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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

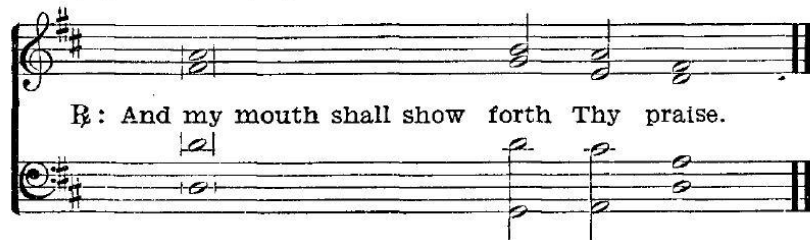
Hymn of Invocation #1

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Stand

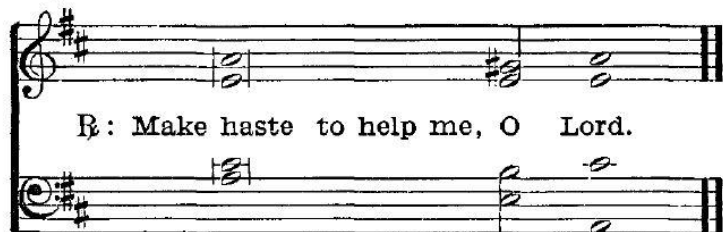
Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

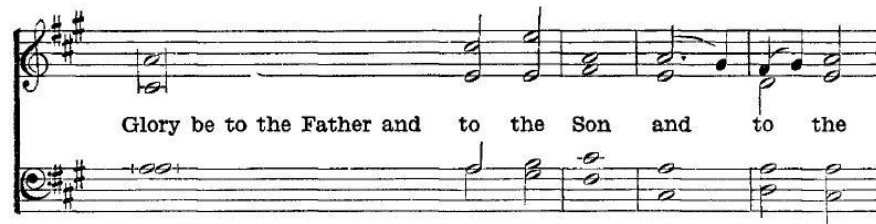


R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

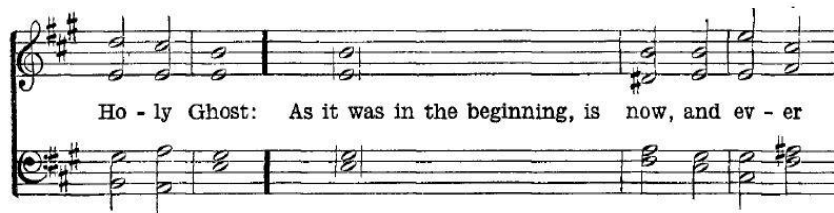
Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



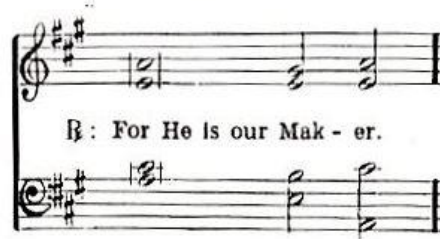
Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



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 150

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

Praise Him with the lute and harp!

Praise Him with timbrel and dance;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

The Gloria Patri (see top of page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Ten Commandments

What is the Seventh Commandment?

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

What is the Eighth Commandment?

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Lection

The First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the LORD said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.

²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
 and like a lamb before its shearer is
 silent,
 so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
 Who can describe his generation?"

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the LORD carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Epistle: 1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Stand

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered,

thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn – #293

“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

Sermon: John 15:1-8

The Offerings

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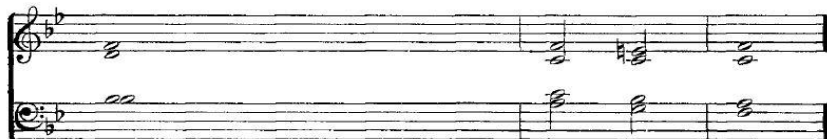
THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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.



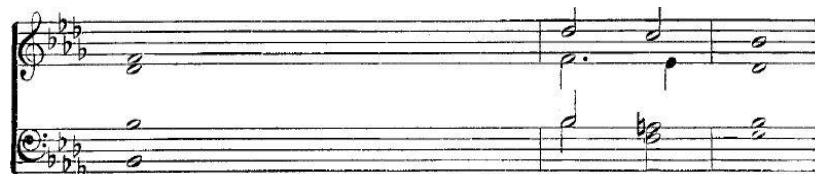
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father ever- last- ing.
 3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glo- ry.
 5 The holy Church throughout all the world doth ac- knowl- edge Thee:



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.



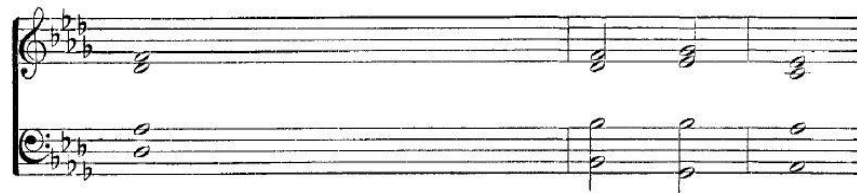
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- tin-ual- ly do cry:
 4 The goodly fellowship of the - - prophets praise Thee.
 6 also the Holy - - - Ghost, the Com- fort- er.
 7 Thou art the everlasting Son - - of the Fa- ther.



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.

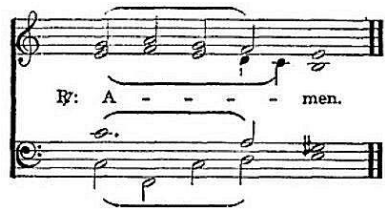
Special Petitions

Collect Of The Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

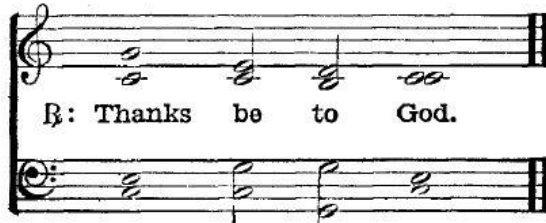
Collect for Grace

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.



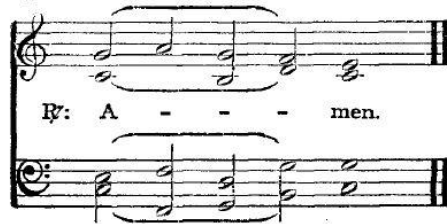
The Benedicamus

Ps: Bless we the Lord.



The Benediction

Ps: 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 – #53

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS: April 28: Lev. 20:1–16, 22–27; Luke 11:37–54; 29: Lev. 21:1–24; Luke 12:1–12; 30: Lev. 23:1–22; Luke 12:13–34; May 1: Lev. 23:23–44; Luke 12:35–53; 2: Lev. 24:1–23; Luke 12:54–13:17; 3: Lev. 26:1–20; Luke 13:18–35; 4: Lev. 26:21–33, 39–44; Luke 14:1–24.

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