

**World Day of Prayer**  
**March 7, 2025**  
**St. John Lutheran Church**



**A Time to Keep Silent**

# 855 For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
2 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, Who toiled with pot and pan  
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known  
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
While Mar - y sat in si - lence To hear the Word a - gain.  
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
Christ, keep our hearts at - ten - tive To truth that You de - clare,  
We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
And strength - en us for ser - vice When work be - comes our prayer.  
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

## Opening Versicles

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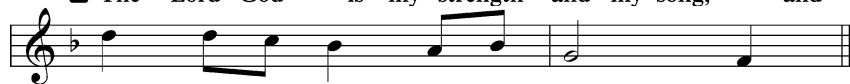
- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
  
- L** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
- L** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- C** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**
- L** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C** **He was bruised for our iniquities.**
  
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
  
- C** **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.**

# Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



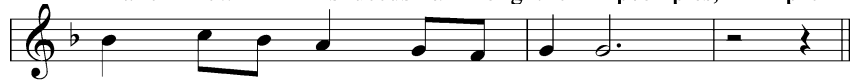
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



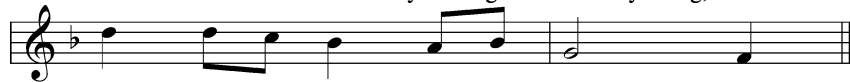
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sit

### First Reading

*Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8*

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;
- C** **from him comes my salvation.**
- P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
- C** **I shall not be greatly shaken.**
- P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
- C** **for my hope is from him.**
- P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
- C** **I shall not be shaken.**
- P** On God rests my salvation and my glory;
- C** **my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**
- P** Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;
- C** **God is a refuge for us.**

- G** **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** For God alone my soul waits in silence;
- G** **from him comes my salvation.**

## Second Reading

*Ecclesiastes 5:1–7*

<sup>1</sup> Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. <sup>2</sup> Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. <sup>3</sup>For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

<sup>4</sup>When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. <sup>5</sup>It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. <sup>6</sup>Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup>For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Third Reading

*Luke 10:38–42*

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

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**L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**G** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

- L** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

### 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.**

### 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.**

*Sit*

### 841 O Son of God, in Galilee

LSB 841

1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You  
 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of  
 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You  
 4 Mean - while to them, the lis - t'ning ear Of  
 5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each

made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the  
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on  
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
 stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring  
 loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.  
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.  
 light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.  
 un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

## Homily: A Time to Keep Silent

*Stand*

### Collect of the Day

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Prayer

- P** Let us pray.  
 Heavenly Father, Your beloved Son befriended frail humans like us to make us Your own. Teach us to be like Jesus' dear friends from Bethany, that we might serve Him faithfully like Martha, learn from Him earnestly like Mary, and ultimately be raised by Him like Lazarus. Through their Lord and ours, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Prayer

- C** Lord Jesus, in Your earthly ministry You were loved and served by devoted women, including Mary and Martha in whose home You enjoyed rest and refreshment. Give us grace to recognize and affirm the varied and singular gifts You bestow on women that Your kingdom may be extended, Your Church enriched, and Your people lovingly served to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# Blessing

## Benedicamus

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- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction


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- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## 771 Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord


LSB 771



1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For  
2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words Nor  
3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, Your  
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On



God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is  
pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God  
anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -  
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -



moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.  
un - der - stands The hun - ger of your heart.  
fore you ask And works for what is best.  
rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

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