



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **LiveStreaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ", please remember to send your
- Please join us **today** after service for a **Bible Study** led by Bill Kuschel titled **"Taking a closer look at Holy Week.**
- "Brother" or "Sister" a card in April with some encouraging words to brighten their day, and continue to pray for him/her.
- We have purchased a new **Convection oven** and are looking for donations to help cover cost. If interested, please note on your offering envelopes. Thank you
- **CAMP OMEGA is looking for Summer Counselors.** If you are 18 years old or older, enjoy being outdoors and love to work with kids and want to share the LOVE of Jesus Christ with them, then this job is for you!! Please reach out to Camp Omega, go online to fill out an application or contact the Church office for assistance.
-  **Easter Lilies and Tulip Sales:** If you wish to place a lily or tulip on the altar for Easter, in memory of a loved one, to the Glory of God, TODAY is the last day they will be sold after services at the back of Church or you can contact Kathy Flogstad at 835-3061. Lilies are \$15.00 and Tulips are \$15.00. Checks should be made out to Julie Poehler.

PALM SUNDAY

Opened: The Gates of Righteousness

April 2, 2023

AS WE GATHER

“Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD” (Psalm 118:19). Today’s psalm speaks of gates opening for the people of God to enter into His holy presence. These are not any old gates; these are the “gates of righteousness.” As the outstretched arms and nail-scarred hands of our Savior welcome us all to enter these gates, we walk by faith into the presence of the faithful Father who freely gives us His forgiveness. Palm Sunday is the “gate” of Holy Week. As we gather for worship, let us walk through this gate with Jesus, our King, remembering His suffering for our salvation, and receiving again the gifts of God that inspire in us our thanks and praise.

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 12:12–19* (The triumphal entry)

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord.

HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *Please Rise for the Hymn*

[LSB 442]

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

SONG: “The Holy City” Sung by The Men’s Choir and the Sunday School Students

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

Pastor: With humble hearts, let us pray together.

People: **Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**

Pastor: You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation.

People: **We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world.**

Pastor: It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross on Good Friday—

People: **to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Because of our King's mercy, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People: **"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT: *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

People: **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: **And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: **The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

People: **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

People: **As You open for us the gates of righteousness, enable us to follow our Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection.**

Pastor: We pray this in the name of Him who gives us Your righteousness: Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 50:4–9a*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those
who are taught.⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not
rebellious; I turned not backward.⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have
not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know
that I shall not be put to shame.⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who
will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will
declare me guilty?

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *Psalms 118:19–29*

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall
enter through it.**

Pastor: I thank You that You have answered me and have
become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.**

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us
rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

People: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

Pastor: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

People: **The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.**

Lector: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

People: **You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

EPISTLE: *Philippians 2:5–11*

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 12:20-26* (Some Greeks seek Jesus)

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be

glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED [Please rise]

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 again 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

HYMN: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

[LSB 543]

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 118:23*

Pastor: Because of the Spirit's intercession, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People: "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

Pastor: Confident in our Father's mercy... to the cross for our salvation. And so we pray:

People: **help us to trust in Him.**

...of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Because of the Father's faithfulness, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People: "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened the gates of righteousness to all who come to You in faith. 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: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

(p. 195 in hymnal)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, King of heaven and earth, for in opening to us the gates of righteousness You have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redeeming righteousness and perfect peace You have bestowed on us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to us now that

our hearts may be prepared to receive Your good gifts and remember our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven...

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ...

PAX DOMINI *Psalm 118:23*

Pastor: Because of our Savior's grace, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People: "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

(p. 198 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

[LSB 438]

"Jesus I Will Ponder Now"

[LSB 440]

"The Church's One Foundation"

[LSB 644]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may live securely as those who by grace have been declared righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26; Psalm 118:23*

Pastor: Because of Jesus' blessing, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People: **"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty"

[LSB 441]

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday April 3rd: 6pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday April 4th: 6pm Board of Ed, Elder's and Stewardship meet

Wednesday April 5th: NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

Thursday April 6th: 6pm Maundy Thursday service

Friday April 7th: 6pm Good Friday service

Sunday April 9th: 6:30 am Sunrise Service

Followed by Easter breakfast until 8:30am

9 am Divine Service

Monday April 10th: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday's April 12th and 19th: Last 2 classes for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation

Friday April 21st: 5p- 7p Hot Beef Commercial Drive Through hosted by Mission

Team

Sunday April 23rd: Confirmands read Affirmations of Faith

Wednesday April 26th: 29er's

Sunday April 30th: Confirmation Day

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Mary Frodl Williams, Ryan Jirlie, Queen Johnson Anderson who have been called home
- **Hospice:**
- **Hospitalized:** Margaret Schwarz
- **Surgery:** Judy Graper
- **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flagstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney,
- **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
- **Up Coming Surgeries:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Roger Rucker, Fern Seewald
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm) Randy Gehring (brother-in-law to Denise Duffy)
- **Chemotherapy Treatment:** Terry George (Fiancé of Linda Larson), Kirsten Tharp (sister to Denise Duffy)
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- **For the Itron employees.** May God guide them during this next year as the plant closes and people search for new jobs.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 2nd, 2023 – April 9th, 2023

Sunday (2nd): PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

Monday (3rd):

- 10:00 am Prayer Team
6:00 pm CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday (4th):

- 1:00 pm Quilters
5:30 pm Board of Education
6:00 pm Board of Elders
6:00 pm Board of Stewardship

Wednesday (5th):

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
NO CONFIRMATION
7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (6th):

- 6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Acolyte: Troy Ryan)

Friday (7th):

- 6:00 pm Good Friday Service (Acolyte: Wyatt Arndt)**

Sunday (9th): EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30am Sunrise Service w/ NO Communion**
Followed by Easter breakfast until 8:30 am
9:00 am Divine Service w/ NO Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: April 2nd, 2023:

ORGANIST: Matt Groskreutz

ACOLYTE: Josie Ross

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel (4/6: Cindy G. and 4/7 Kathy F.)

READER: Rhonda Christianson

NEXT WEEK: April 9th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Ton Bethke and Makayla Clark

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: 6:30am: Cindy Gilmore/**9am:??**

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on Sunday March 26th: 113 Fellowship hour: 13 Sunday School: 11

Wednesday March 22nd: 76 General Fund: \$ 419.00

March 26th: General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,052.00

Improvement Fund: (Oven) \$100.00 **Radio Broadcast:**

Other: \$417.00 Profession Church Workers (Jared R.)

\$ 83.25 Decorating Fund

Pastor Discretionary Fund:

*** Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00 ***

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
O r King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

- 2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. *Refrain*

- 3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. *Refrain*

- 4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

- 5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To
God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
"All this I gladly suffer."

- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
The fruit of Your salvation."

- 3 Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
I'll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree,
I'll do what You have asked Me."
O wondrous Love, what have You done!
The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave
Who built the earth's foundation.

4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see
And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought
To stand in joy beside You.

1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

2 Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.

- 4 Grant that I Your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?
- 5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;

With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

