

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341

*Stand*

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a  
true heart and confess our sins unto God our  
Father, beseeching Him in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto  
the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto  
You all my sins and iniquities with which I  
have ever offended You and justly deserved  
Your temporal and eternal punishment.  
But I am heartily sorry for them and  
sincerely repent of them, and I pray You  
of Your boundless mercy and for the sake  
of the holy innocent, bitter sufferings and  
death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor,  
sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my  
office, as a called and ordained servant of the  
Word, announce the grace of God unto all of

you, and in the stead and by the command of  
my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your  
sins in the name of the Father and of the T  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Introit (Advent 2)**

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”**

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*

**O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.\*

**Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.**

“But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*

**Israel would not sub- | mit to me.**

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,\*

**that Israel would walk | in my ways!**

**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.**

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”**

### **Collect of the Day**

Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be  
rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty  
deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Verse**

**Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

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**Sermon                      God Keeps His Promises**

**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.**

## Offering

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**Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

## Benediction

- 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 T  
give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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