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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 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

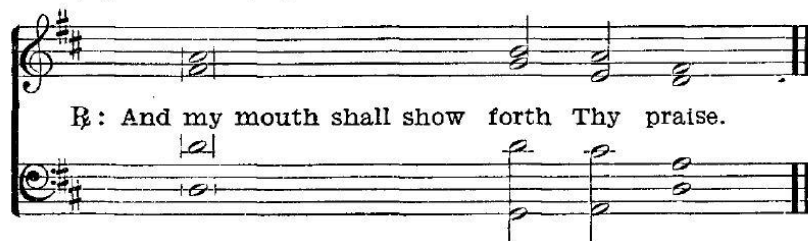
Hymn of Invocation #611

"The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

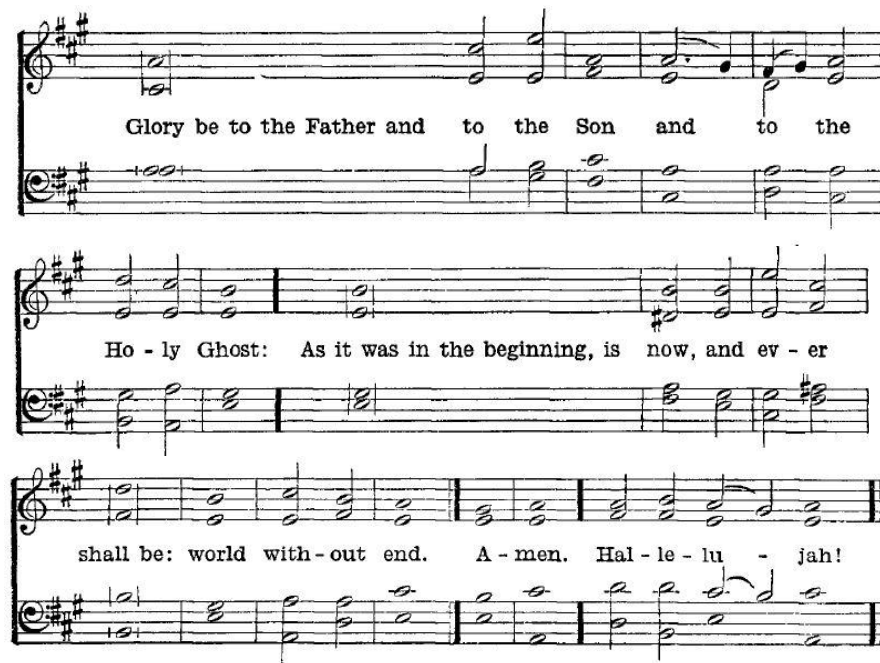
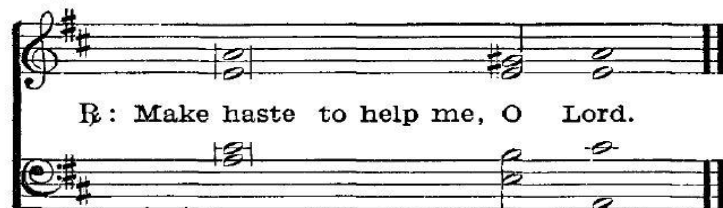
Stand

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 9

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart;

I will tell of all Thy wonders.

I will be glad and exult in Thee;

I will sing praise to Thy name, O Most High.

When my enemies turn back,

They stumble and perish before Thee.

For Thou hast maintained my just cause;

Thou dost sit on the throne judging righteously.

Thou hast rebuked the nations; Thou hast destroyed the wicked;

Thou hast blotted out their name forever and ever.

The enemy has come to an end in perpetual ruins,

And Thou hast uprooted the cities;

The very memory of them has perished.

But the LORD abides forever;

He has established His throne for judgment.

And He will judge the world in righteousness;

He will execute judgment for the people with equity.

The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed,

A stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee;

For Thou, O LORD, hast not forsaken those who seek Thee.

Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion;

Declare among the peoples His deeds.

For He who requires blood remembers them;

He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O LORD;

Behold my affliction from those who hate me,

Thou who dost lift me up from the gates of death;

That I may tell of all Thy praises,

That in the gates of the daughter of Zion

I may rejoice in Thy salvation.

The nations have sunk down in the pit which they have made;

In the net which they hid, their own foot has been caught.

The LORD has made Himself known;

He has executed judgment.

In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared.

The wicked will return to Sheol,

Even all the nations who forget God.

For the needy will not always be forgotten,

Nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever.

Arise, O Lord, do not let man prevail;

Let the nations be judged before Thee.

Put them in fear, O LORD;

Let the nations know that they are but men.

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – What is the Office of the Keys?

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

The Lection

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

The Epistle: Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and

through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Stand

The Holy Gospel: Luke 23:27-43

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn #370

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Sermon: "The Lord Remembers"

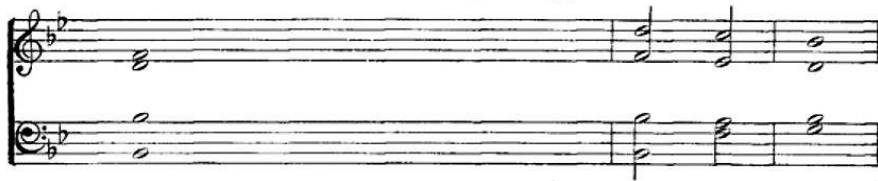
Psalm 9:11-12

- I. Sometimes it seems the Lord has forgotten us in our afflictions.
- II. He has remembered us, vindicating us by the blood of Jesus.
- III. He will remember us again when He avenges us on judgment day.

The Offerings

Stand

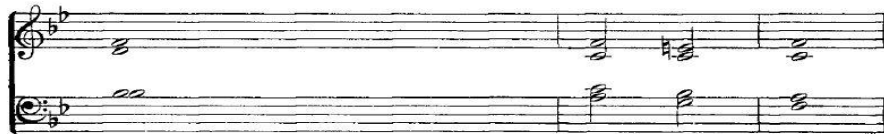
THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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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. |



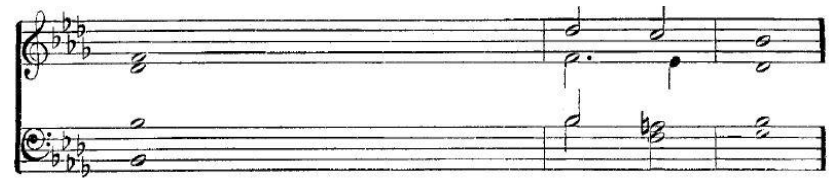
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| 1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father | ever- | last- | ing. |
| 3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty | of Thy | glo- | ry. |
| 5 The holy Church throughout all the world | doth ac- | knowl-edge | Thee: |



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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 | - - - - | | |
| 6 The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine ador- | | on-ly | Son; |
| able true and | - - - - | O | Christ. |
| 7 Thou art the King of Glory, | - - - - | | |



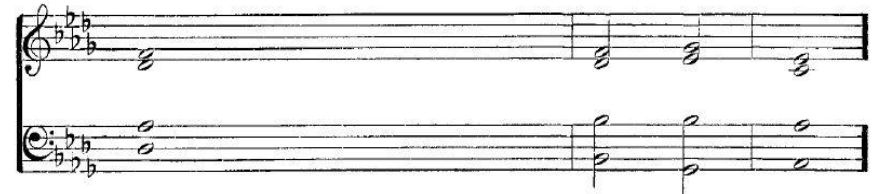
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| 2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- | - | tin-ual- | ly do | cry: |
| 4 The goodly fellowship of the | - - - - | prophets | praise | Thee. |
| 6 also the Holy | - - - - | Ghost, the | Com-fort- | er. |
| 7 Thou art the everlasting Son | - - - -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



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| 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, |



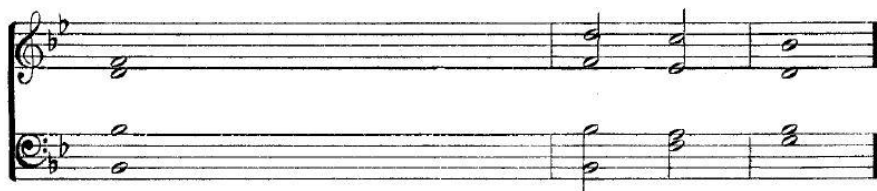
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| 8 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born | - | of a | vir- | gin. |
| 10 in the glory | - - - - | of the | Fa- | ther. |
| 12 whom Thou hast redeem-ed | - - | with Thy | pre-cious | blood. |



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| 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 |



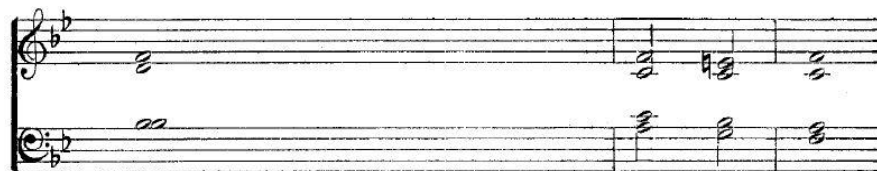
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| 9 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to | | all be- | liev- | ers. |
| 11 to | - - - - | be | our | Judge. |
| 13 in glory | - - - - | ever- | last- | ing. |



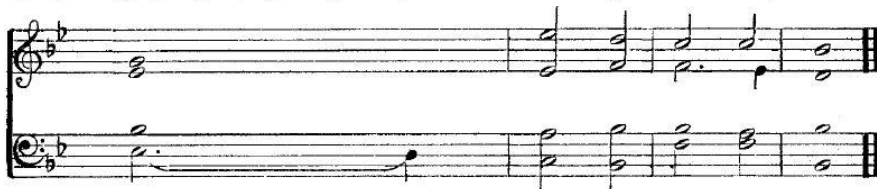
14 O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine - her-i- tage.
16 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with- out sin.



14 Govern them and lift them - - - up for- ev- er.
16 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have - - - mercy up- on us.



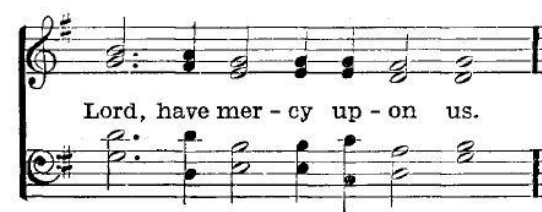
15 Day by day we - - - - - magni-fy Thee.
17 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust - is in Thee.



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



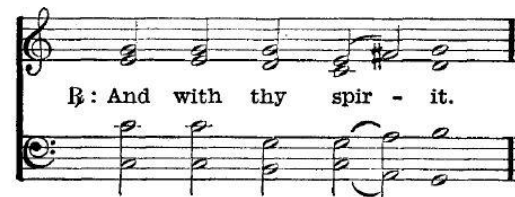
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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 Salutation

Ps: The Lord be with you.



R: And with thy spir - it.

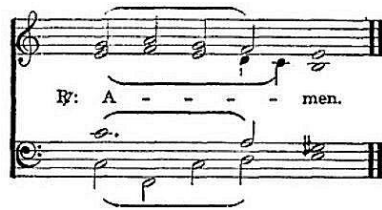
Special Petitions

Collect Of The Day

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

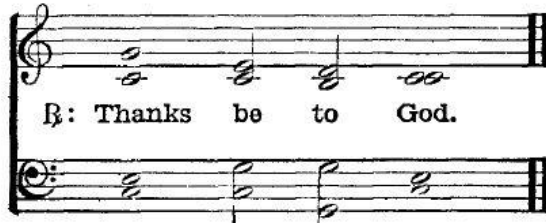
Collect for Grace

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.



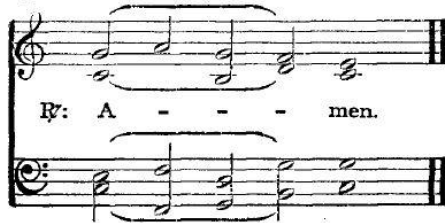
The Benedicamus

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 #609

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings November 23: Dan. 3:1–30; Rev. 20:1–15; 24: Dan. 4:1–37; Rev. 21:1–8; 25: Dan. 5:1–30; Rev. 21:9–27; 26: Dan. 6:1–28; Rev. 22:1–21; 27: Is. 1:1–28; 1 Peter 1:1–12; 28: Is. 2:1–22; 1 Peter 1:13–25; 29: Is. 5:1–25; 1 Peter 2:1–12

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