



or sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

Romans 6:14

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Christ's blessings to all! To our visitors, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, please introduce yourself to Pastor or indicate such with your contact information in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' in each pew.

THE ORDER OF MATINS

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation # 373, v. 1, 2, 4, 7

"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"

Versicles & Responses (stand)

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The music is in 4/4 time. The first staff has a whole rest followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a whole note B4. The second staff has a whole rest followed by a half note G3, a half note A3, and a whole note B3.

Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er

shall be: world with-out end. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Invitatory

V: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

R: For He is our Mak - er.

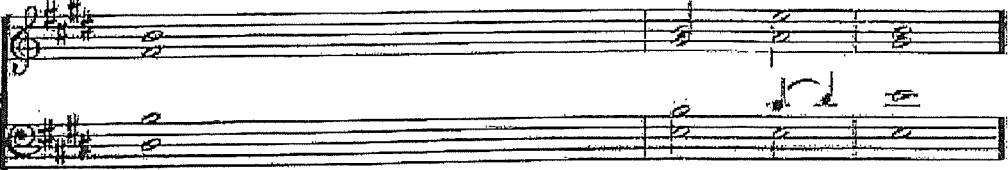
The Verse

Psalm 95:1-7

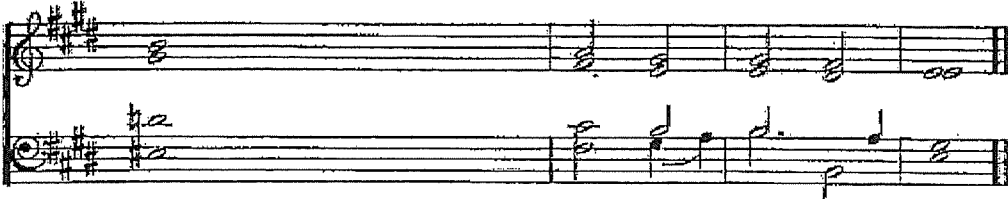
1 O come, let us sing	- - - - -	unto the	Lord:
3 For the LORD is a	- - - - -	great	God:
5 The sea is His, and He	- - - - -	made	it:
Glory be to the Father and	- - - - -	to the	Son:



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of	our sal-	va-	tion.
3 and a great - - - - -	King a-	bove all	gods.
5 and His hands - - - - -	form-ed	the dry	land.
and - - - - -	to the	Ho-ly	Ghost:



2 Let us come before His presence with thanks--	giv-	ing:
4 In His hand are the deep places - - - - -	of the	earth:
6 O come, let us worship and - - - - -	bow	down:
7 For He - - - - -	is our	God:
As it was in the beginning is now, and	ever shall	be,



2 and make a joyful - - - - -	noise unto	Him with	psalms.
4 the strength of the hills is - - - - -	His	al-	so.
6 let us kneel before the - - - - -	Lord our	Mak-	er.
7 and we are people of His pasture and the	sheep of	His	hand.
world - - - - -	with-out	end. A-	men.

Psalmody:

Psalm 91:1-10

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
 Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
 I will of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress;
 My God, in Him I will trust."
 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
 And from the perilous pestilence.
 He shall cover you with His feathers,
 And under His wings you shall take refuge;
 His truth shall be your shield and buckler.
 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
 Nor the arrow that flies by day,
 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
 Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.
 A thousand may fall at your side,
 And ten thousand at your right hand;*

But it shall not come near you.
**Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.**
*Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,
Even the most High, your dwelling place,*
**No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

The Gloria Patri (*see top of page 2*)

The Catechism Review - The Creed

What is The Second Article?

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.

What does this mean? **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

- 7 O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
- 8 For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
- 9 If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,

and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
“Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

The Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord..

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 (*stand*)

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

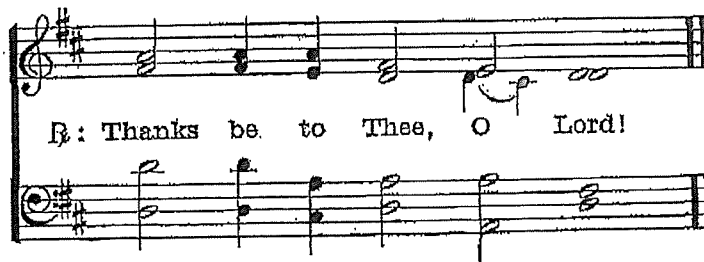
²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

The Lection

℣: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



Sermon Hymn – #400

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

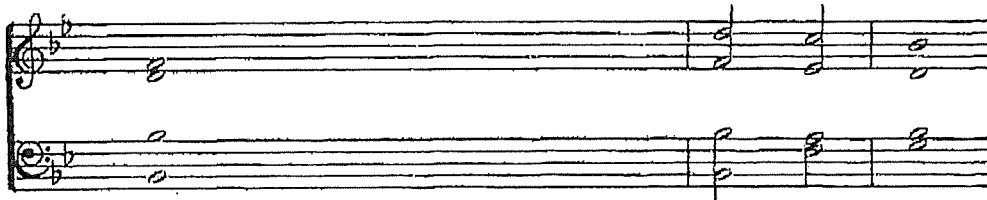
Sermon: "Instruments of Righteousness"

Romans 6:13-14

- I. We are to present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness.
- II. God has given us very good reasons to do so.

Presentation of the Offerings

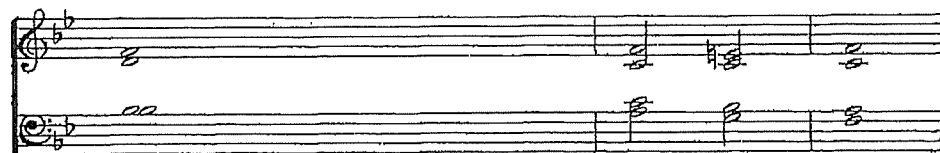
THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



1 We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to	-	-	-	-	be the	Lord.
3 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of	-	-	-	-	Sab-a-	oth;
5 The noble army of martyrs	-	-	-	-	praise	Thee.



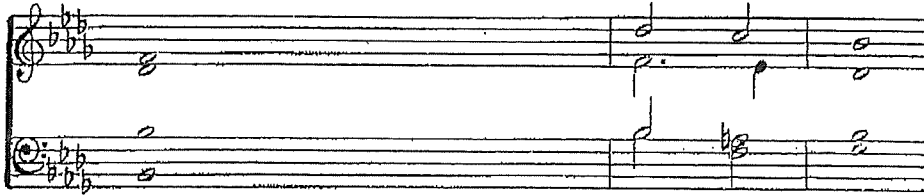
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father	ever-	last-	ing.
3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty	of Thy	glo-	ry.
5 The holy Church throughout all the world	doth ac-	knowl-edge	Thee:



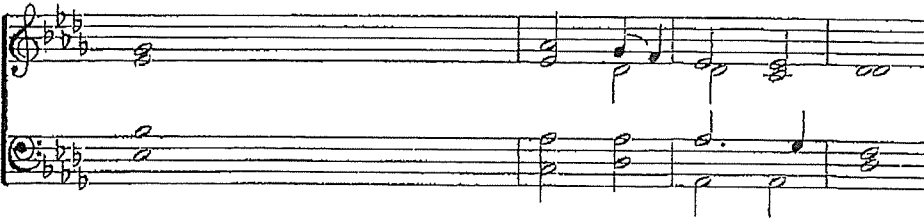
2 To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and			
all the	powers there-	in;	
4 The glorious company of the Apostles	praise	Thee.	
6 The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine ador-			
able true and	on-ly	Son;	
7 Thou art the King of Glory,	O	Christ.	



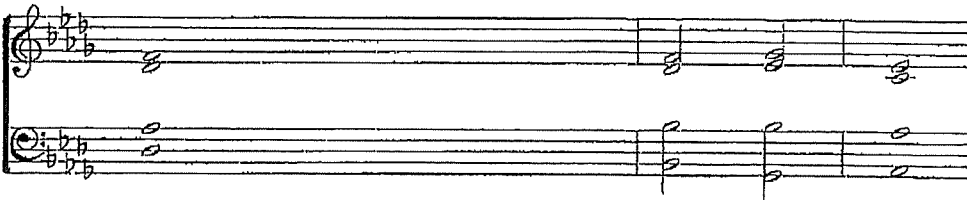
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con-	tin-ual-	ly do	cry;
4 The goodly fellowship of the	prophets	praise	Thee.
6 also the Holy	Ghost, the	Com-fort-	er.
7 Thou art the everlasting Son	of the	Fa-	ther.



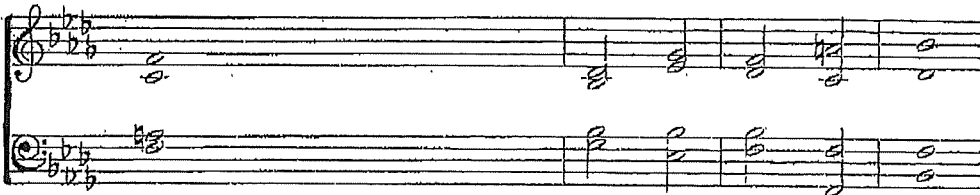
8	When Thou tookest upon Thee to de-	- - -	liv-er	man,
10	Thou sittest at the right	- - - -	hand of	'God
12	We therefore pray Thee, help Thy	- - -	ser-	vants,



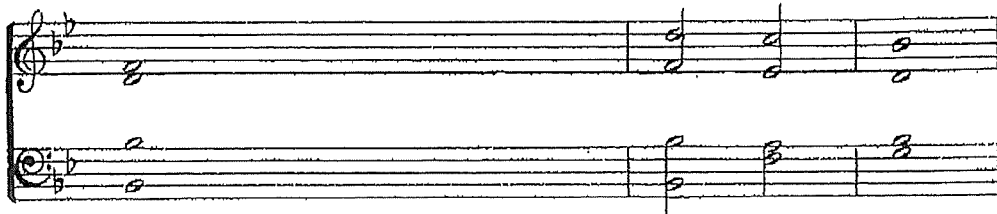
8	Thou didst humble Thyself to be born	-	of a	vir-	gin.
10	in the glory	- - - - -	of the	Fa-	ther.
12	whom Thou hast redeem-ed	- -	with Thy	pre-cious	blood,



9	When Thou hadst overcome the	- - -	sharp-ness of	death,
11	We believe that	- - - - -	Thou shalt	come
13	Make them to be number-ed	- - - -	with Thy	saints



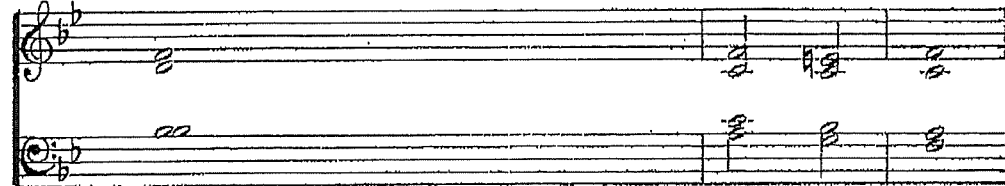
9	Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to	all be-	liev-	ers.
11	to	be	our	Judge.
13	in glory	ever-	last-	ing.



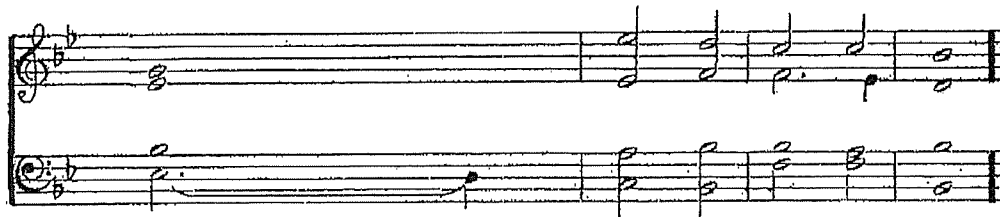
14 O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine - her-i- tage.
 16 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with- out sin.



14 Govern them and lift them - - - up for- ev- er.
 16 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have - - mercy up- on us.

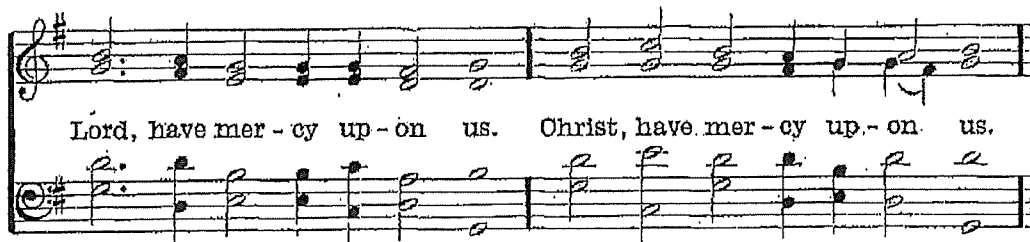


15 Day by day we - - - - - magni-fy Thee.
 17 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust - is in Thee.

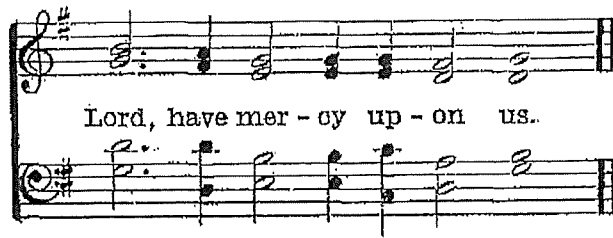


15 And we worship Thy name ever, - - world with- out end.
 17 O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be con- found- ed.

The Kyrie



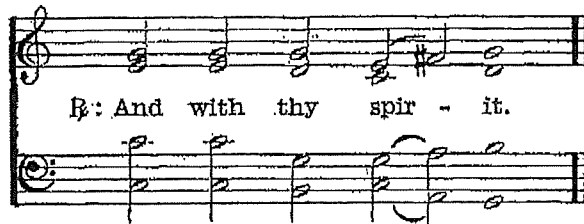
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



The Lord's Prayer

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.

♯: The Lord be with you. **The Salutation.**



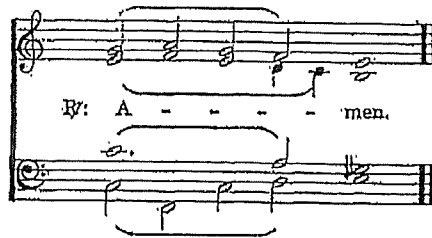
Special Petitions

Collect Of The Day

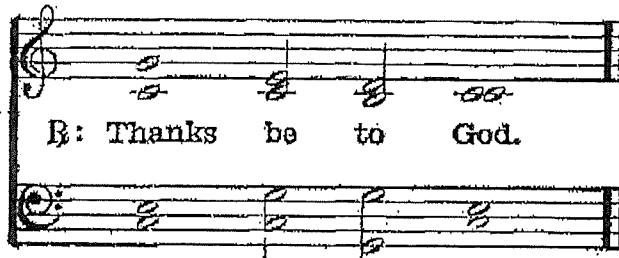
O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



♩: Bless we the Lord. **The Benedicamus**



The Benediction

♩: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.



Hymn – #235, v.1, 3, 6, 8
“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS: June 25: Prov. 31:10–31; John 21:1–25; 26: Joshua 1:1–18; Acts 8:1–25; 27: Joshua 2:1–24; Acts 8:26–40; 28: Joshua 3:1–17; Acts 9:1–22; 29: Joshua 4:1–24; Acts 9:23–43; 30: Joshua 5:1–6:5; Acts 10:1–17; July 1: Joshua 6:6–27; Acts 10:18–33.

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