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REFORMATION DAY

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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

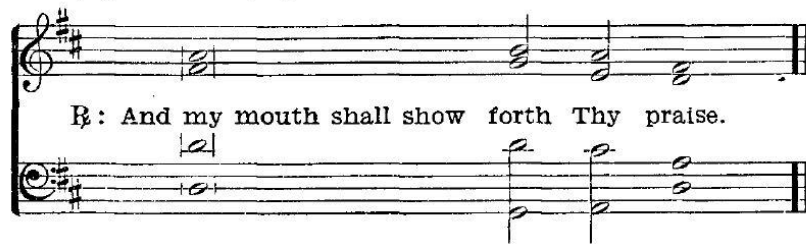
Hymn of Invocation #262

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

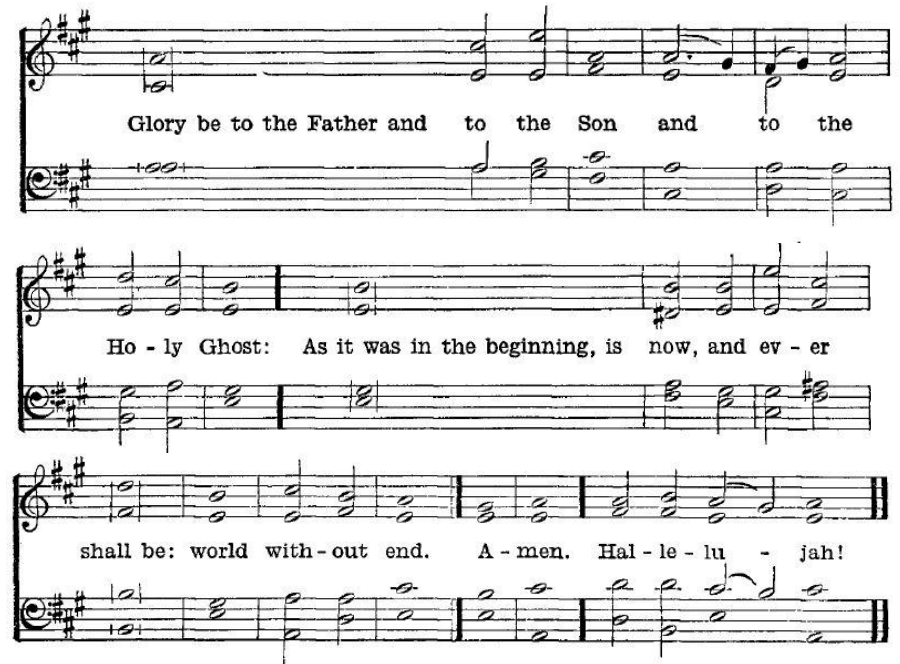
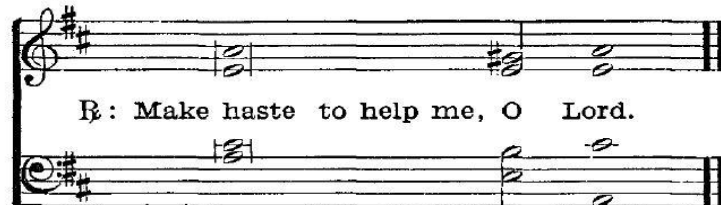
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Versicles & Responses

V: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

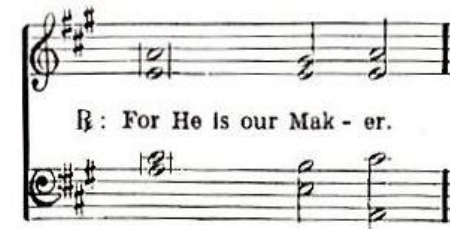


V: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



The Invitatory

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

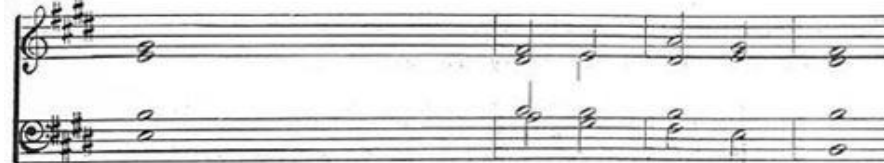


The Venite

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

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

"I will sing to the LORD,
 For He has triumphed gloriously!
 The horse and its rider
 He has thrown into the sea!
 The LORD is my strength and song,
 And He has become my salvation;

He is my God, and I will praise Him;
 My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

The LORD is a man of war;

The LORD is His name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;
 His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them;

They sank to the bottom like a stone.

**"Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power;
 Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.**

"Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?

Who is like You, glorious in holiness,

Fearful in praises, doing wonders?

**You stretched out Your right hand;
 The earth swallowed them.**

You in Your mercy have led forth

The people whom You have redeemed;

You have guided them in Your strength

To Your holy habitation.

**You will bring them in and plant them
 In the mountain of Your inheritance,
 In the place, O LORD, which You have made
 For Your own dwelling,**

The sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.

"The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

Choir

"Let Us Sing to the Lord"

The Catechism Review – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trust-worthy saying."

The Lection

First Reading: Exodus 14:5-31

⁵Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, “Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?”

⁶So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him. ⁷Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. ⁸And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness. ⁹So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and over-took them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

¹⁰And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried to the LORD. ¹¹Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? ¹²“Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.”

¹³And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. ¹⁴“The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

¹⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶“But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. ¹⁷“And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸“Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

¹⁹And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. ²⁰So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and

his horsemen. ²⁴Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. ²⁵And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.” ²⁷And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. ²⁸Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained.

²⁹But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ³⁰So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

Choir “God the Father, Be Our Stay”

The Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

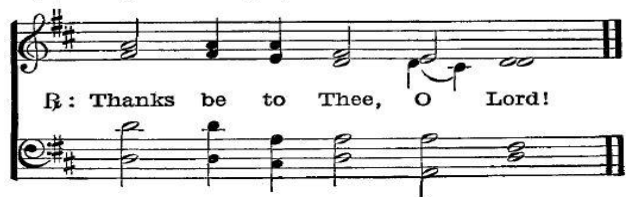
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The Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

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

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

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn LSB #658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior



1 Pre-serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
2 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas-phem - er smite;
3 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear-ly with Your blood;
4 Pre-serve Your Word and preach-ing, The truth that makes us whole,
5 Pre-serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm-tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king-dom flour-ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
Con-vince, con-vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.
As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n-ly grace,
Stand at the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



Let noth-ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
When all the earth is crum-bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.
Then we will reach the har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light.

Sermon: “Stand By, and See the Salvation of the Lord”

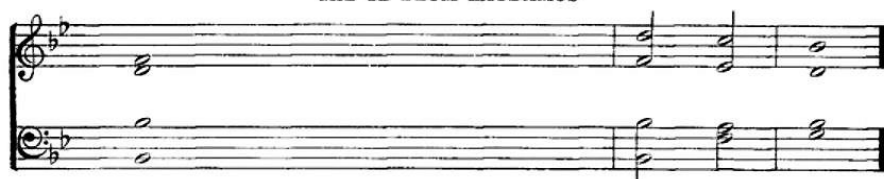
Exodus 14:13-14

- I. At the Red Sea
- II. On the cross
- III. In the Reformation

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.



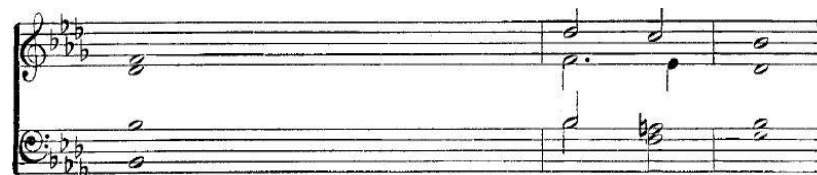
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father | ever- | last- | ing.
 3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty | of Thy | glo- | ry.
 5 The holy Church throughout all the world | doth ac- | knowl- | edge Thee:



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



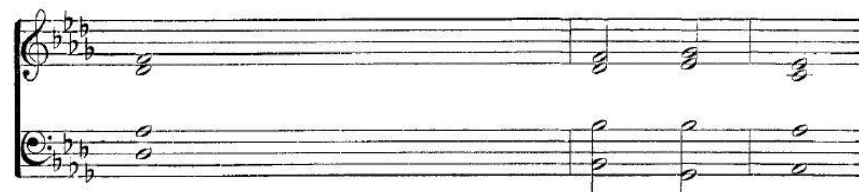
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- | tin-ual- | ly do | cry:
 4 The goodly fellowship of the - - - prophets | praise Thee.
 6 also the Holy - - - - - Ghost, the Com-fort- | er.
 7 Thou art the everlasting Son - - - of the Fa- | ther.



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,



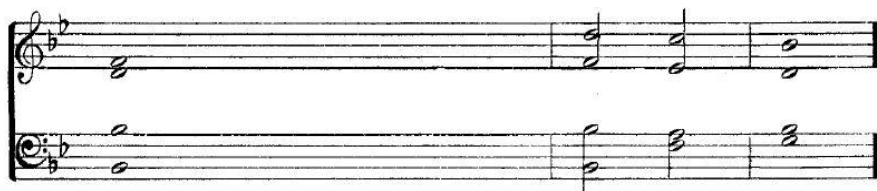
8 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born - - - of a | vir- | gin.
 10 in the glory - - - - - of the | Fa- | ther.
 12 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - - with Thy | pre-cious | blood.



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



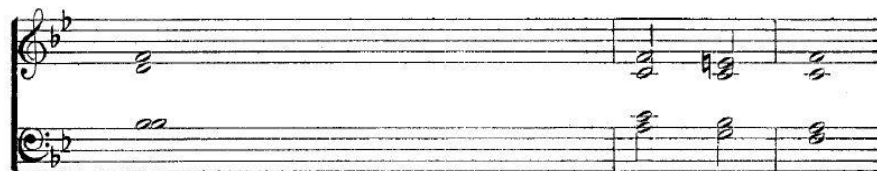
9 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to | all be- | liev- | ers.
 11 to - - - - - be | our | Judge.
 13 in glory - - - - - ever- | last- | ing.



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.



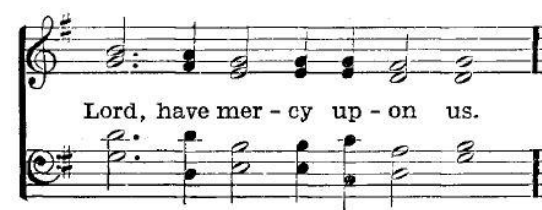
15 Day by day we - - - - - magni-fy Thee.
17 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust - is in Thee.



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

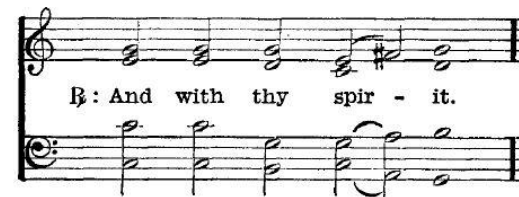


The Lord's Prayer

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.



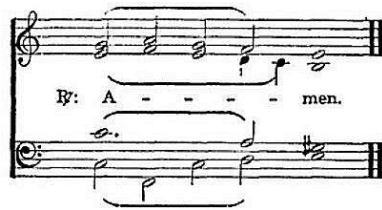
Special Petitions

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.

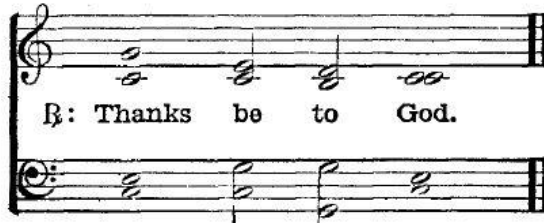
Collect for Grace

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.



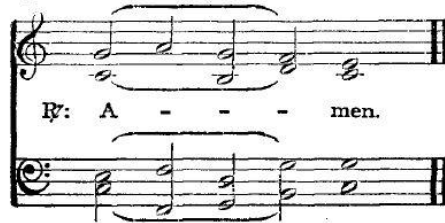
The Benedicamus

Ps: Bless we the Lord.



The Benediction

Ps: 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 #263

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings October 26: Deut. 28:1–22; Matt. 18:1–20; 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.

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