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## REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

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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

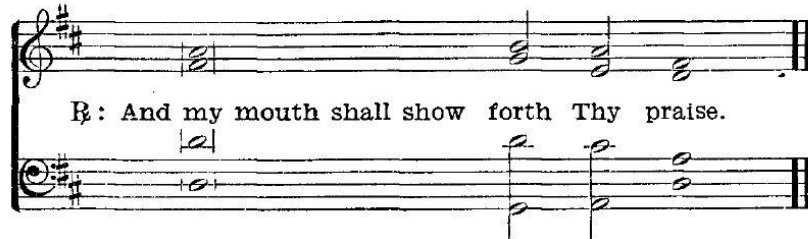
#### Hymn of Invocation #262

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Stand

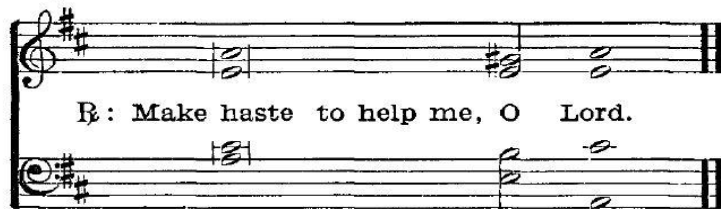
#### Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

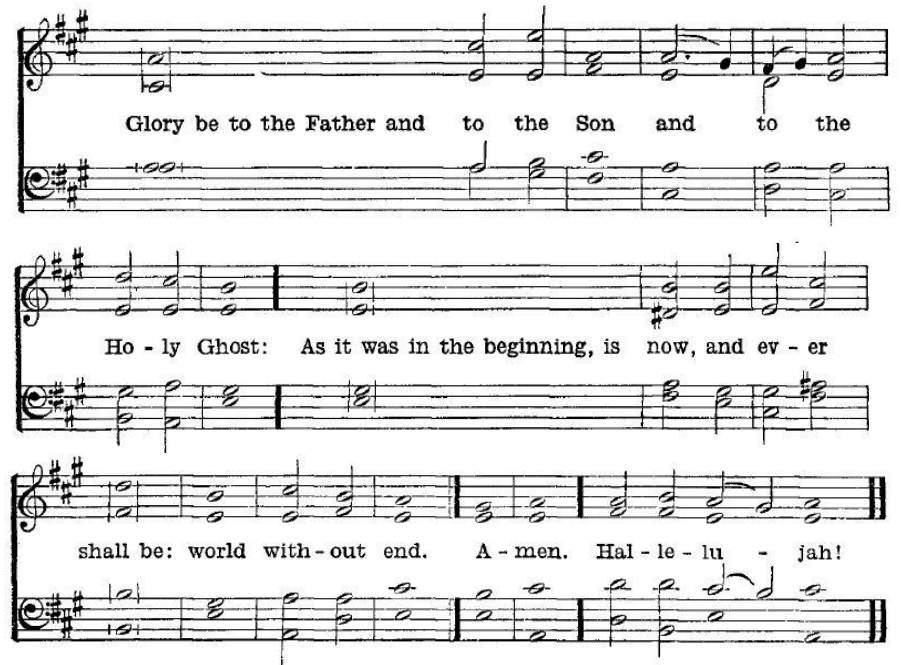


R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

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



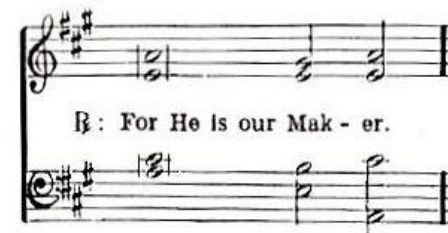
R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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

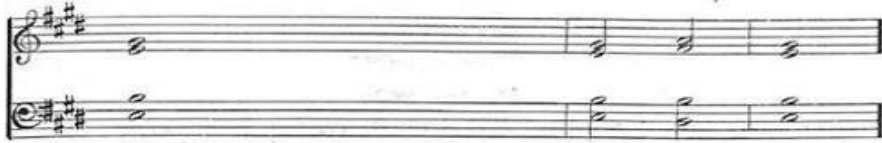
Y: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



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:** Ps. 46  
*God is our refuge and strength,  
 A very present help in trouble.*

**Therefore we will not fear,  
 Even though the earth be removed,  
 And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;  
 Though its waters roar and be troubled,**

*Though the mountains shake with its swelling.  
 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God.  
 The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.*

*God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;  
 God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.*

**The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;  
 He uttered His voice, the earth melted.**

*The LORD of hosts is with us;  
 The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

**Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
 Who has made desolations in the earth.**

*He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
 He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;  
 He burns the chariot in fire.*

**Be still, and know that I am God;  
 I will be exalted among the nations,  
 I will be exalted in the earth!**

*The LORD of hosts is with us;  
 The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

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

*Sit*  
**The Lection**

**The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**Choir:** "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray" (8:00 & 10:30)

**The Epistle: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—<sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be

received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

*Stand*

**The Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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

♩: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn #373 (Choir sings v. 2 and 4)**

"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"

**Sermon: "Justified as a Gift by God's Grace in Christ"**

**Romans 3:23-24**

- I. We are justified as a gift by God's grace through redemption in Christ Jesus.
- II. This gives God all the glory, and gives comfort to us sinners.

**The Offerings**

*Stand*

**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	powers there-	in;
all the - - - - -	praise	Thee.
4 The glorious company of the Apostles - -	on-ly	Son;
6 The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine ador-	O	Christ.
able true and - - - - -		
7 Thou art the King of Glory, - - - - -		

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.



**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.



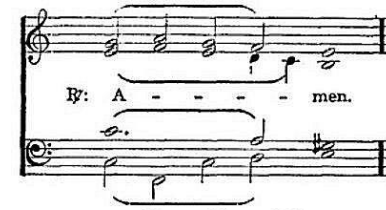
**Special Petitions**

**Collect Of The Day**

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

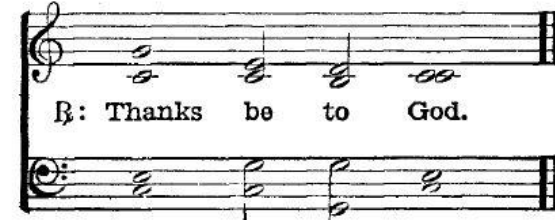
**Collect for Grace**

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**

☩: Bless we the Lord.



**The Benediction**

☩: 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 #261**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

**DAILY READINGS:** October 27: Deut. 29:1–29; Matt. 18:21–35; 28; Deut. 30:1–20; Matt. 19:1–15; 29; Deut. 31:1–29; Matt. 19:16–30; 30; Deut. 31:30–32:27; Matt. 20:1–16; 31; Deut. 32:28–52; Matt. 20:17–34; November 1: Deut. 34:1–12; Matt. 21:1–22; 2; Jer. 1:1–19; Matt. 21:23–46.

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