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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 26, 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 #476

"Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand"

Stand

Versicles & Responses

V: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

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

R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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 Venite

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:**

*Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

*In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,*

*the home of righteousness.*

**O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;  
 let me know how fleeting I am!**

*Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,*

*and my lifetime is as nothing before you.*

**And now, O LORD, for what do I wait?**

**My hope is in you.**

*Deliver me from all my transgressions.*

*Do not make me the scorn of the fool!*

**Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!**

**For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

*In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,*

*the home of righteousness.*

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

*Sit*

**The Catechism Review – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*What benefits does Baptism give?*

**It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

*Which are these words and promises of God?*

**Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”**

**The Lection**

**The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

### The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

*Stand*

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a

stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

**Y:** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn – #442**

“Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us”

**Sermon: “Blessed, Judged Righteous, and Given Life!”**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

- I. We are saved because we are blessed by our Father to receive the inheritance He prepared for us.
- II. We will be judged as righteous ones because of Christ.
- III. The end result is that we will go into everlasting life!

**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- on-ly Son;  
 7 Thou art the King of Glory, - - - O Christ.

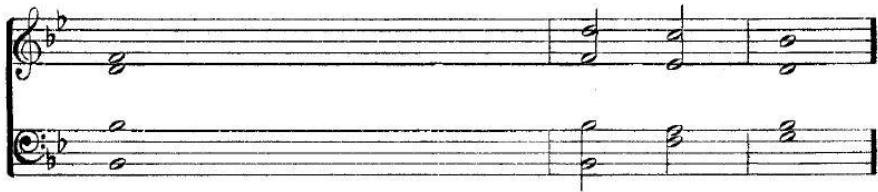
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- - tin-ual- ly do cry:  
 4 The goodly fellowship of the - - prophets praise Thee.  
 6 also the Holy - - - Ghost, the Com-fort- er.  
 7 Thou art the everlasting Son - - of the Fa- ther.

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

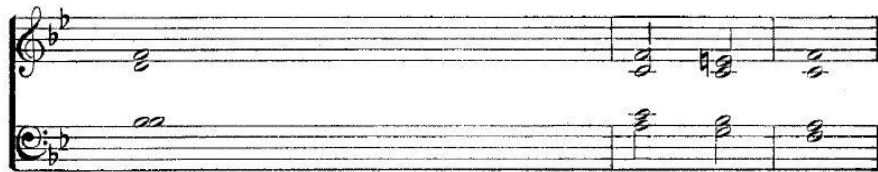
9 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be- liev- ers.  
 11 to - - - be our Judge.  
 13 in glory - - - ever- last- ing.



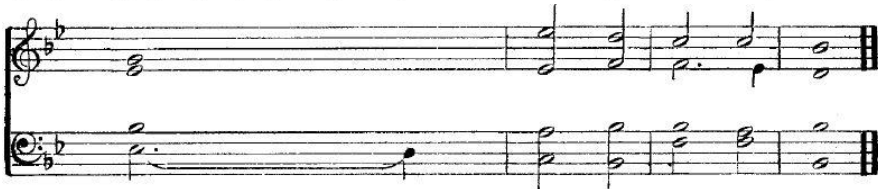
14 O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine - her-i- tage.  
 16 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with- out sin.



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.



Lord, 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 Salutation**

☩: The Lord be with you.



☩: And with thy spir - it.

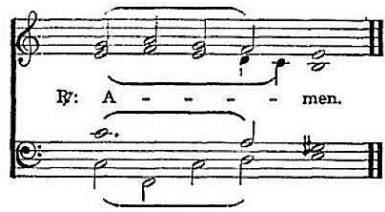
**Special Petitions**

**Collect Of The Day**

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

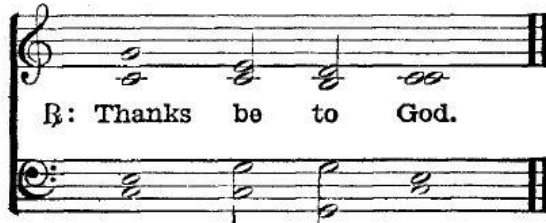
**Collect for Grace**

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.



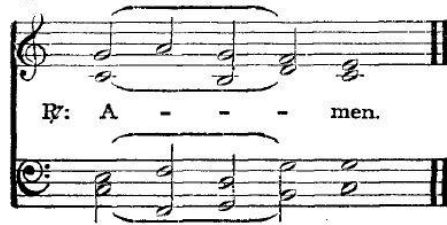
**Y:** Bless we the Lord.

### The Benedicamus



### The Benediction

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



*Sit*

**Hymn – #370**

“My Hope is Built on nothing Less”

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

**DAILY READINGS:** November 26: Dan. 6:1–28; Rev. 22:1–21; 27: Is. 1:1–28; 1 Peter 1:1–12; 28: Is. 2:1–22; 1 Peter 1:13–25; 29: Is. 5:1–25; 1 Peter 2:1–12; 30: Is. 6:1–7:9; 1 Peter 2:13–25; December 1: Is. 7:10–8:8; 1 Peter 3:1–22; 2: Is. 8:9–9:7; 1 Peter 4:1–19.

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