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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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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

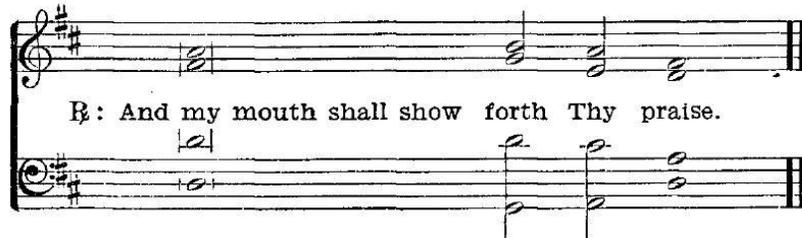
Hymn of Invocation #658

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Stand

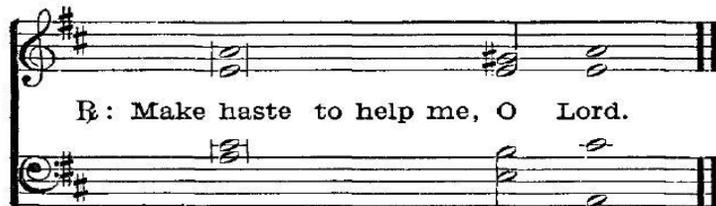
Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

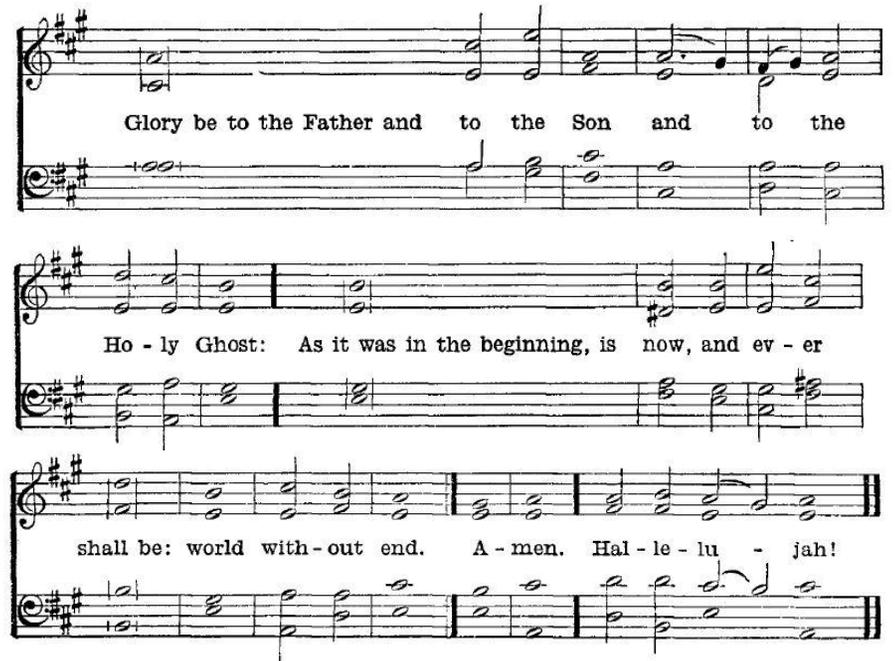


R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

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



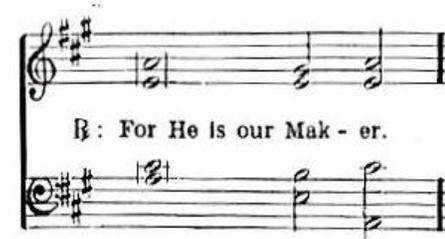
R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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

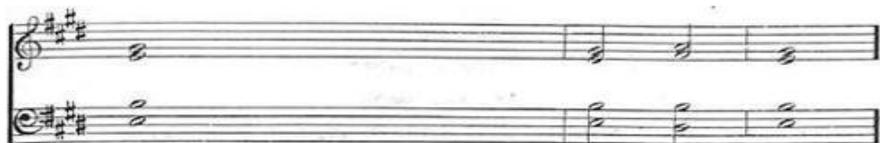
Y: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



R: For He is our Mak - er.

The Venite

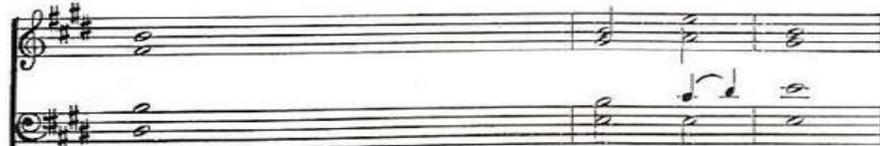
Psalm 95:1-7



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 Psalm 119:97-104

Oh, how I love Your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;

For they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,

For Your testimonies are my mediation.

I understand more than the ancients,

Because I keep Your precepts.

I have restrained my feet from every evil way,

That I may keep Your word.

I have not departed from Your judgments,

For You Yourself have taught me.

How sweet are Your words to my taste,

Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through Your precepts I get understanding;

Therefore I hate every false way.

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Ten Commandments

What is the Third Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

What is the Fourth Commandment?

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Lection

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Choir “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles—

¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their

nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn #292, v. 1, 4, 6, 7, 9

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

Sermon: “Unity of Speech and Thought in Christ”

1 Corinthians 1:10

- I. God expects us to be united in speech and thought in Christ.
- II. This unity in Christ is a great blessing from God.

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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

☩: The Lord be with you.

☩: And with thy spir - it.

Special Petitions

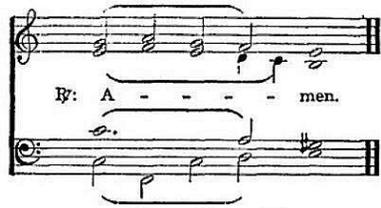
Collect Of The Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

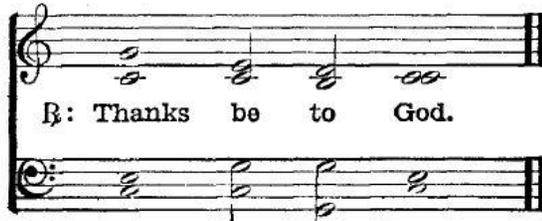
O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Thy

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.



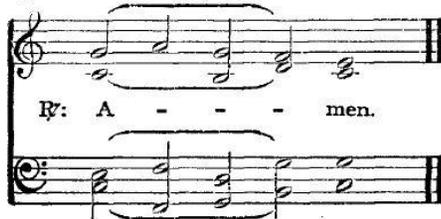
The Benedicamus

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.



Sit

Hymn #261

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings January 25: Zech. 1:1–21; Rom. 14:1–23; 26: Zech. 2:1–3:10; Rom. 15:1–13; 27: Zech. 4:1–5:11; Rom. 15:14–33; 28: Zech. 6:1–7:14; Rom. 16:17–27; 29: Zech. 8:1–23; 2 Tim. 1:1–18; 30: Zech. 9:1–17; 2 Tim. 2:1–26; 31: Zech. 10:1–11:3; 2 Tim. 3:1–17.