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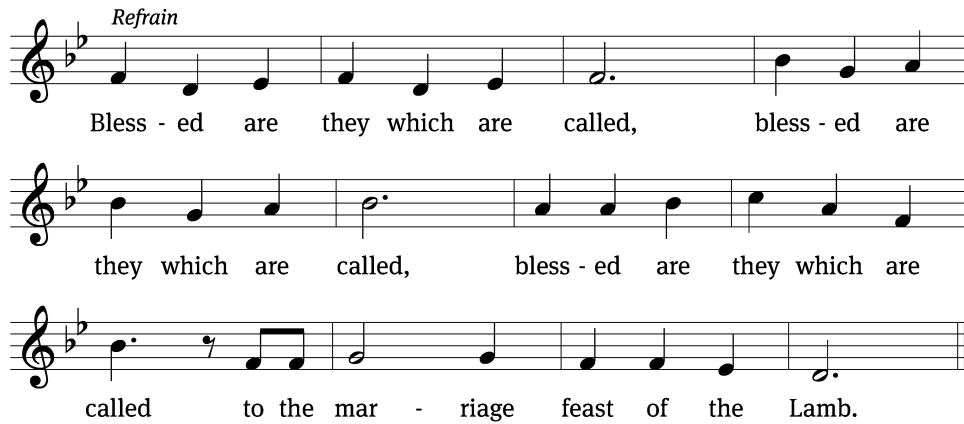
THE SERVICE – SETTING ONE with Communion

THREAD: *The resurrection produces comfort for the dying.*

Hymn: Blessed Are They

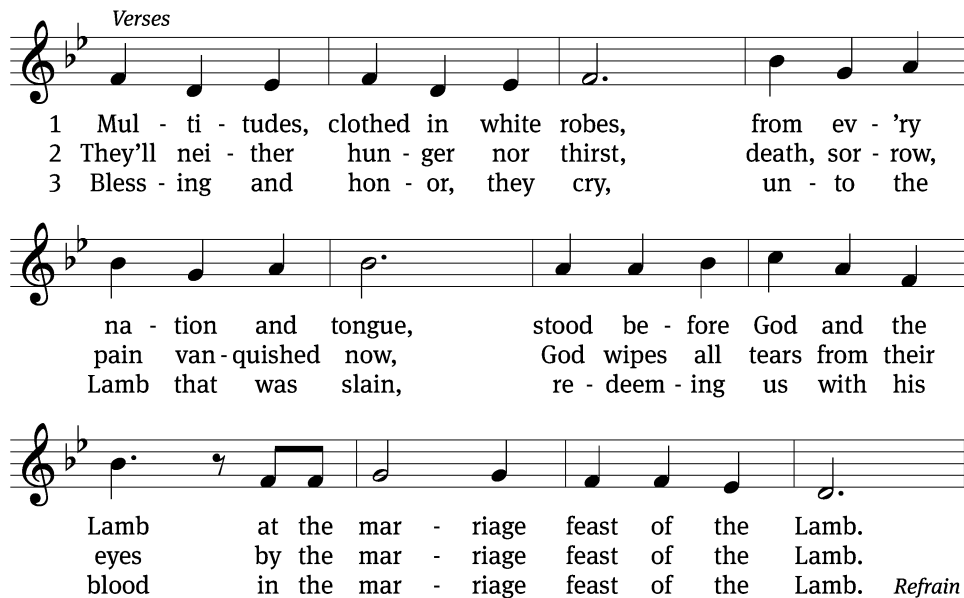
CW 886

Refrain



Bless - ed are they which are called, bless - ed are
they which are called, bless - ed are they which are
called to the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

Verses



1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes, from ev - 'ry
2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst, death, sor - row,
3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry, un - to the
na - tion and tongue, stood be - fore God and the
pain van - quished now, God wipes all tears from their
Lamb that was slain, re - deem - ing us with his
Lamb at the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.
eyes by the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.
blood in the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*

4 **Servant, saint, martyr at rest,
sanctified, ransomed, restored,
thund'rously sing a new song
of the marriage feast of the Lamb. (v. 5)**

5 **Worthy are you, Lamb of God,
to receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen
for the marriage feast of the Lamb! (Refrain)**

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

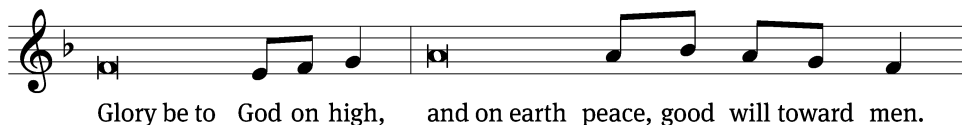
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God

CW 157





we give thanks to you, for your 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, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

God promises the exiles a new heaven and new earth even greater than the nation God established on earth. As God's people live in sorrow and suffering while they wait for Jesus' return, they are tempted to settle for a future far inferior to the one God has promised. While we wait and watch for Jesus' return, God raises our expectations and increases our hope.

¹⁷“See, I will create
 new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

¹⁹I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰“Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.

²¹They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.

²³They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent’s food.

They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

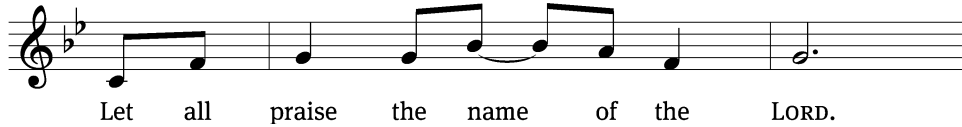
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Let All Praise the Name of the LORD

Psalm 148A

Refrain



Tone



Praise the LORD from the / heavens;
praise him in the / heights above.
Praise him, all his / angels;
praise him, all his / heav'nly hosts.
Praise him, / sun and moon;
praise him, all you / shining stars. *Refrain*

Praise the LORD / from the earth,
lightning and hail, / snow and clouds,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all / cedars,
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and / flying birds,
kings of the earth and all / nations,
young men and women, old men and / children.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Revelation 22:1–5

John's inspired vision of the new heaven and new earth focuses on the perfection of paradise. Sin will cease to exist and death will be no more. Eden is restored. Man will see God face to face. Our future will be so bright that the sun will not be needed.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 20:38

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is not the God of the dead, but of the living,

for to him all are alive.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees were adversaries of the Pharisees; they rejected the oral traditions of the rabbis in favor of the written law of Moses. They did not believe in the resurrection (taught by Jesus and Moses). Their world view was a materialistic one. The Sadducees used the perception of an afterlife to challenge Jesus. The good news of the resurrection is a huge part of the hope to which we cling.

²⁷Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸“Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰The second ³¹and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³²Finally, the woman died too. ³³Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

³⁴Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: What Joy to Join the Chorus

CW 882



1 What joy to join the cho - rus, to look in Je - sus' eyes,
2 What love will then be shown us when we with them ap - pear!
3 There love - ly harps are sound - ing, up - rais - ing mu - sic's voice,
4 There God shall from all e - vil for - ev - er make us free,



whose blood and suf - f'ring for us have o - pened par - a - dise,
They will not blush to own us as broth - ers, sis - ters dear.
and there, in bliss a - bound - ing, we shall in God re - joice.
from sin and from the dev - il, from all ad - ver - si - ty,



where pa - tri - archs are sing - ing and proph - ets raise the cry,
We all shall come be - fore him who for us man be - came,
The an - gels shall a - dore him, all saints shall bring him praise,
from sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, from trou - bles, cares, and fears,



a - pos - tles, mar - tyrs bring - ing all praise to God Most High!
as Lord and God a - dore him, and ev - er bless his name.
and sing their hymns be - fore him for joy - ful, end - less days.
and grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness and wipe a - way our tears.

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Sermon

Luke 20:27-38

Eagerly Anticipate the Real Heaven

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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture.

Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith.

Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

... Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:*

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THE SACRAMENT

Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his

name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

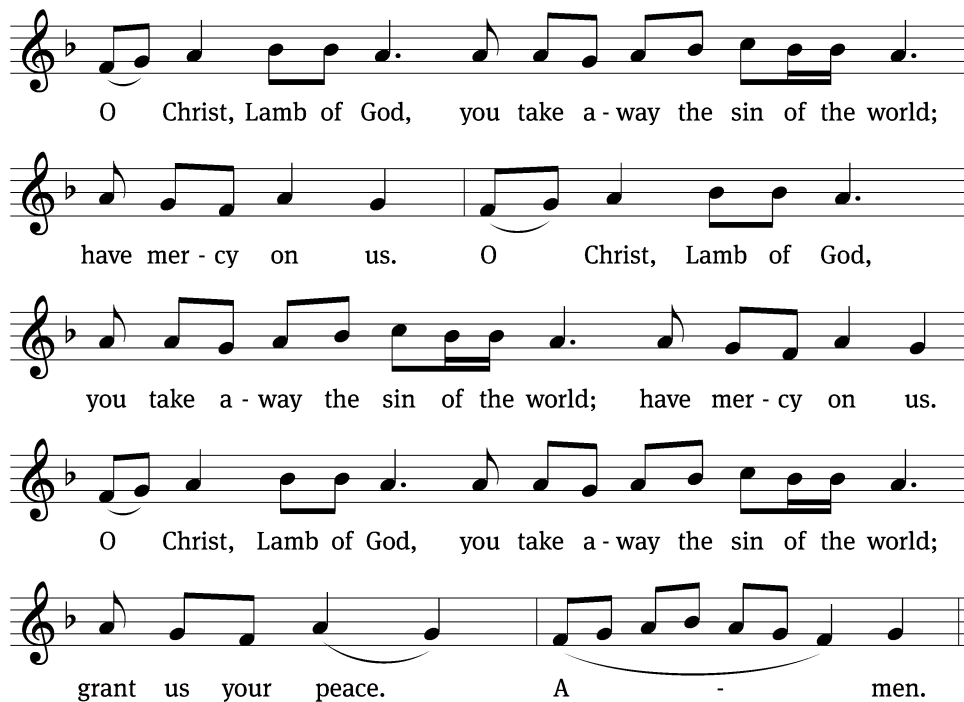
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

Distribution

As he distributes the elements, the minister says to the communicants:

Take and eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, poured out for the forgiveness of your sins.

As he dismisses the communicants, the minister says:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CW 670



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and
 2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and
 3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in
 4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -
 drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your
 sin's ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don
 poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 my be - hav - ior; my faith - ful Shep - herd you re - main.
 sin - ning nev - er may see your judg - ment take its toll!



Refrain

Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

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| <p>5 Your holy heart has one obsession,
 one blessèd thing it burns to do—
 to cleanse the sinner from transgression;
 so I, a sinner, come to you. (Ref)</p> <p>6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,
 by all this weight of sin oppressed!
 Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me
 and feed me as your grateful guest. (Ref)</p> <p>7 Within me, Lord, your vision traces
 a heart of deep humility
 that mourns its sin and yet embraces
 the merit you have earned for me. (Ref)</p> | <p>8 By faith I call your holy table
 the testament of your deep love,
 for by your gift I now am able
 to know the heart of God above. (Ref)</p> <p>9 This meal with blessing is abounding:
 to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
 to angels joy, to hell confounding,
 and life for me in death's dark hour. (Ref)</p> <p>10 My heart has now become your dwelling,
 O blessèd, holy Trinity.
 With angels I, your praises telling,
 shall live in joy eternally. (Ref)</p> |
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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day - light is se - rene;



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.



to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest
To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,



a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.
the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

Silent Prayer – Announcements

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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