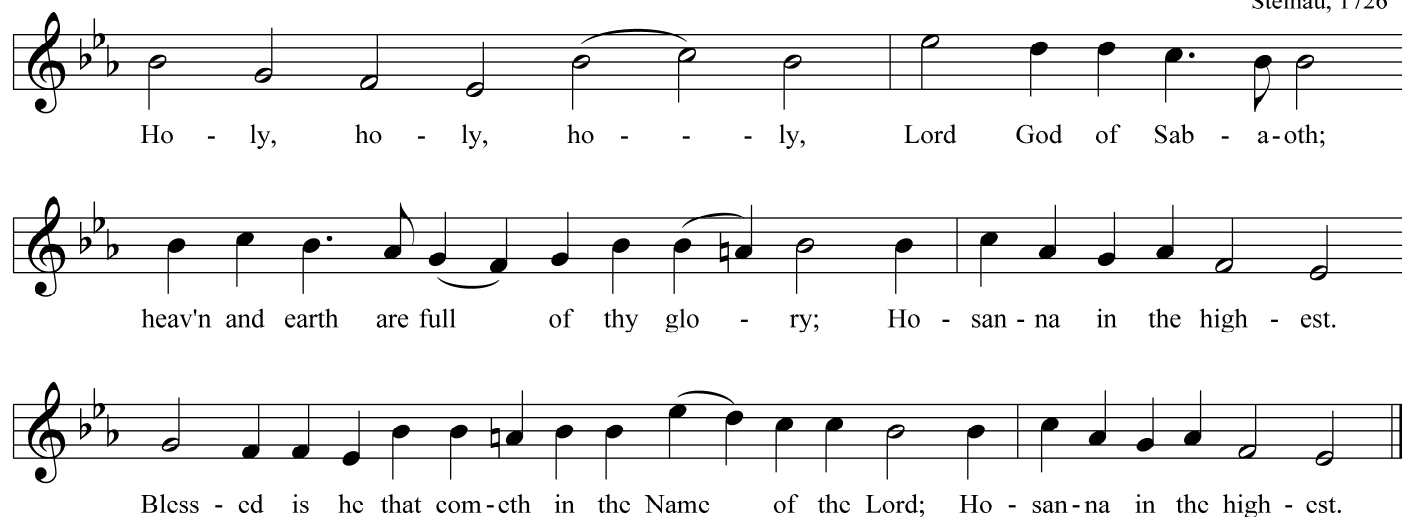
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Steinau, 1726



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 in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

❖ Congregation stands as able

⊙ Arriving worshippers may be seated

The center cup and inner circle contain grape juice and the outer circles contain wine. Our elders strongly encourage everyone to take the wine. The juice is available for those who cannot drink the wine in faith (Romans 14:23). Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION HYMN (as the bread is served)

Martin Luther, 1524

Johann Walther, 1524



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es giv - en;
 2. *No son of man could con - quer death, such mis - chief sin had wrought us,*
 3. But Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly Son, to our low state de - scend - ed,
 4. *It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;*
 5. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en;
for in - no - cence dwelt not on earth, and there - fore death had brought us
 the cause of death he has un - done, his pow'r for - ev - er end - ed,
the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;
 he died on the ac - curs - ed tree— So strong his love— to save us.



there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right
in - to thrall - dom from of old and ev - er grew more
 ru - ined all his right and claim and left him noth - ing
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it, death



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!
strong and bold and kept us in his bond - age. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 but the name, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
up by death, its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!

6. So let us keep the festival whereto the Lord invites us;
 Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
 By his grace he doth impart, eternal sunshine to the heart;
 The night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!
7. Then let us feast this joyful day on Christ, the Bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace hath purged away the old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed, he is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah!

AGNUS DEI

Minister: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

People: Amen!

COMMUNION HYMN *(as the cup is served)*

Christian F. Gellert, 1757

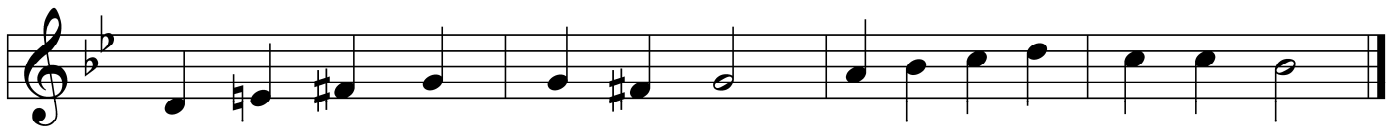
Johann Crüger, 1653



1. Je-sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
2. Je-sus lives and reigns su - preme; and, his king-dom still re - main - ing.
3. Je-sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,
4. Je-sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence - forth for - ev - er.



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
God has pro - mised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Christian F. Gellert, 1757

Johann Crüger, 1653



Je - sus lives and now is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;



this shall calm my tremb - ling breath when I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence.