

# **The Seventh Sunday of Easter &**

## **Celebration of the Ascension**

Saturday – May 15, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – May 16, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed

10:30 am. Bible Study Hour

**“Christ is Risen; Christ Has Ascended;  
Christ Will Come Again”**



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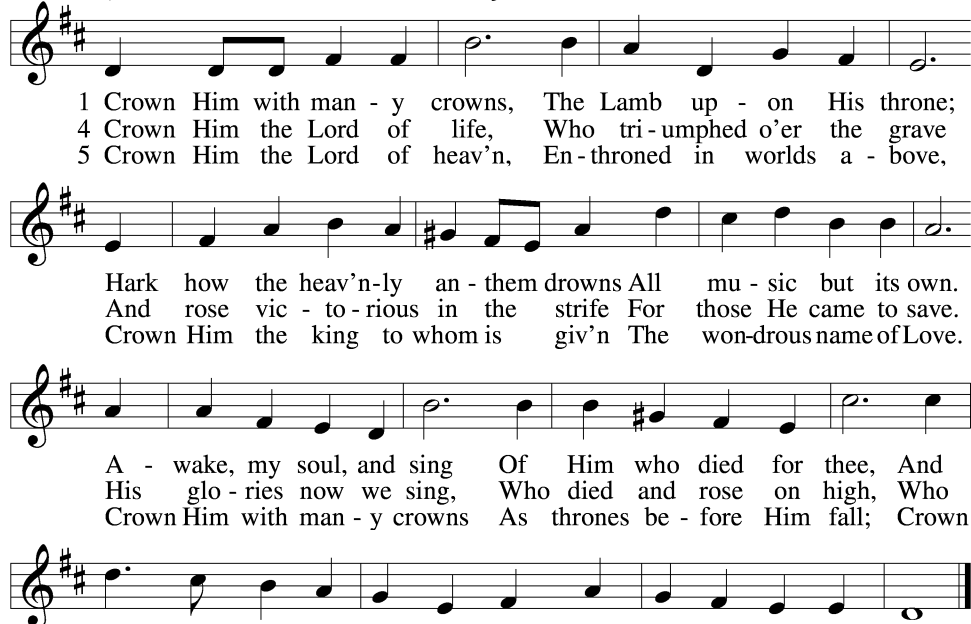


# † Call to Worship †

## Responses

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
**P** Alleluia! Christ has ascended!  
**C** **He is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty! Alleluia!**  
**P** Alleluia! Christ will come again!  
**C** **He will come to judge the living and the dead! Alleluia!**  
**P** To Jesus the Savior, the Alpha and the Omega, the Firstborn from the dead, who is and who was, and who is to come, be all glory and praise, now and forever. Amen.  
**C** **Amen, now and forever.**

## Hymn # 525:1, 4-5 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,  
Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them draws All mu - sic but its own.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.  
A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown  
hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

## Invocation

*LSB 203 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Exhortation

*(LSB 290) Psalm 43:4; Psalm 124:8*

- P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** **to God my exceeding joy.**  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 254 Alt.*

- P** Holy and gracious God,  
**C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

LSB 203 [John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## $\text{†}$ Service of the Word $\text{†}$

### Psalm 47

- P** <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all peoples!
- C** **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**
- P** <sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
- C** **a great king over all the earth.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us,
- C** **and nations under our feet.**
- P** <sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us,
- C** **the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout,
- C** **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**
- P** <sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises!
- C** **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**
- P** <sup>7</sup>For God is the King of all the earth;
- C** **sing praises with a psalm!**
- P** <sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations;
- C** **God sits on his holy throne.**
- P** <sup>9</sup>The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.
- C** **For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!**
- All** **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.**

### Kyrie Mark 10:47

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** 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.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast

LSB 155 Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

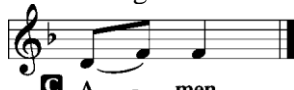
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 (The Ascension of our Lord)

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the

promise of the Father, which, he said, *“you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, *“It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle: 1 John 5:9-15

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

<sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

<sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>*“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:  
I will put my laws on their hearts,  
and write them on their minds,”*

<sup>17</sup>then he adds,

*“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”*

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### Common Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: John 17:11-19

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup> *... I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have*

guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

# Hymn # 493:1-5 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up  
5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,  
be our fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
al - le - lu - ia! Then, throned with You for - ev - er,



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -  
we Shall praise Your name e - ter - nal -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ly. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon *"I Heard Someone Talking About You Behind Your Back"* John 17:11-19

Hymn # 493:6 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

△ 6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All  
praise to You let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges  
run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

### Responses:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

### Final Petition:

**P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## † Service of the Sacrament †

### Hymn # 821:1 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of  
ev - ’ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”

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### Preface

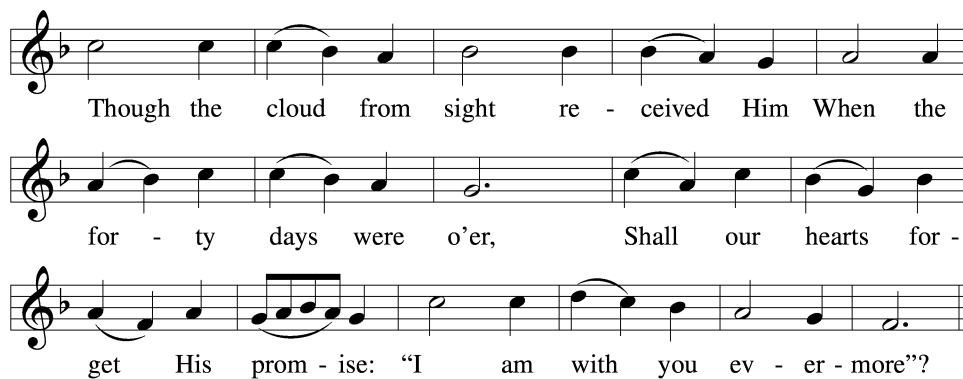
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**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Hymn # 821:2 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.





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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb is risen. By His death He has redeemed us from sin and death, and by His resurrection He has brought us into new life in Him.

Grant that we may keep the Feast with sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given to us, and drinking His blood poured out for our salvation, that by His living body and blood He may bring us through death and into the promised land of eternal life. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *"Take, eat; this is My ~~✠~~body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~✠~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## 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

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

**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.

# Hymn # 821:3-4 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on -  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of  
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

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## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endures forever.

## Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10] LSB 164

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benedicamus

LSB 212 Psalm 103:1

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

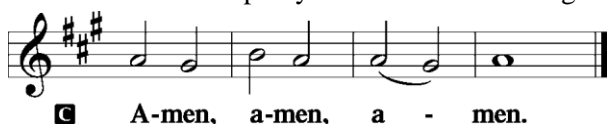
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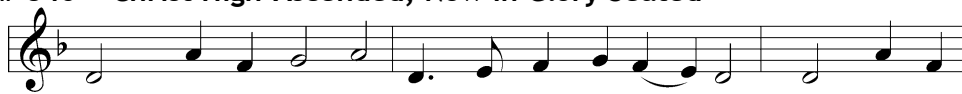
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



## Hymn # 840 "Christ High-Ascended, Now in Glory Seated"



1 Christ high-as-cend-ed, now in glo-ry seat-ed, Throned and ex-  
2 Christ from the Fa-ther ev-'ry pow'r pos-sess-ing, Who on His  
3 Christ, who in dy-ing won for us sal-va-tion, Lives now the  
4 Christ in His splen-dor, all do-min-ion gain-ing, Christ with His  
5 As at His part-ing, joy shall ban-ish griev-ing, Faith in His



alt-ed, vic-to-ry com-plet-ed, Death's dread do-min-ion  
cho-sen lift-ed hands in bless-ing, Sends forth His ser-vants,  
first-born of the new cre-a-tion; To win dis-ci-ples  
peo-ple ev-er-more re-main-ing, Christ to all a-ges  
pres-ence strength-en our be-liev-ing; Filled with His Spir-it,



fi-nal-ly de-feat-ed, We are His wit-ness-es.  
still in faith con-fess-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.  
out of ev-'ry na-tion, We are His wit-ness-es.  
glo-ri-ous-ly reign-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.  
love and pow'r re-ceiv-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.

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