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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025

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

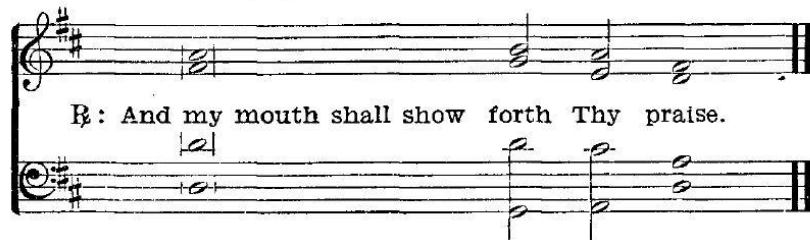
Hymn of Invocation #34

"My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker"

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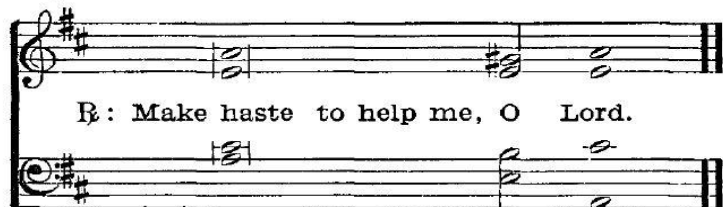
Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

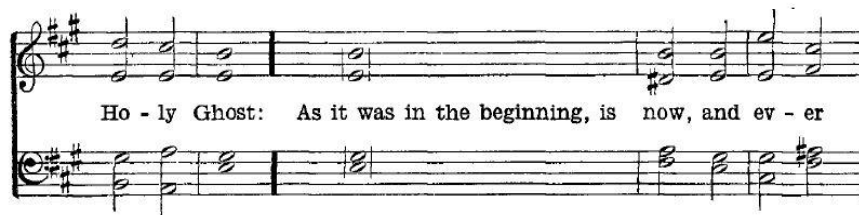
Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



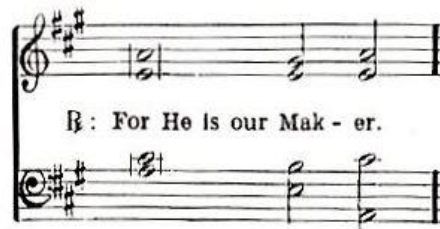
Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



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. 103:1-13

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul;
 And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 And forget not all His benefits:
³Who forgives all your iniquities,
 Who heals all your diseases,

⁴Who redeems your life from destruction,
 Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
 So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶The LORD executes righteousness
 And justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷He made known His ways to Moses,
 His acts to the children of Israel.
⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
⁹He will not always strive with us,
 Nor will He keep His anger forever.
¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
 Nor punished us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
¹²As far as the east is from the west,
 So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
¹³As a father pities his children,
 So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

The Gloria Patri (see top of page 2)

Sit
 The Catechism Review – The Ten Commandments

What is The Ninth Commandment?
 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
 What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.
 What is The Tenth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
 What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

The Lection

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:3-15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and

earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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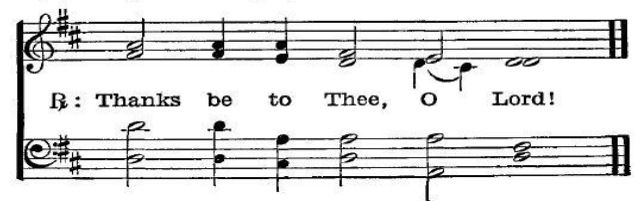
The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bleed those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn #384

“Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion”

Sermon: "Extraordinary Love"

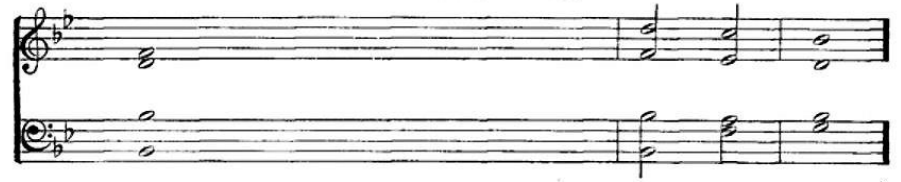
Luke 6:35

- I. Jesus calls us to practice extraordinary love – love for our enemies.
- II. We can do this because of our Father's extraordinary love for us.

The Offerings

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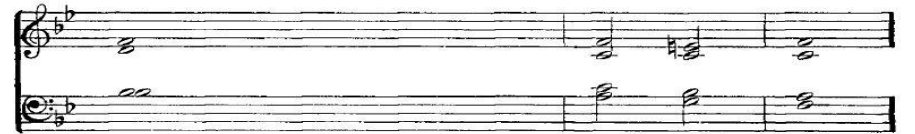
THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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	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 Prayers

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.



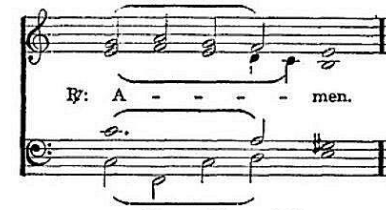
Special Petitions

Collect Of The Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

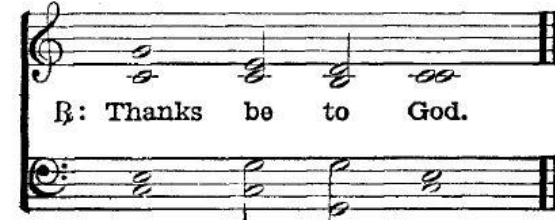
Collect for Grace

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 #442

“Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

DAILY READINGS: February 23: Job 18:1–21; John 7:32–53; 24: Job 19:1–12, 21–27; John 8:1–20; 25: Job 20:1–23, 29; John 8:21–38; 26: Job 21:1–21; John 8:39–59; 27: Job 30:16–31; John 9:1–23; 28: Job 31:1–12, 33–40; John 9:24–41; March 1: Job 33:1–18; John 10:22–42.

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