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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

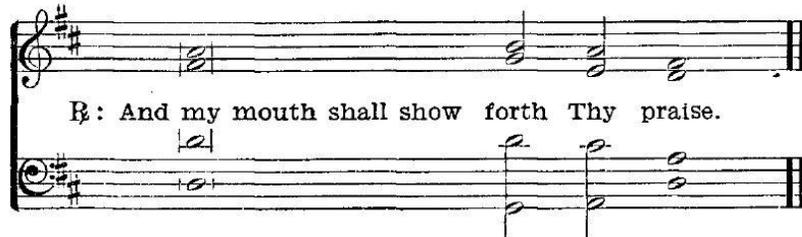
Hymn of Invocation #262

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Stand

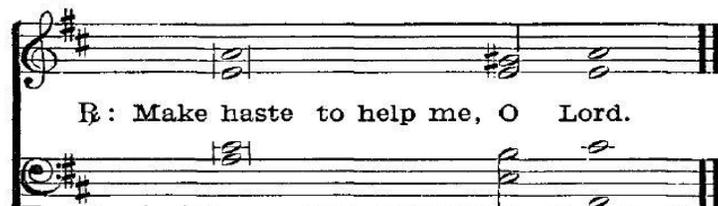
Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

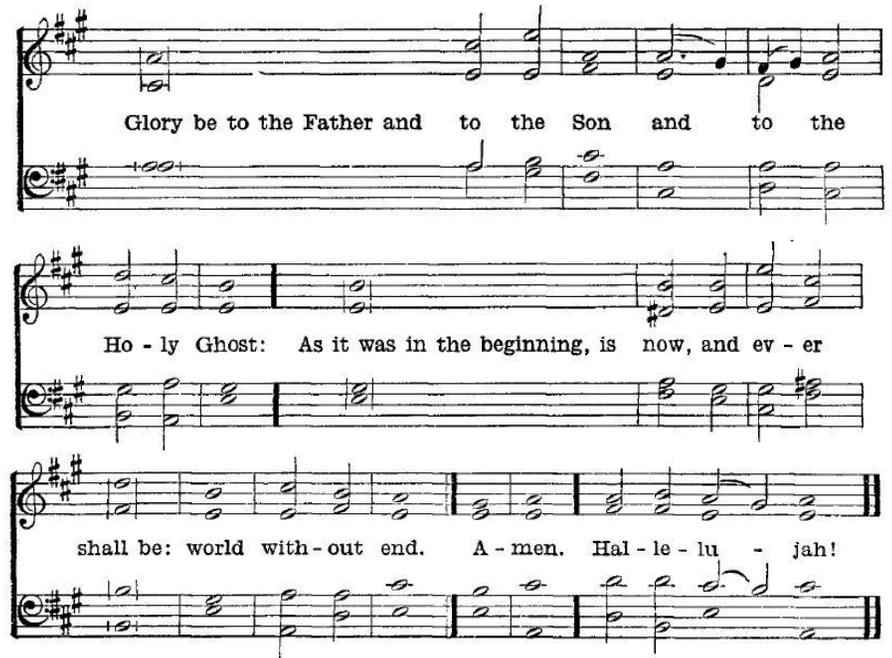


R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

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



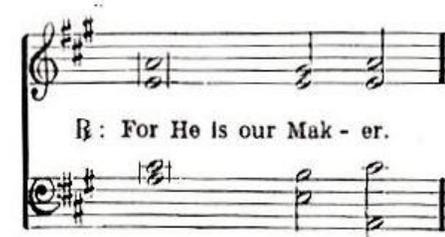
R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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

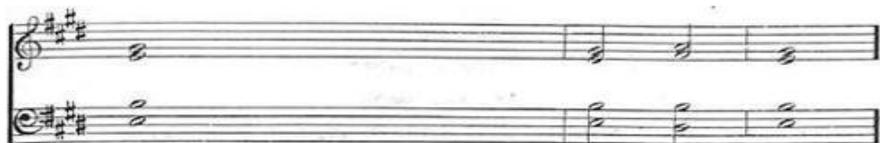
Y: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



R: For He is our Mak - er.

The Venite

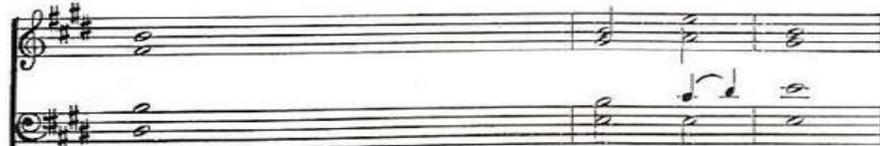
Psalm 95:1-7



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 32:1-7

*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
 Whose sin is covered.*

**Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
 And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*When I kept silent my bones grew old
 Through my groaning all the day long.*

**For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
 My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.**
*I acknowledged my sin to You,
 And my iniquity I have not hidden.
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
 And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

**For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You
 In a time when You may be found;
 Surely in a flood of great waters
 They shall not come near him.**

*You are my hiding place;
 You shall preserve me from trouble;
 You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.*

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Ten Commandments

What is the Seventh Commandment?

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

What is the Eighth Commandment?

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Lection

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of

both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;

for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

The Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

Stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

“‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Sit

Sermon Hymn #369

"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

Sermon: "One Affects the Many"

Romans 5:19

- I. Through Adam's disobedience the many were made sinners and subject to death.
- II. Through Christ's obedience the many are made righteous and have life.

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 Kyrie is a musical setting for the Kyrie eleison. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us." The second system also has two staves with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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.

The Salutation is a musical setting for the beginning of the Mass. It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the lyrics "♯: And with thy spir - it." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Special Petitions Collect Of The Day

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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.

♯: A - - - - men.

The Benedicamus

The Benedicamus is a musical setting for the Benedictus. It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the lyrics "♯: A - - - - men." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

♯: Bless we the Lord.

♯: Thanks be to God.

Bless we the Lord is a musical setting for the beginning of the Benedictus. It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the lyrics "♯: Thanks be to God." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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.

♯: A - - - - men.

The Benediction is a musical setting for the end of the Mass. It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the lyrics "♯: A - - - - men." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Sit

Hymn #437

"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings February 22: Gen. 4:1-26; Mark 2:18-28; **23:** Gen. 6:1-7:5; Mark 3:1-19; **24:** Gen. 7:11-8:12; Mark 3:20-35; **25:** Gen. 8:13-9:17; Mark 4:1-20; **26:** Gen. 11:27-12:20; Mark 4:21-41; **27:** Gen. 13:1-18; Mark 5:1-20; **28:** Gen. 15:1-21; Mark 5:21-43.

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