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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 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

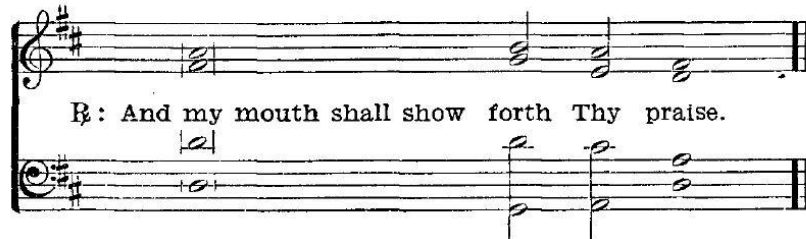
#### Hymn of Invocation #297

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

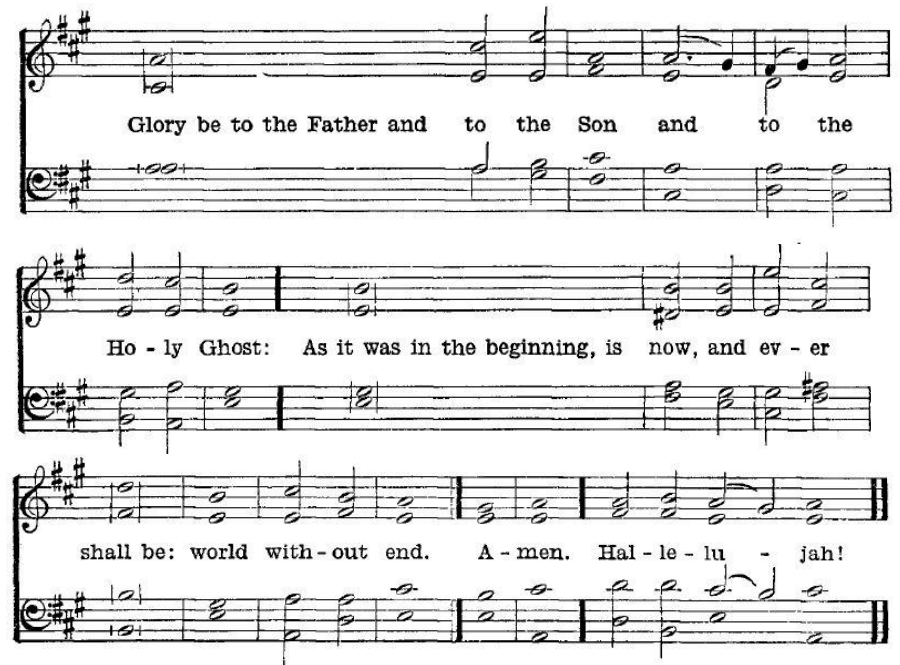
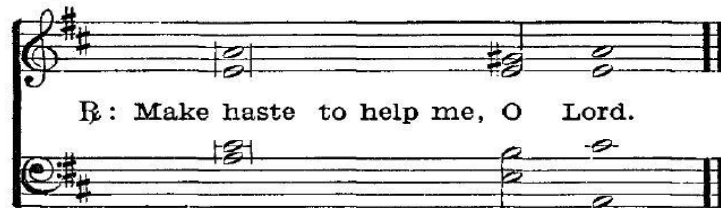
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#### Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

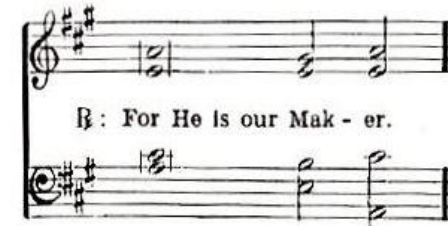


Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



#### The Invitatory

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

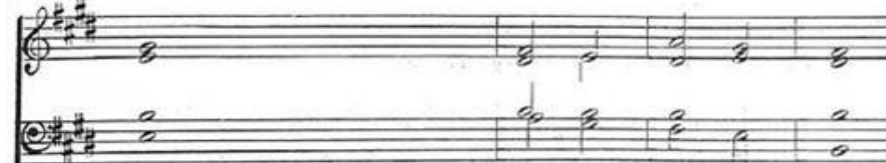


# The Venite

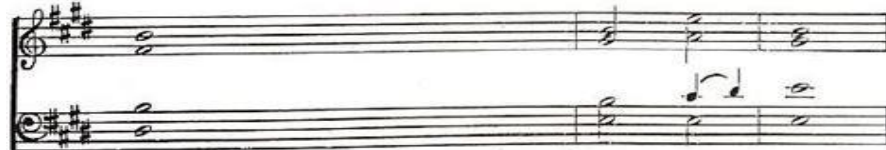
Psalm 95:1-7



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 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

While I live I will praise the LORD;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Do not put your trust in princes,

Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;

In that very day his plans perish.

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,

Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

Who made heaven and earth,

The sea, and all that is in them;

Who keeps truth forever,

Who executes justice for the oppressed,

Who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

The LORD raises those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers;

He relieves the fatherless and widow;

But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

The LORD shall reign forever

Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

The Lection

Old Testament Reading: Amos 6:1-7

1 “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
 and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
 the notable men of the first of the nations,  
 to whom the house of Israel comes!

2 Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
 and from there go to Hamath the great;  
 then go down to Gath of the Philistines.  
 Are you better than these kingdoms?

3 Or is their territory greater than your territory,  
 O you who put far away the day of disaster

and bring near the seat of violence?  
 4 “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
 and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
 and eat lambs from the flock  
 and calves from the midst of the stall,  
 5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
 and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,  
 6 who drink wine in bowls  
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
 7 Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,  
 and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

### The Epistle: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

*Stand*

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and

send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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



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### Sermon Hymn #192, v. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

### Sermon: “What Can Keep Us Out of Hell?”

#### Luke 16:31

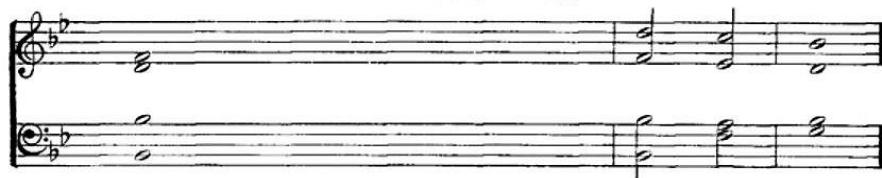
- I. Money, a messenger from the dead, and other “impressive” religious phenomena cannot.
- II. The Christ-centered word of God can.

### The Offerings

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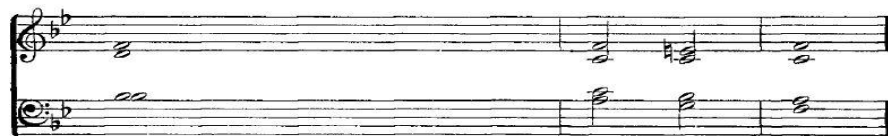
# THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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.



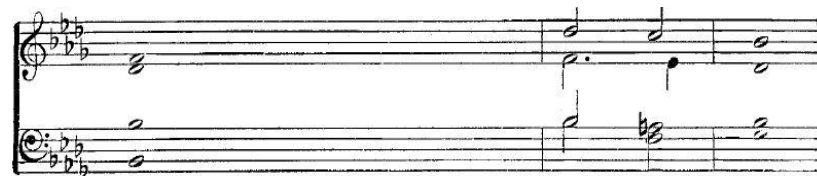
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father | ever- | last- | ing.  
 3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty | of Thy | glo- | ry.  
 5 The holy Church throughout all the world | doth ac- | knowl- | edge Thee:



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



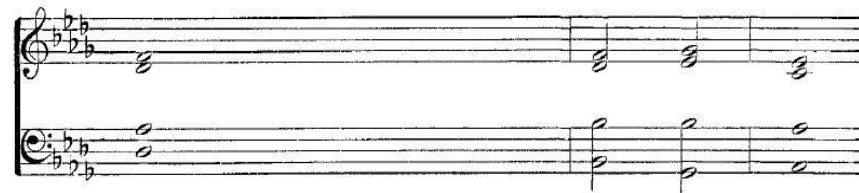
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- | tin-ual- | ly do | cry:  
 4 The goodly fellowship of the - - - prophets | praise Thee.  
 6 also the Holy - - - - - Ghost, the | Com-fort- | er.  
 7 Thou art the everlasting Son - - - of the | Fa- | ther.



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,



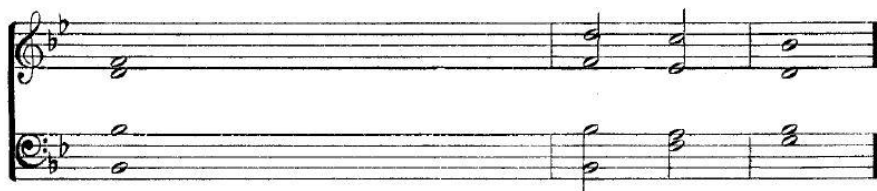
8 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born - - - | of a | vir- | gin.  
 10 in the glory - - - - - | of the | Fa- | ther.  
 12 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - - | with Thy | pre-cious | blood.



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



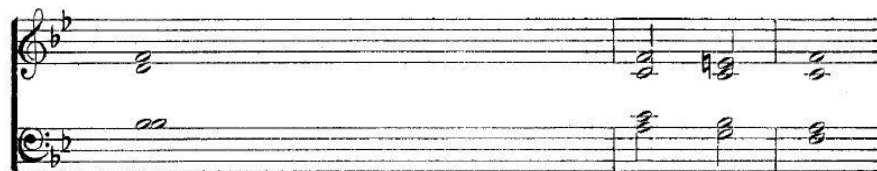
9 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to | all be- | liev- | ers.  
 11 to - - - - - | be | our | Judge.  
 13 in glory - - - - - | ever- | last- | ing.



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.



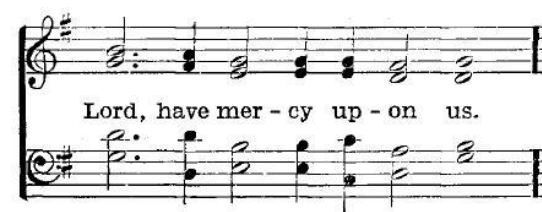
15 Day by day we - - - - - magni-fy Thee.  
17 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust - is in Thee.



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

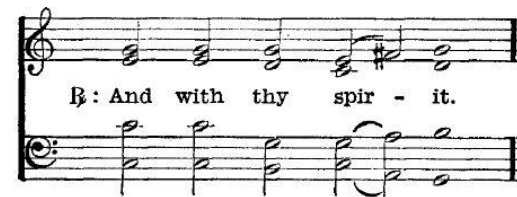


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### 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**



✠: And with thy spir - it.

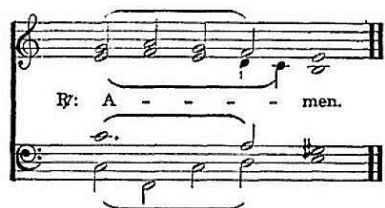
## Special Petitions

### Collect Of The Day

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

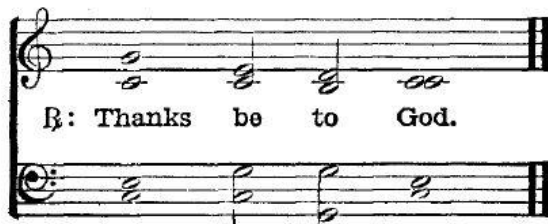
### Collect for Grace

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.



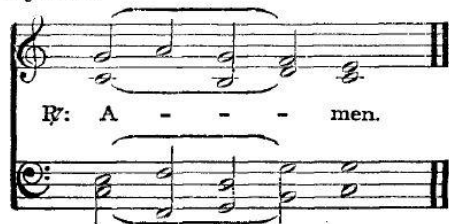
### The Benedicamus

**Y:** Bless we the Lord.



### The Benediction

**Y:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.



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**Hymn #429, v. 3**

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

### Silent Prayer & Postlude

**Daily Readings September 28:** Deut. 1:1-18; Matt. 5:1-20; **29:** Deut. 1:19-36; Matt. 5:21-28; **30:** Deut. 1:37-2:15; Matt. 6:1-15; **October 1:** Deut. 2:16-37; Matt. 6:16-34; **2:** Deut. 3:1-29; Matt. 7:1-12; **3:** Deut. 4:1-20; Matt. 7:13-29; **4:** Deut. 4:21-40; Matt. 8:1-17.

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