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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023

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

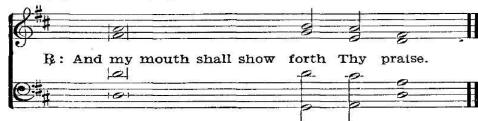
Prelude

Hymn of Invocation #443

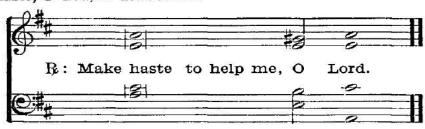
"O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea"

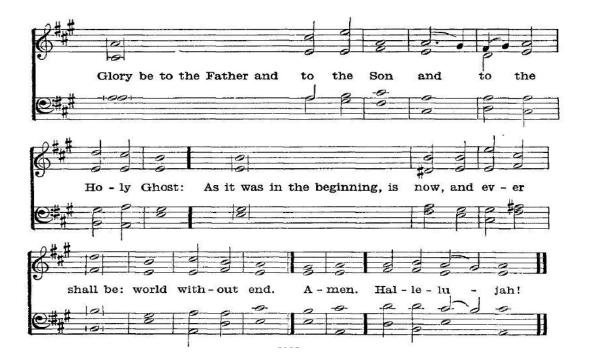
Versicles & Responses (stand)

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



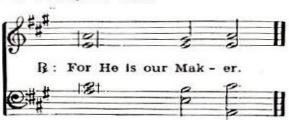
V: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

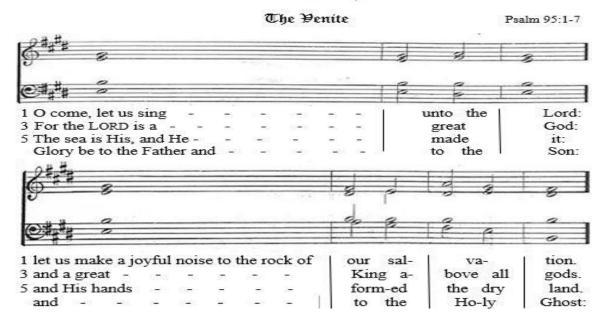


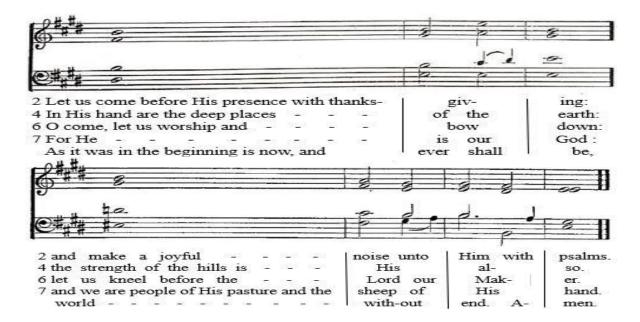


The Invitatory

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







Psalmody: Psalm 138

I will praise You with my whole heart;

Before the gods I will sing praises to You.

I will worship toward Your holy temple,

And praise Your name

For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;

For you have magnified Your word above all Your name.

In the day when I cried out, You answered me,

And made me bold with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, When they hear the words of Your mouth.

Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

For great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD is on high,

Yet He regards the lowly;

But the proud He knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;

You will stretch out Your hand

Against the wrath of my enemies,

And Your right hand will save me.

The Lord will perfect that which concerns me;

Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever;

Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

The Gloria Patri (see top of page 2)

The Catechism Review - The Lord's Prayer

What is The Third Petition?

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come;

and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

The Lection

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,

you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were

hewn,

and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,

that I might bless him and multiply him.

For the LORD comforts Zion;

he comforts all her waste places

and makes her wilderness like Eden,

her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,

thanksgiving and the voice of song.

"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;

for a law will go out from me,

and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ My righteousness draws near,

my salvation has gone out,

and my arms will judge the peoples;

the coastlands hope for me,

and for my arm they wait.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like
manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be
dismayed."

The Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord,

or who has been his counselor?"

35 "Or who has given a gift to him

that he might be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

^{12:1}I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 (stand)

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and

whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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



Sermon Hymn – #403

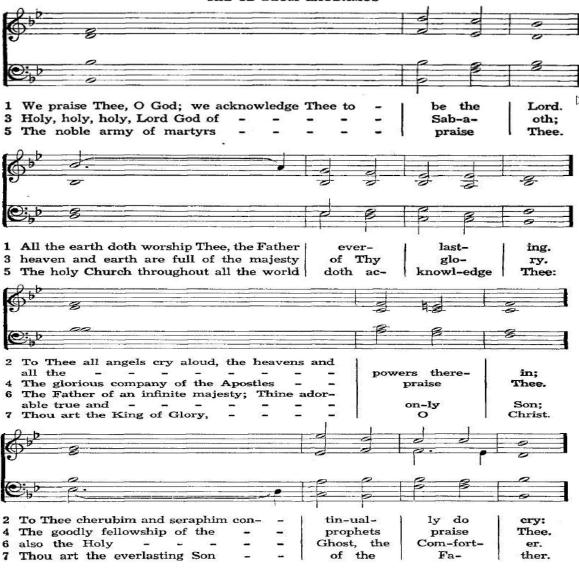
"Savior, Thy Dying Love"

Sermon: "A Living Sacrifice through the Mercies of God" Romans 12:1

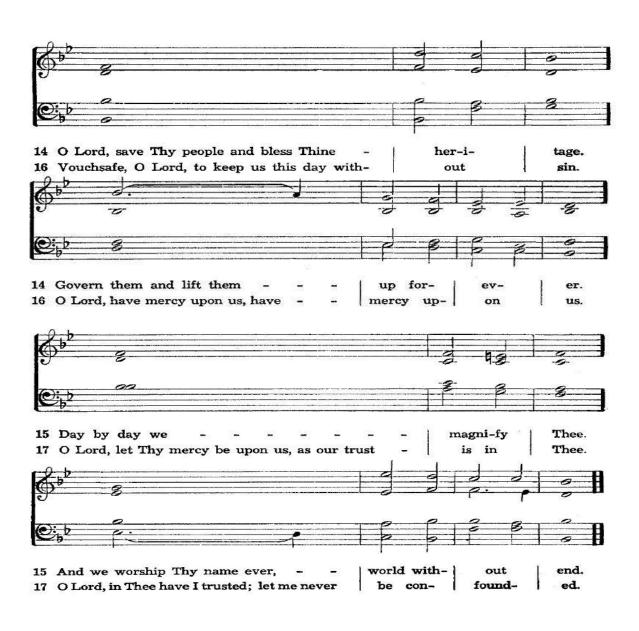
- I. Through the mercies of God we present our bodies as a living sacrifice.
- II. Through the mercies of God our sacrifice is holy and acceptable to Him.

The Offerings

THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS









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.

W: The Lord be with you.

The Salutation



Special Petitions Collect Of The Day

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

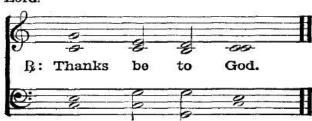
The Collect for Grace

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.



W: Bless we the Lord.

The Benedicamus



The Benediction

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



Hymn - #142, v. 4

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS: August 27: 1 Kings 9:1–9; 10:1–13; 2 Cor. 5:1–21; 28: 1 Kings 11:1–26; 2 Cor. 6:1–18; 29: 1 Kings 11:42–12:19; 2 Cor. 7:1–16; 30: 1 Kings 12:20–13:5, 33–34; 2 Cor. 8:1–24; 31: 1 Kings 16:29–17:24; 2 Cor. 9:1–15; September 1: 1 Kings 18:1–19; Eph. 1:1–23; 2: 1 Kings 18:20–40; Eph. 2:1–22; 3: 1 Kings 19:1–21; Eph. 3:1–21.

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