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When the Sadducees try to flummox Jesus with a technical question, he responds by humanizing and placing divine value upon each character in the Sadducees' hypothetical scenario. Jesus' response is about resurrection and about naming people as children of God and of light. The answer Jesus gives the Sadducees is about God, whose presence means life. This is about God's promise of resurrection in the face of death, and about life in the face of and despite death.

Like Job, who was surrounded by the remnants of his lost life and still proclaimed hope, Jesus is in the midst of palpable tension that very soon will lead him to his own death, and yet he proclaims life. The author of this hope is God, whose very naming of a person brings that one to life. These texts proclaim hope in the face of hopelessness and urge us to do the same.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,
let us turn again to God,
confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we come before you as your beloved, yet broken ones.
We confess we have not always treated others
as we would want them to treat us.
We have not always called out injustice and abuse.
We have not always cared for the world
with a concern for the future.
Remind us of who we are,
beloved children bathed in your love.

**Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,
bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.**

At every moment,
you are wrapped in a blanket of mercy by the love of God.
Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:
for you are + entirely forgiven
and freed to live boldly for the healing of the world.
Amen.

Gathering Song: "O Day Full of Grace"

No. 627

Greeting and Kyrie

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

For peace in our world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord,

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord.

Christe eleison. Christ have mercy.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for peace in our land;
that your peace may heal all wounds,
Let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.

Hymn of Praise: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

No. 619

I know that my Redeemer lives!	He lives triumphant from the grave;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!	he lives eternally to save;
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;	he lives exalted, throned above;
He lives, my ever-living head!	he lives to rule his church in love.

Prayer for the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 17:1-9

¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise against them.
⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
⁹ **from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

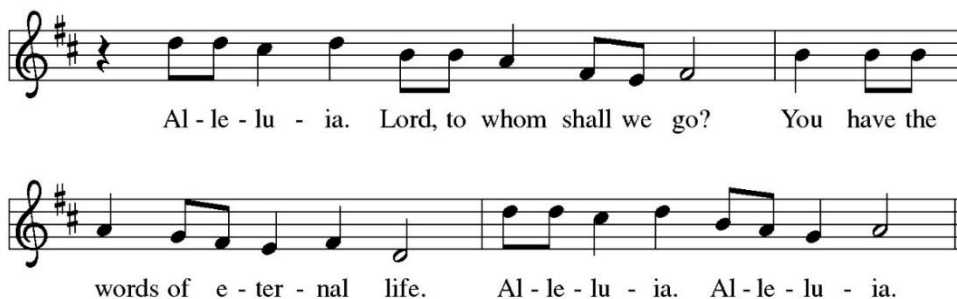
¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

No. 339

Apostles’ Creed

Reborn by God’s grace in baptism,
we confess the faith in which we were baptized.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Inspire us to steward the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Help us to nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body (*especially*). May we provide comfort in your name to those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for Bishop Kevin Shock, for pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

We share a sign of peace with others.

Offering Song: "Shall We Gather at the River"

No. 423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

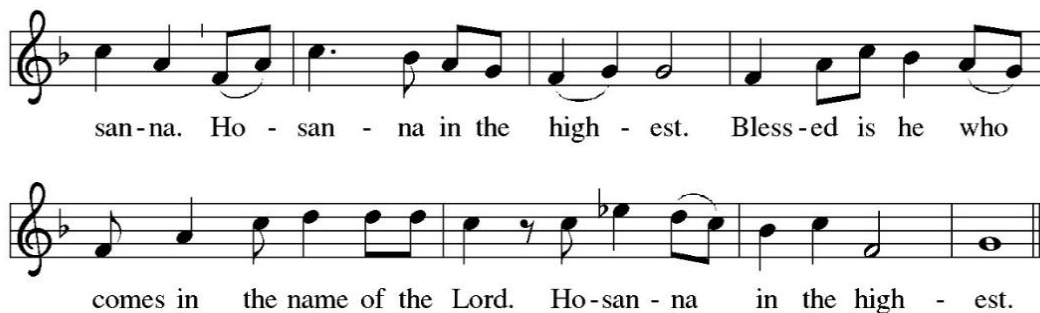
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with...and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



Thanksgiving at the Table

It was you who chose us as the first fruits for salvation
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the first of your wonderful deeds
you created the heavens and earth, sea and land,
and every age proclaims your love and justice.
When your people faced ruin and discouragement,
your prophets spoke your word of promise
and the splendor of your worship was revived.

The Words of Institution

Through your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ,
your good news was proclaimed
and we were called from death to life.
When he was crucified by those who oppose you,
you raised him to new life and through him,
you are making us children of the resurrection
and sanctifying us by your Spirit
so that when he comes again
we might all be gathered together to him,
never to die again.

Send now your Holy Spirit
upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be the body and blood of him
who is the hope and salvation of the living and the dead.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us also
that we might know his presence in these gifts,
and through them be united in prayer and praise
with all those who have gone before us.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered now into one flock by the Holy Spirit,
we pray as Jesus taught us.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to Christ Jesus' meal of mercy.

Lamb of God



The musical notation for the 'Lamb of God' prayer is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff continues: 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes the phrase: 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a curved line, and 'us' is also underlined. The system ends with a double bar line.

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

Prayer after Communion

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✠
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: “In Thee Is Gladness”

No. 867

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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