

Welcome to Vespers for the **Sundays of the Season of Easter**. The Service is on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 136 on p283** and **Psalm 117 on p272**. The hymn is **#141** (used through the Seventh Sunday of Easter). If you are using the hymnal, the words are the same but the tune is different. In other words, don't sing the notes written. Hymn **#284** is used on The Day of Pentecost.

**PSALM 136**      *(The cantor will sing / speak the antiphon. The psalm will be sung / spoken in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Easter Day

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Easter 3

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there is a new creation, al | leluia.*

Easter 4

*You were going a | stray like sheep\*  
but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls, | alleluia.*

Easter 5

*The Lord | has been raised\*  
and is exalted at God's right hand, | alleluia.*

Easter 6

*God raised Christ | from the dead\*  
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, | alleluia.*

Easter 7

*Seek the things that | are above,\*  
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, | alleluia.*

## Day of Pentecost

*The Spirit of the Lord has | filled the world,\*  
al | leluia.*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the | God of gods,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>4</sup>who only | does great wonders,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>5</sup>who by wisdom | made the heavens,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>6</sup>who spread out the earth up- | on the waters,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>7</sup>who creat- | ed great lights,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>8</sup>the sun to | rule the day,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>9</sup>the moon and the stars to gov- | ern the night,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>10</sup>who struck down the first- | born of Egypt,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>11</sup>and brought out Israel | from among them,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>12</sup>with a mighty hand and a | stretched-out arm,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>13</sup>who divided the Red | Sea in two,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>14</sup>and made Israel to pass | through the midst of it,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>15</sup>but swept Pharaoh and his army in- | to the Red Sea,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>16</sup>who led his people | through the wilderness,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>17</sup>who struck | down great kings,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>18</sup>and slew | mighty kings,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>19</sup>Sihon, king | of the Amorites,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>20</sup>and Og, the | king of Bashan,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>21</sup>and gave away their lands for | an inheritance,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>22</sup>an inheritance for Isra- | el his servant,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>23</sup>who remembered us in our | low estate,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>24</sup>and delivered us | from our enemies,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

<sup>25</sup>who gives food | to all creatures,\*  
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>26</sup>Give thanks to the | God of heaven,\*  
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*The Lord has re | deemed his people,\*  
al | leluia.*

Easter 4

*Strong and steadfast is his | love for us,\*  
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Easter 5

*He has rescued us form the pow | er of darkness,\*  
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, | alleluia.*

Easter 6

*You have been turned to | God from idols\*  
to serve a living and true God, | alleluia.*

Easter 7

*The Gentiles will glorify God | for his mercy,\*  
al | leluia.*

Day of Pentecost

*Send your strength, O God, fro your holy temple | in Jerusalem,\*  
and perfect your work in us, | alleluia.*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, | all you nations;\*  
laud him, | all you peoples.

<sup>2</sup> For his lovingkindness toward | us is great,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Hallelujah!

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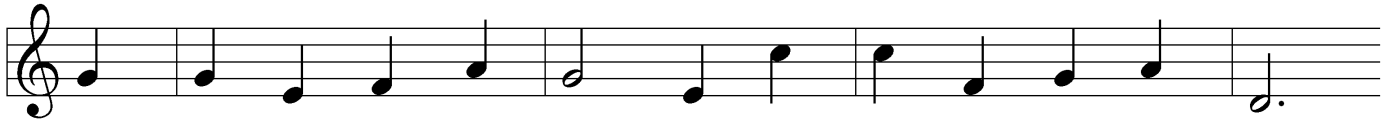
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Use this hymn through the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

## The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 Then praise we God the Fa - ther, and praise we Christ his Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
with them the Ho - ly Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry, as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Use this hymn on the Day of Pentecost.

## Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend  
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,  
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -  
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of  
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.  
might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,  
and peace from your own hand bestow;  
upheld by you, our strength and guide,  
no evil can our steps betide.

6 Oh, make to us the Father known;  
teach us the eternal Son to own;  
and you, whose name we ever bless,  
of both the Spirit, to confess.

7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
and Holy Spirit, with them one;  
and may the Son on us bestow  
the gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite, alt.  
Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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