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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024

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 VESPERS

#### Prelude

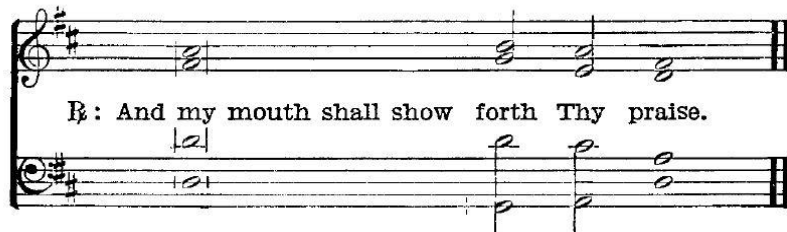
#### Hymn of Invocation #342

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Stand

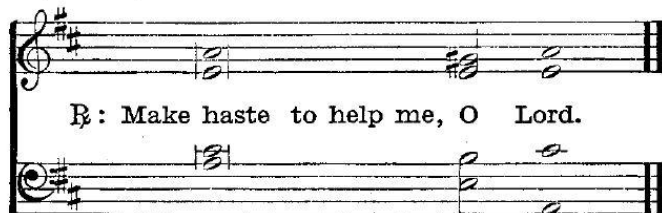
#### Versicles & Responses – pg. 41

☩: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

☩: 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!

#### Psalmody:

Psalm 119:41-48

Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD-

Your salvation according to Your word.

**So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me,**

**For I trust in Your word.**

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,

For I have hoped in Your ordinances.

**So shall I keep Your law continually,**

**Forever and ever.**

And I will walk at liberty,

For I seek Your precepts.

**I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings,**

**And will not be ashamed.**

And I will delight myself in Your commandments,

Which I love.

**The Gloria Patri** (see above)

Sit

**The Catechism Review – The Sacrament of the Altar**

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say; “forgiveness of sins.”

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

### The Lection

#### The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

#### The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore,

we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Stand*

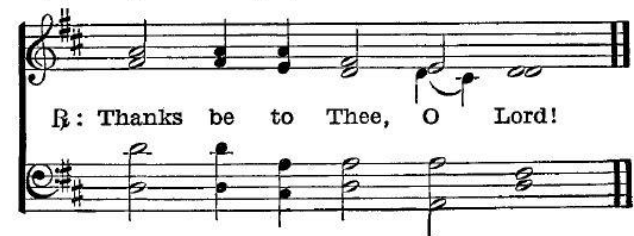
#### The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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



*Sit*

#### Sermon Hymn – #380

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

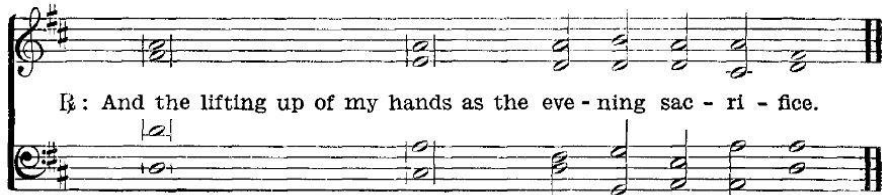
**Sermon: "Like Jesus, Let Us Think the Things of God"**

**Mark 8:31-33**

- I. Disciples of Jesus often think the things of men.
- II. Jesus always thinks the things of God.
- III. By the gracious working of His word, let us think the things of God.


Stand

♩: Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense:

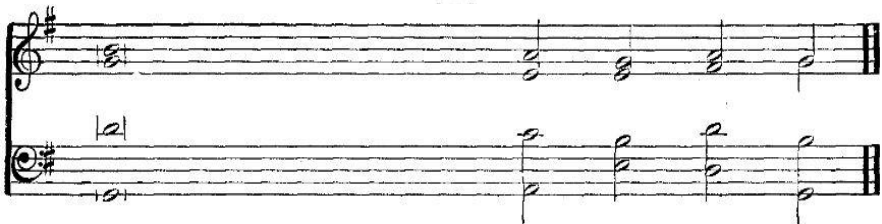


♩: And the lifting up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

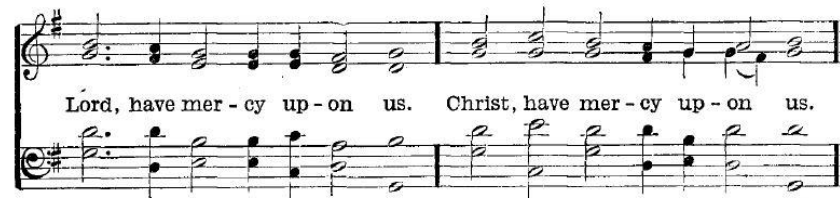


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|---|-----------|-----------------------|-----|------|-------|--------|
| 1 | Lord, now | lettest Thou Thy ser- | de- | part | in    | peace: |
| 2 | For mine  | eyes have seen - -    | Thy | Sal- | va-   | tion:  |
| 3 | A         | Light to light- - -   | en  | the  | Gen-  | tiles: |
|   | Glo-ry    | be to the Father - -  | and | to   | the   | Son:   |
|   | As it     | was in the beginning, | ev- | er   | shall | be:    |
|   |           | is now, and - - -     |     |      |       |        |



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|---|--|-----------|------|------|-------|--------|
| 1 | accord-                                  | - - - - - | ing  | to   | Thy   | Word;  |
| 2 | which Thou hast prepared before the face | - - - - - | of   | all  | peo-  | ple;   |
| 3 | and the Glory of Thy - - - - -           | - - - - - | peo- | ple  | Isra- | el.    |
|   | and to - - - - -                         | - - - - - | the  | Ho-  | ly    | Ghost; |
|   | world with- - - - -                      | - - - - - | out  | end. | A-    | men.   |

**The Kyrie**



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



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

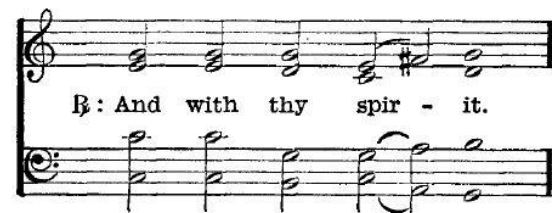
**The Prayers**

**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**

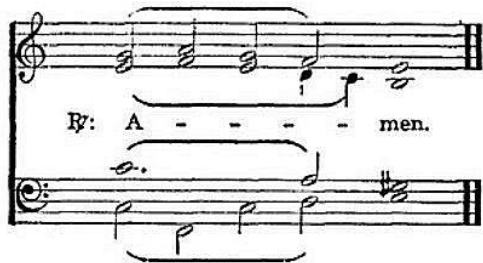
**Collect Of The Day**

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Peace**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give,

that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

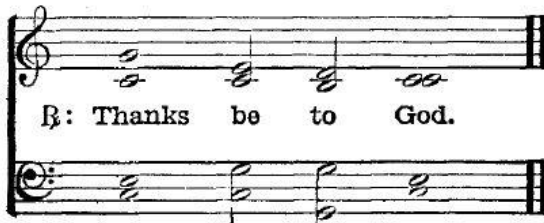


**DAILY READINGS** January 28: Zech. 6:1–7:14; Rom. 16:17–27; 29: Zech. 8:1–23; 2 Tim. 1:1–18; 30: Zech. 9:1–17; 2 Tim. 2:1–26; 31: Zech. 10:1–11:3; 2 Tim. 3:1–17; February 1: Zech. 11:4–17; 2 Tim. 4:1–18; 2: Zech. 12:1–13:9; Titus 1:1–2:6; 3: Zech. 14:1–21; Titus 2:7–3:15.

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



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



*Sit*  
**Hymn – #355**  
 “Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone”

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

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