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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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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

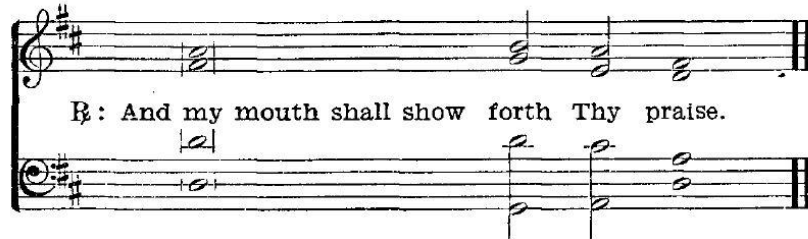
Hymn of Invocation #134

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Stand

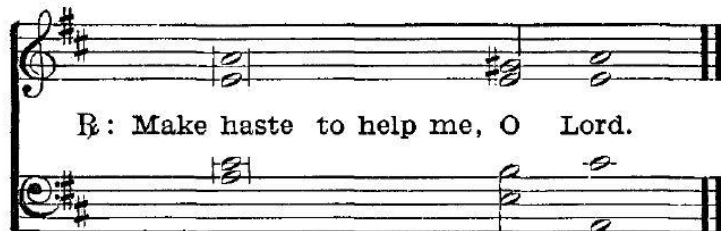
Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

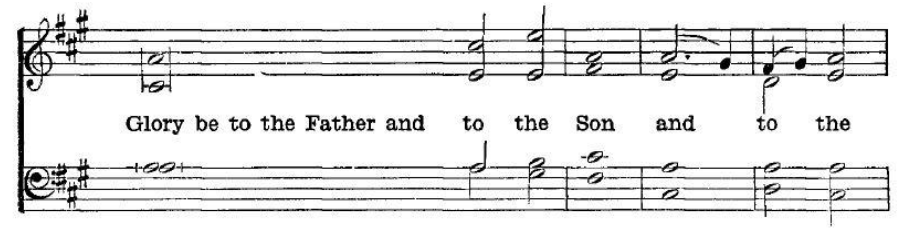


R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

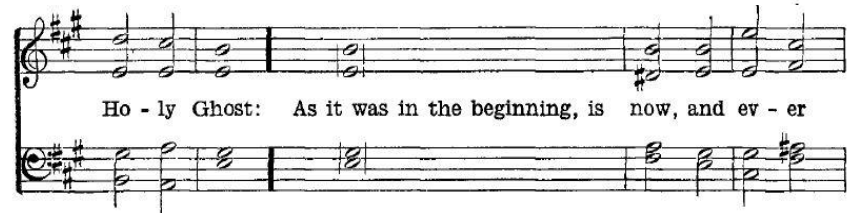
Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



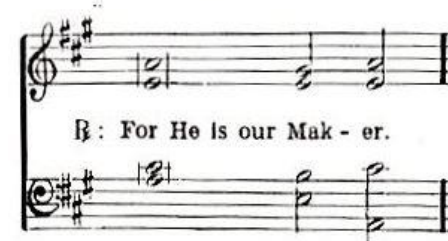
Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



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

The Invitatory

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



R: For He is our Mak - er.

The Venite

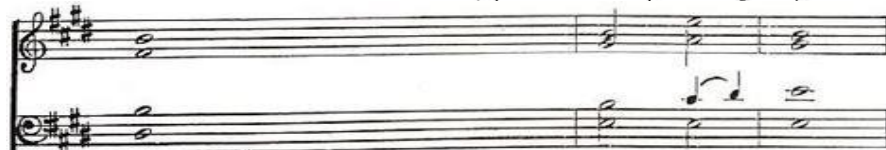
Psalm 95:1-7



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: Psalm 111

*I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,
 In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.*

**The works of the LORD are great,
 Studied by all who have pleasure in them.**

*His work is honorable and glorious,
 And His righteousness endures forever.*

**He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

*He has given food to those who fear Him;
 He will ever be mindful of His covenant.*

**He has declared to His people the power of His works,
 In giving them the heritage of the nations.**

*The works of His hands are verity and justice;
 All His precepts are sure.*

**They stand fast forever and ever,
 And are done in truth and uprightness.**

*He has sent redemption to His people;
 He has commanded His covenant forever;
 Holy and awesome is His name.*

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
 A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.
 His praise endures forever.**

The Gloria Patri (see top of page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – Confession

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

The Lection

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this

great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.’¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

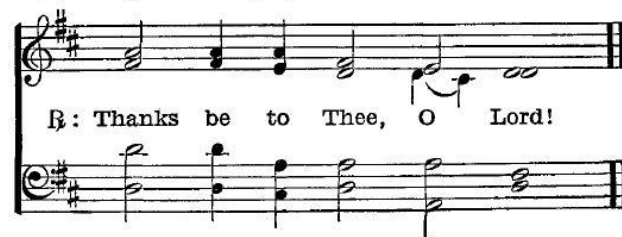
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The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among

themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn – #262

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Sermon: “Our Christian Stance toward Demons”

Mark 1:23-26

- I. Be aware of the enemies.
- II. Rejoice and trust in Jesus’ rescuing power over them.

The Offerings

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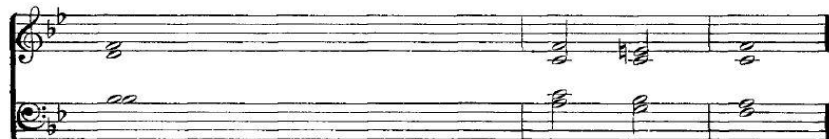
THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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.



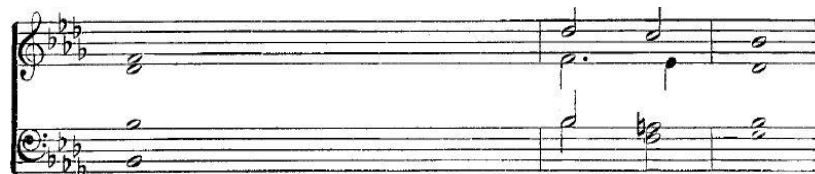
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father ever- last- ing.
 3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glo- ry.
 5 The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac- knowl- edge Thee:



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.



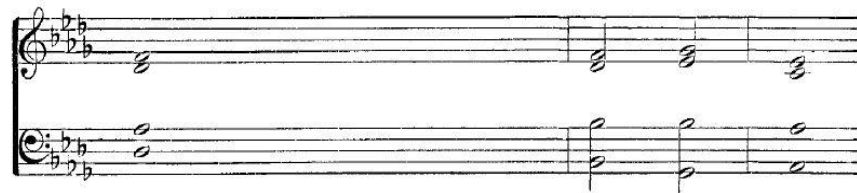
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- tin-ual- ly do cry:
 4 The goodly fellowship of the - - prophets praise Thee.
 6 also the Holy - - - Ghost, the Com- fort- er.
 7 Thou art the everlasting Son - - of the Fa- ther.



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

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.

Special Petitions

Collect Of The Day

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: A - - - - men.

The Benedicamus

This block contains musical notation for the beginning of 'The Benedicamus'. It features a treble clef staff with a melody of eighth and quarter notes, and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'A - - - - men.' are written below the treble staff.

Y: Bless we the Lord.

B: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

This block contains musical notation for 'The Benediction'. It features a treble clef staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes, and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment of quarter notes. The lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' are written below the treble staff.

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

Y: A - - - - men.

This block contains musical notation for the word 'Amen'. It features a treble clef staff with a melody of quarter and eighth notes, and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment of quarter notes. The lyrics 'A - - - - men.' are written below the treble staff.

Sit

Hymn - #53

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS: January 28: Zech. 6:1-7:14; Rom. 16:17-27; 29: Zech. 8:1-23; 2 Tim. 1:1-18; 30: Zech. 9:1-17; 2 Tim. 2:1-26; 31: Zech. 10:1-11:3; 2 Tim. 3:1-17; February 1: Zech. 11:4-17; 2 Tim. 4:1-18; 2: Zech. 12:1-13:9; Titus 1:1-2:6; 3: Zech. 14:1-21; Titus 2:7-3:15.

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