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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 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

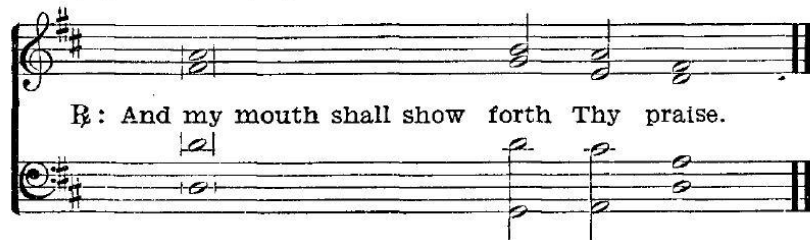
#### Hymn of Invocation #318

"Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All"

Stand

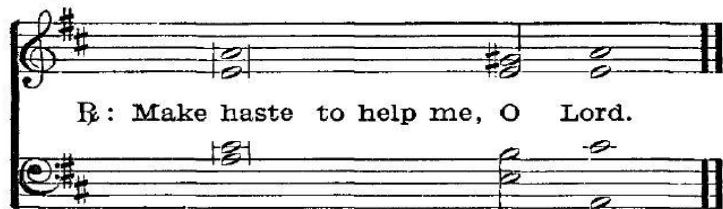
#### Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

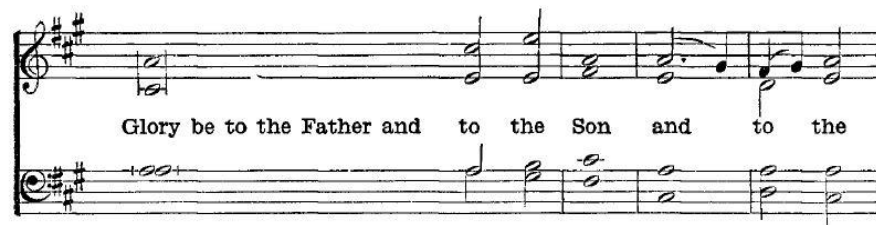


R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

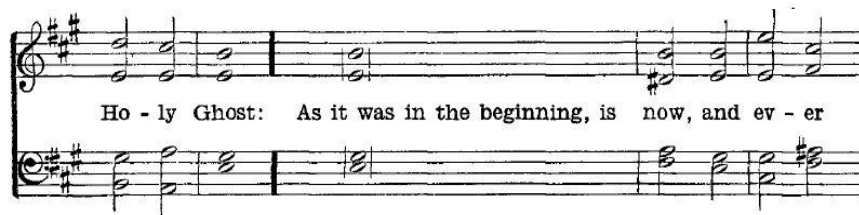
Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



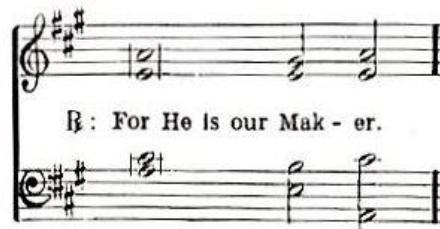
Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



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

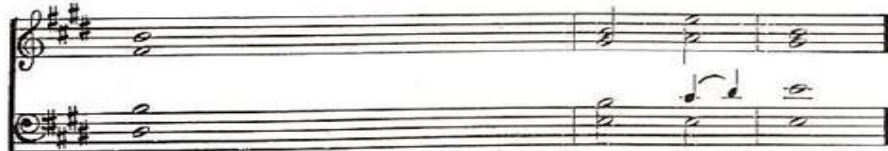
Psalm 95:1-7



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. 85

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
you covered all their sin.
- <sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

- <sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!
- <sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- <sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.
- <sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- <sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

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

Sit

**The Catechism Review – The Apostles’ Creed**  
 What is *The First Article*?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**  
 What does this mean? **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

**The Lection**

### The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-20

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

### The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-13

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We

must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

*Stand*

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

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



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### Sermon Hymn #42, v. 1, 3, 5, 6

“Oh, Thou Love Unbounded”

Sermon: "Reasons for Repentance"

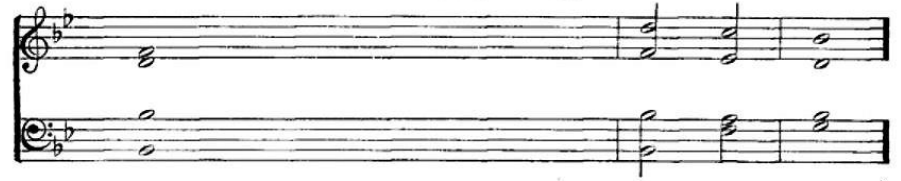
Luke 13:1-9

- I. So that we do not perish, but live forever.
- II. Because the Lord is patient, yet the time of grace will end.

The Offerings

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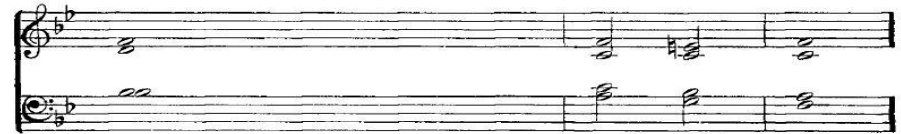
THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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.

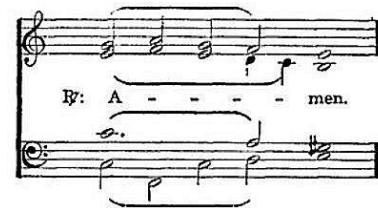


**Special Petitions**  
**Collect Of The Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

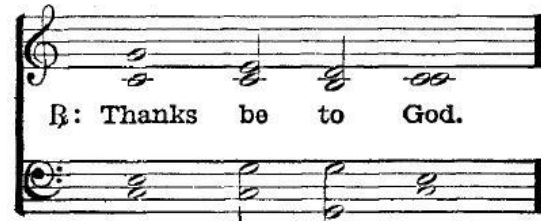
**Collect for Grace**

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.



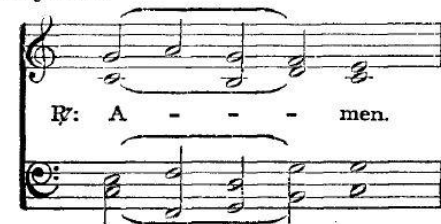
**The Benedicamus**

♯: 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 #158**  
 "Glory Be to Jesus"

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**DAILY READINGS:** March 23: Gen. 27:30–45; 28:10–22; Mark 9:1–13; 24: Gen. 29:1–30; Mark 9:14–32; 25: Gen. 35:1–29; Mark 9:33–50; 26: Gen. 37:1–36; Mark 10:1–12; 27: Gen. 39:1–23; Mark 10:13–31; 28: Gen. 40:1–23; Mark 10:32–52; 29: Gen. 41:1–27; Mark 11:1–19.

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