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Hymns: 905, 867, 965, 809, 628, 643, 832; Liturgy: 192, 195, 198, 199



Today is the 248th anniversary of our declaration of freedom from Great Britain. Just as in the exodus, the people who fought for freedom were scared. There were times, like Valley Forge, when the situation looked hopeless, just like the situation looked hopeless when Jesus lay in the tomb for three days. However, Jesus was raised from the dead and offers us freedom—not from a mortal enemy but our worst enemies: sin, death, and the devil himself. May we rejoice every day in the freedom He gives us in Holy Baptism.

905 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, You have blessed us with a free land, having rights and privileges others dream about. We live in a land where liberty is given to us. With freedom also comes temptation to misuse our freedom.
- C** Forgive us, Lord, for misusing freedom in selfish ways. Keep us from squandering the precious opportunities You have given to us by the many freedoms we have.
- P** For these sins and all sins, sins of thought, word, and deed; by what we have done or failed to do,
- C** we stand before You now, asking Your forgiveness, and for the help of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

- P** Hear the Good News! God has heard your confession. He has called me, a called and ordained servant of our King, to deliver this message to you: your sins are forgiven because of the cross of Christ. Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen! Thank You, Lord, for forgiving me. Help me, by the aid of Your Holy Spirit, to relish the freedoms You have given us as Christians and as a country.

Introit *Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3*

- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C let all the peoples praise You!
P May God be gracious to us and bless us
C and make His face to shine upon us,
P that Your way may be known on earth,
C Your saving power among all nations.
P Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C let all the peoples praise You!
P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
P Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C let all the peoples praise You!
P The earth has yielded its increase;
C God, our God, shall bless us.
P God shall bless us;
C let all the ends of the earth fear Him! 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.
P Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C let all the peoples praise You!

867 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
 2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -

formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions
 God's own Word, To place in Him their
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er

days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism, You give us freedom in and though the cross of Jesus. Although our sins were like crimson, You make them white as snow. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on our lives, that we may live a life dead to sin but alive and free in Christ; through one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forevermore.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 12:10-28*

¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. ¹⁵Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. ¹⁷And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. ¹⁸In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. ²⁰You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

²¹Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' ²⁷you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

²⁸Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Romans 6:1-11*

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse *Galatians 5:1*

P Alleluia. For freedom Christ has set us free;

C stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 8:31-36*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Sermon

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.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Your death on the cross has set us free from our worst enemies—sin, death, and the devil. In Holy Baptism, You made us Your own, and gave us not only the forgiveness of sins but also Your Holy Spirit. Help us live in that freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Almighty God, You have given us a great gift in the freedom we have as a country and as individuals. Grant that we always use our freedom to advance Your kingdom, and never to bring harm to anyone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Father in heaven, as we celebrate our independence on this day, grant that we might find joy in the barbeques, the gatherings, and the fireworks. As we enjoy these things, grant that we have a bigger picture of freedom in mind—freedom in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** While we celebrate our national freedom today, there are those who are not free because of their faith in You. They are imprisoned, beaten, tortured, and some will die for Your name. Give them strength by Your Holy Spirit to remain faithful unto death and receive the crown of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** We also lift up those not free today because of illness... According to Your gracious will, release them from illness, pain, and suffering, using doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles if it be Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** We also remember those who are not free: the marginalized, the poor, those addicted to drugs, the homeless, and those suffering from fear. Show compassion to them and help them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** We are called by Your Word to remember our leaders. We remember those who lead our nation: our president, our Congress, those who lead at the state and even local levels. Give them wisdom to govern this great land that we might always be free. We also ask that You would give every leader in authority in our world a desire for peace and not war. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** We lift these and the petitions of our hearts up to You, gracious Father, knowing that You will both hear and answer us. We pray in the name of Jesus, who set us free to be Your people; who with You and the Holy Spirit reigns, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Offering

Offertory *LSB 192*

C 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.

Preface & Proper Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the universe, for You give us not only bread and wine to eat and drink but Your Son’s true body and blood. In it, we taste forgiveness, life, and freedom from sin, death, and hell itself. With joyful hearts, we join with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven, praising You and singing:

Sanctus *LSB 195*

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

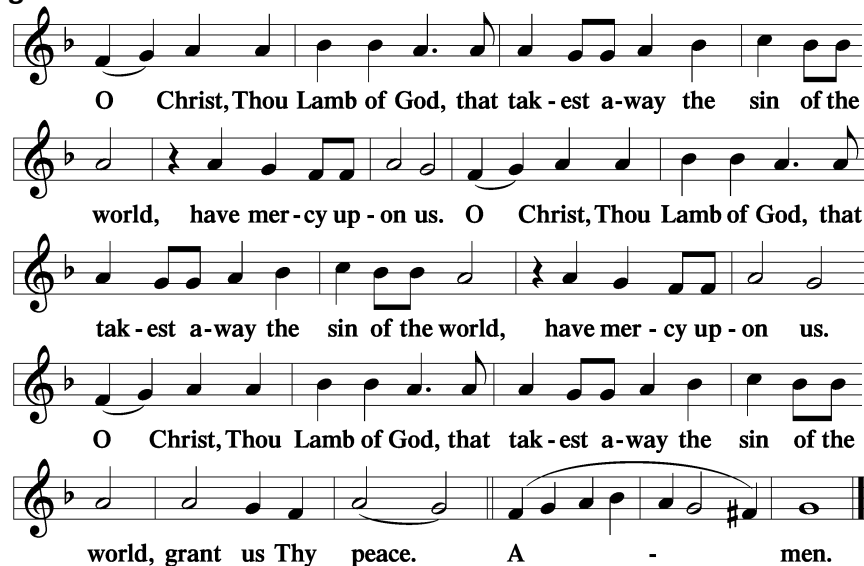
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther;
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,
There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove
Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;
Thou chang-est not: Thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,
As Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.
To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!
Refrain
Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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628 Your Table I Approach

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;

Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly 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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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,
The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.
The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,
The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
 Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.
 His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing
 To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving & Benediction

- P** Let us pray... Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us a taste of freedom in Your true body and blood. As we celebrate our country's freedom today, keep us always mindful of the greatest freedom of all You have given us, namely the forgiveness of sins. Grant that we always remember in Baptism we have become Your own people, free to worship and serve You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- G** Amen.

832 Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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