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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 LSB #773 "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray"



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

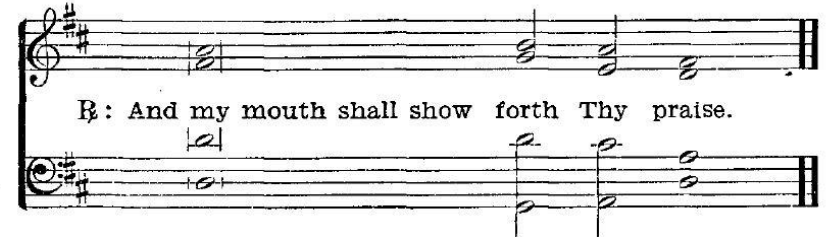
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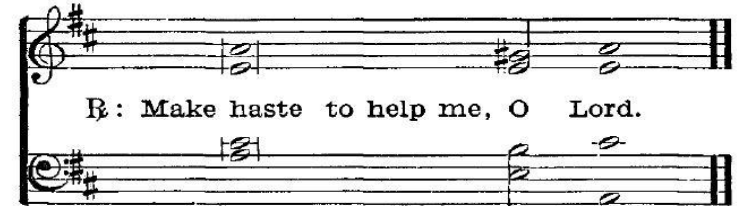
Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

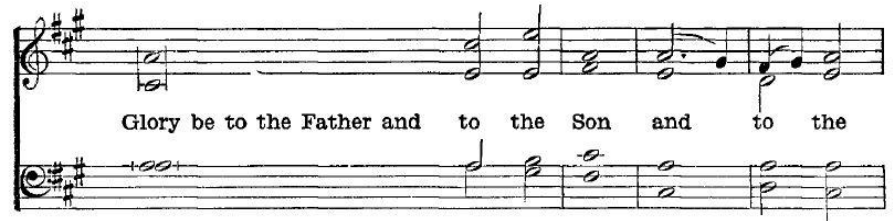


R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

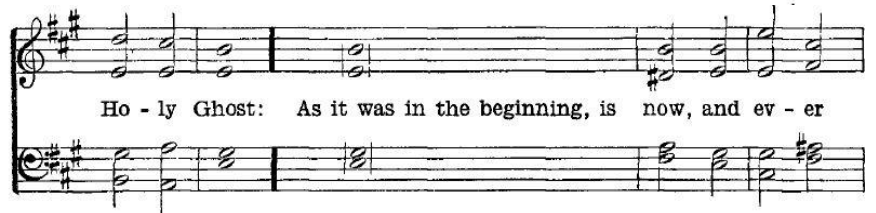
Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



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

V: 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 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt His name together.

I sought the LORD, and He heard me,

And delivered me from all my fears.

They looked to Him and were radiant,

And their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him,

And saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,

And delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;

Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Lord's Prayer

What is The Fifth Petition?

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

The Lection

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:20–33

²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

The Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells

bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Stand

The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

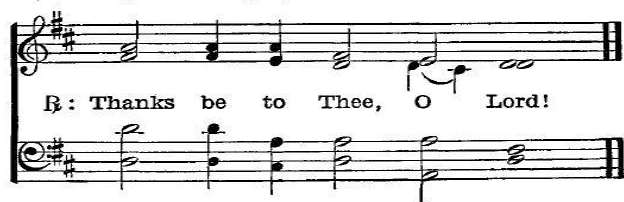
for we ourselves forgive everyone who

is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,’ ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him? ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn #459

"Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare"

Sermon: "Persistent in Prayer"

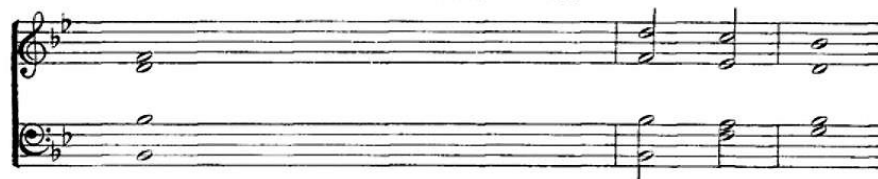
Luke 11:5-8

- I. God wants us to be persistent in prayer, in spite of our reluctance.
- II. God has good reasons for us to be persistent in prayer.

The Offerings

Stand

THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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|---|--------|-------|
| 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. |



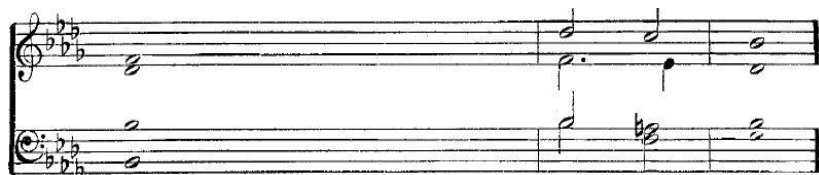
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| 1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father | ever- | last- | ing. |
| 3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty | of Thy | glo- | ry. |
| 5 The holy Church throughout all the world | doth ac- | knowl-edge | Thee: |



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|--|---------------|---------|
| 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, | | |



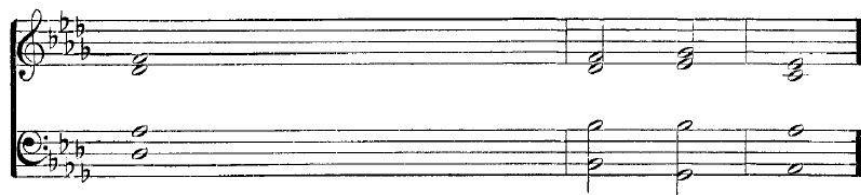
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| 2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- | tin-ual- | ly do | cry: |
| 4 The goodly fellowship of the | prophets | praise | Thee. |
| 6 also the Holy | Ghost, the | Com-fort- | er. |
| 7 Thou art the everlasting Son | of the | Fa- | ther. |



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,



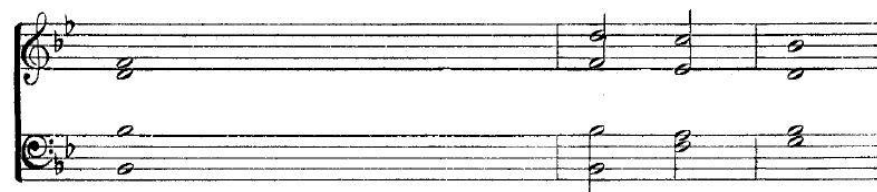
8 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born - - - of a vir- gin.
 10 in the glory - - - of the Fa- ther.
 12 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - - with Thy pre-cious blood.



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



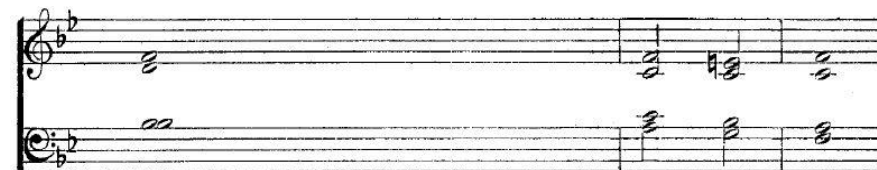
9 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be- liev- ers.
 11 to - - - be our Judge.
 13 in glory - - - ever- last- ing.



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.



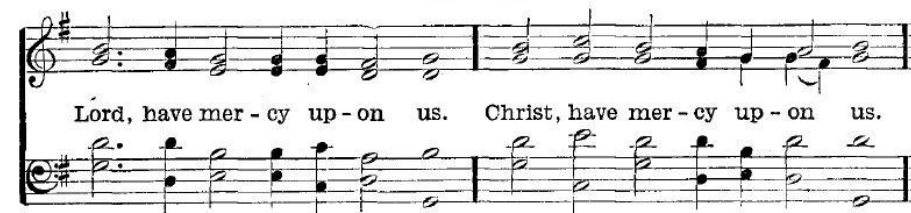
15 Day by day we - - - magni-fy Thee.
 17 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust - is in Thee.



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 Lord be with you. **The Salutation**

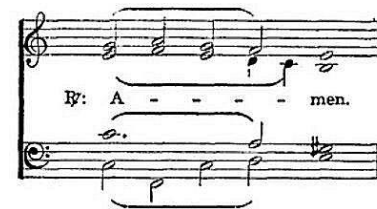


Special Petitions Collect Of The Day

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

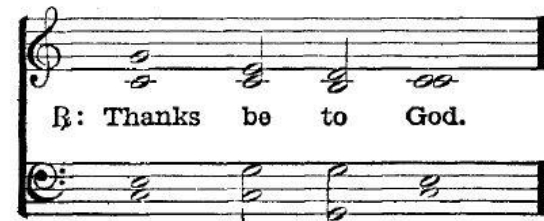
Collect for Grace

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 #457

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings: July 27: 1 Sam. 12:1–25; Acts 22:30–23:11; 28: 1 Sam. 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35; 29: 1 Sam. 14:47–15:9; Acts 24:1–23; 30: 1 Sam. 15:10–35; Acts 24:24–25:12; 31: 1 Sam. 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27; August 1: 1 Sam. 17:1–19; Acts 26:1–23; 2: 1 Sam. 17:20–47; Acts 26:24–27:8

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