Laetare: Lent IV
30 March A+D 2025

"Laetare" is from the Latin language. In English it means "Rejoice Ye."
These are the beginning words of the Introit in Latin this week.
The color for Laetare Sunday is rose as we pause halfway through Lent to rejoice.
During the season of Lent we omit the "Gloria in Excelsis" and Alleluias.

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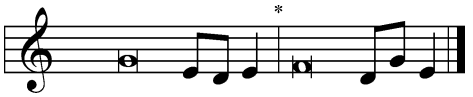
Prelude: "Jesu Meine Freude" - Partita II - Johann Walther

Hymn of Invocation: 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: p. 268

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit *Psalm 122:1; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10-11a*



Rejoice ye with Je- | rusalem*
and be glad with her, all ye who | love her.
Rejoice for joy, all ye that have been | sorrowful:*
that ye may rejoice and be satisfied with the breasts of her consol- | ations.
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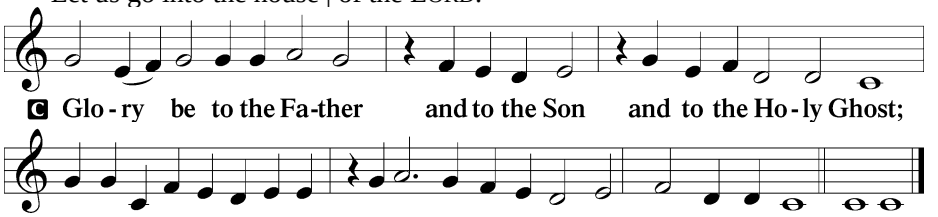

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Kyrie *p. 186*
Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent
Salutation *p. 189*
Collect of the Day

℗ Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who for our evil deeds are worthily punished: by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Propechy *Exodus 16:2-21*

In those days: The whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law

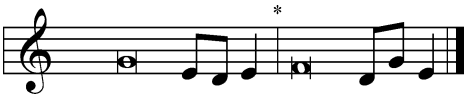
or not. And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?" Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.' " Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' " So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children 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, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.' " Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need. And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning." Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7



I was glad when they said | unto me,*
"Let us go into the house | of the LORD."
Peace be with- | in thy walls,*
and prosperity within thy | palaces.

Epistle

Galatians 4:22—5:1a

Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in

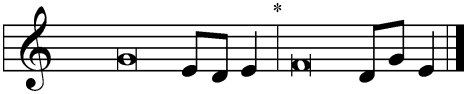
Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband." Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free, in the liberty by which Christ has made us free.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Tract

Psalm 125:1–2

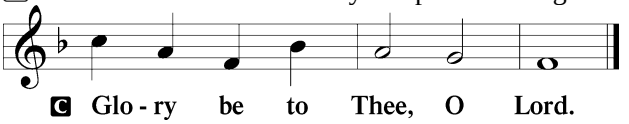


They that trust in the LORD, shall be as Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be removed, but abideth for | ever.
As the mountains are round about Je- | rusalem,*
so the LORD is round about His people from henceforth, even for | ever.*

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

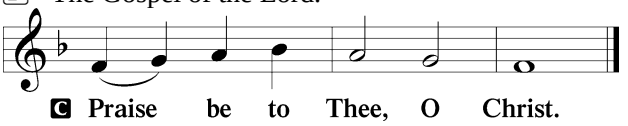
P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.



At that time: Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said,

"This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Sermon

Offering Voluntary: "Jesu Meine Freude" - Partita VII - Johann Walther

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

Proper Preface

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Distribution Hymns:
LSB 642 O Living Bread from Heaven /
LSB 737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing /
TLH 520 Commit Whatever Grieves Thee (Printed)

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Ps. 37 : 5
Befiehl du deine Wege
Paul Gerhardt, 1656
Tr., composite

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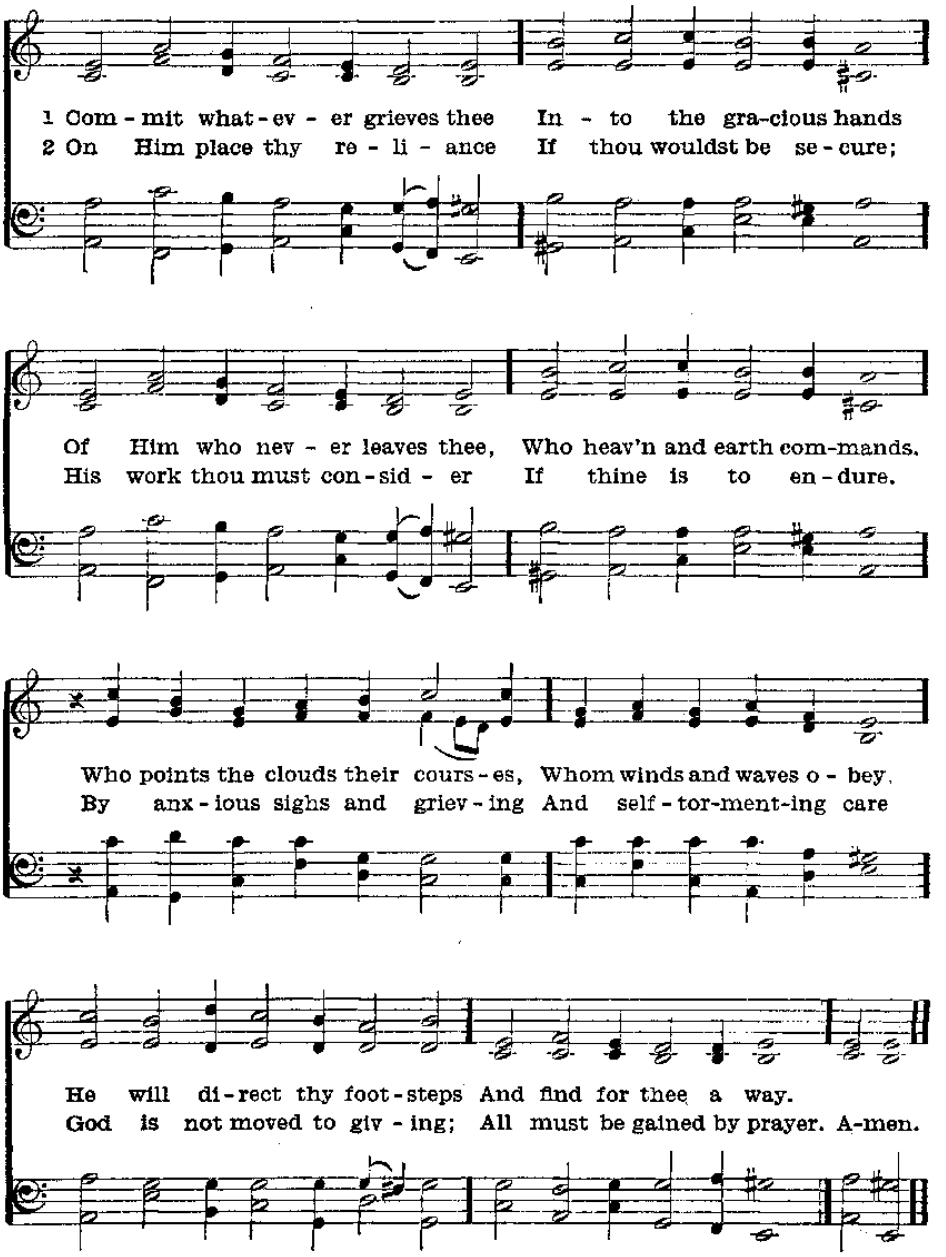
Herzlich tut mich
Hans L. Hassler, 1601



3 Thy truth and grace, O Father,
Most surely see and know
Both what is good and evil
For mortal man below.
According to Thy counsel
Thou wilt Thy work pursue;
And what Thy wisdom chooseth
Thy might will always do.

4 Thy hand is never shortened,
All things must serve Thy might;
Thine every act is blessing,
Thy path is purest light.
Thy work no man can hinder,
Thy purpose none can stay,
Since Thou to bless Thy children
Wilt always find a way.

5 Though all the powers of evil
The will of God oppose,
His purpose will not falter,
His pleasure onward goes.
Whate'er God's will resolveth,
Whatever He intends,
Will always be accomplished
True to His aims and ends.

6 The hope, my feeble spirit,
And be thou undismayed;
God helps in every trial
And makes thee unafraid.
Await His time with patience,
Then shall thine eyes behold
The sun of joy and gladness
His brightest beams unfold.

7 Arise, my soul, and banish
Thy anguish and thy care.
Away with thoughts that sadden
And heart and mind ensnare!
Thou art not lord and master
Of thine own destiny;
Enthroned in highest heaven,
God rules in equity.

8 Leave all to His direction;
In wisdom He doth reign,
And in a way most wondrous
His course He will maintain.
Soon He, His promise keeping,
With wonder-working skill
Shall put away the sorrows
That now thy spirit fill.

9 A while His consolation
He may to thee deny,
And seem as though in trial
He far from thee would fly;
A while distress and anguish
May compass thee around,
Nor to thy supplication
An answering voice be found.

10 But if thou perseverest,
Thou shalt deliverance find.
Behold, all unexpected
He will thy soul unbind
And from the heavy burden
Thy heart will soon set free;
And thou wilt see the blessing
He had in mind for thee.

11 O faithful child of heaven,
How blessed shalt thou be!
With songs of thanksgiving
A crown awaiteth thee.
Into thy hand thy Maker
Will give the victor's palm,
And thou to thy Deliverer
Shalt sing a joyous psalm.

12 Give, Lord, this consummation
To all our heart's distress;
Our hands, our feet, e'er strengthen,
In death our spirits bless.
Thy truth and Thy protection
Grant evermore, we pray,
And in celestial glory
Shall end our destined way. **A-men.**

Distribution Hymn: LSB 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy /
LSB 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Postlude: "Jesu Meine Freude" - Partita X - Johann Walther

Looking forward to Lenten Midweek Vespers IV
Lessons: Psalm 132:8-18, Isaiah 1:16-19, John 9:1-38
Hymns: 440-451-889

Looking Forward to next Sunday (Judica)
Lessons: Genesis 22:1-19, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 8:46-59a
Hymns: 448-439-455-421/420/430/440/625-422

Holy Week Services Starting April 13th
Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30am w/First Communion,
Holy Monday 6:30pm, Holy Tuesday 6:30pm, Holy Wednesday 6:30pm
Maundy Thursday Divine Service 6:30pm,
Good Friday Chief Service 1:00pm & Tenebrae Vespers 7:00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7:40pm (sunset), Easter Sunday 7:00am & 10:00am

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our ***Welcome Center*** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.

Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"*Repetitio est mater studiorum*: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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