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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

Bells of St. John's

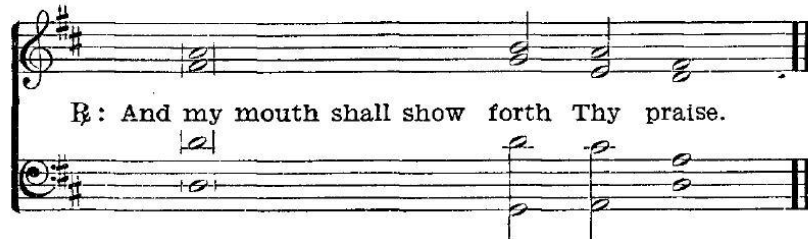
Hymn of Invocation #436

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Stand

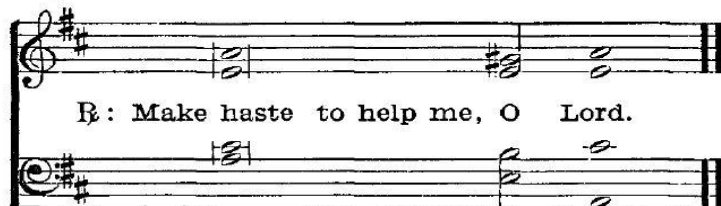
Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

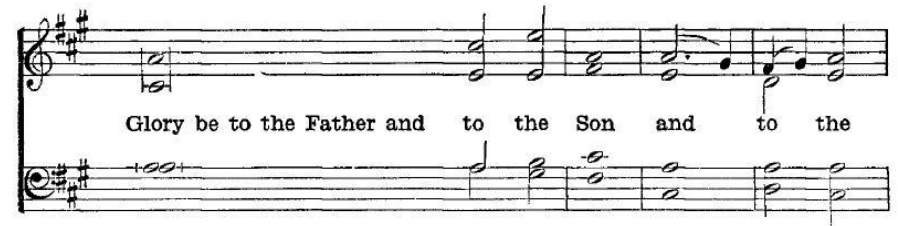


R: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

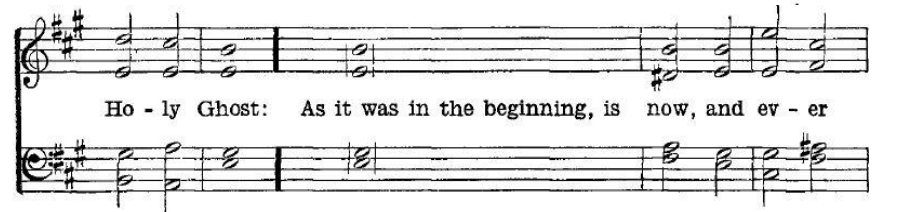
Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



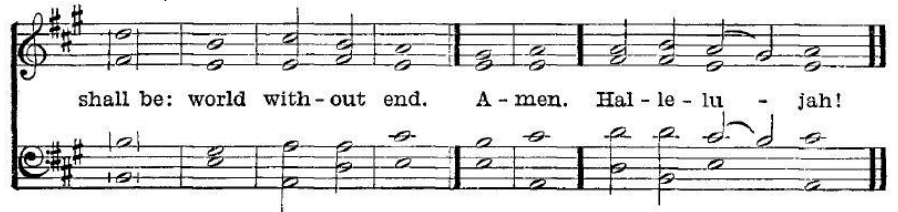
R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



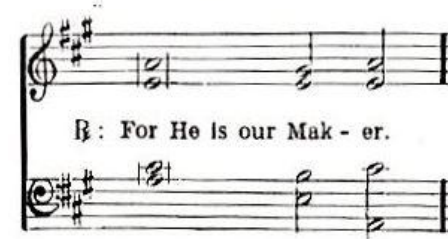
Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



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 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of

death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Apostles’ Creed

What is The Second Article?

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

The Lection

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Choir The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(You may follow the text at Hymn 431.)

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls

Stand

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Sit

Sermon Hymn #485, v. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7

“Lord Jesus, Who art Come”

Sermon: “Jesus Is the Door”

John 10:9-10

- I. We must watch out for the thieves, who do not enter through the Door.
- II. Jesus alone is the Door, who came to save us, shepherd us, and give us 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 all the powers there- in;
 4 The glorious company of the Apostles - - - praise Thee.
 6 The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine ador- on-ly Son;
 7 Thou art the King of Glory, - - - O Christ.

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 God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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

♯: Bless we the Lord.

♯: Thanks be to God.

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.

Sit
Hymn #648
 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings April 26: Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36; Luke 9:1-17; 27: Lev. 9:1-24; Luke 9:18-36; 28: Lev. 10:1-20; Luke 9:37-62; 29: Lev. 16:1-24; Luke 10:1-22; 30: Lev. 17:1-16; Luke 10:23-42; May 1: Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8; Luke 11:1-13; 2: Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37; Luke 11:14-36.

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