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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026

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

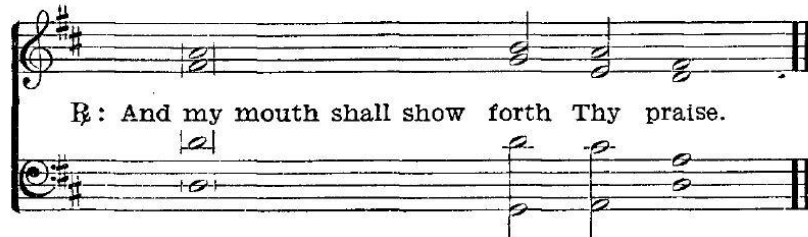
Hymn of Invocation #372

"Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

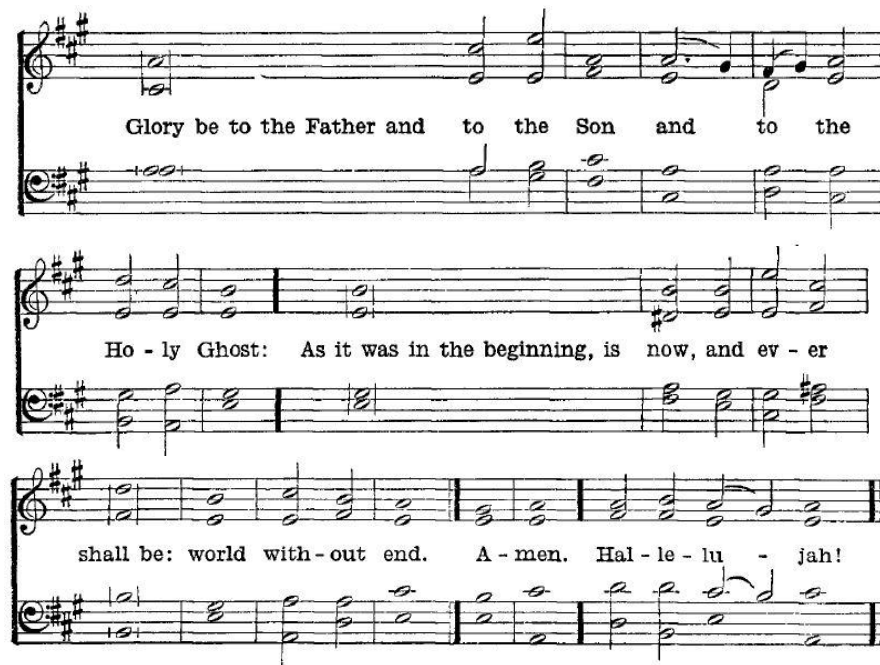
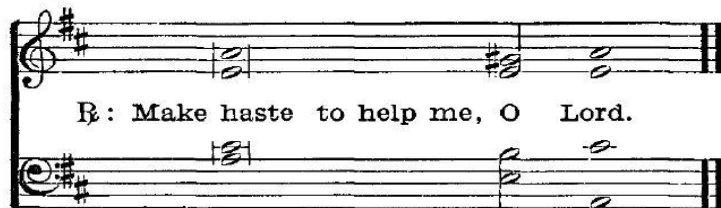
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Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

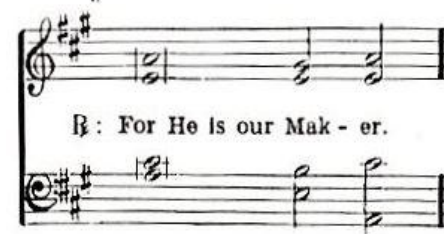


Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



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 135

Praise the name of the LORD;

Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD!

You who stand in the house of the LORD,

In the courts of the house of our God,

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

**For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself,
 Israel for His special treasure.**

*For I know that the LORD is great,
 And our Lord is above all gods.*

**Whatever the LORD pleases He does,
 In heaven and in earth,
 In the seas and in all deep places.**

*He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
 He makes lightning for the rain;
 He brings the wind out of His treasures.*

**He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,
 Both of man and beast.**

*He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,
 Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.*

**He defeated many nations
 And slew mighty kings—**

*Sihon king of the Amorites,
 Og king of Bashan,
 And all the kingdoms of Canaan.*

**And gave their land as a heritage,
 A heritage to Israel His people.**

*Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
 Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.*

**For the LORD will judge His people,
 And He will have compassion on His servants.**

*The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
 The work of men's hands.*

**They have mouths, but they do not speak;
 Eyes they have, but they do not see;**

*They have ears, but they do not hear;
 Nor is there any breath in their mouths.*

**Those who make them are like them;
 So is everyone who trusts in them.**

Bless the LORD, O house of Israel!

Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron!

Bless the LORD, O house of Levi!

You who fear the LORD, bless the Lord!

Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,

Who dwells in Jerusalem!

Praise the LORD!

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Lord's Prayer

What is The Fourth Petition?

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

What is meant by daily bread? **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

The Lection

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Epistle: Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed

all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.”

⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn #529

“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Sermon: “God Works All Things Together For Our Good”

Romans 8:28-30

- I. God works all things together – even bad things – for the good of those who love him.
- II. He does so with a view to His eternal plan of salvation for our everlasting good.

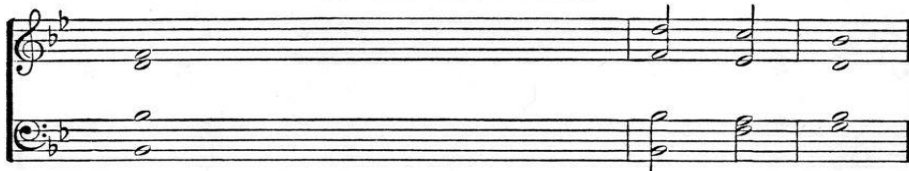
The Offerings

Duet: "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

(You may follow the text at Hymn 521 verses 1, 4, 6.)

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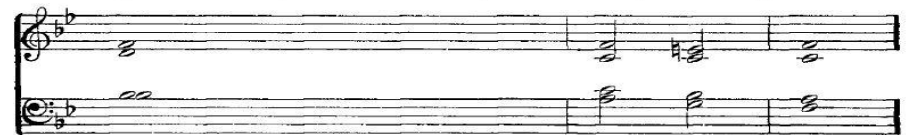
THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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.



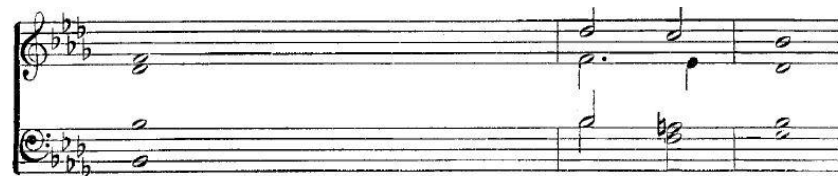
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father | ever- | last- | ing.
3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty | of Thy | glo- | ry.
5 The holy Church throughout all the world | doth ac- | knowl- | edge Thee:



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, - - - - -



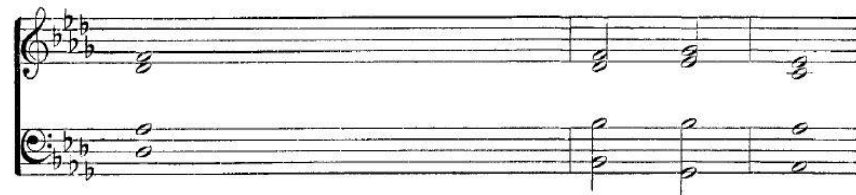
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- - tin-ual- ly do cry:
4 The goodly fellowship of the - - prophets praise Thee.
6 also the Holy - - - - - Ghost, the Com-fort- er.
7 Thou art the everlasting Son - - of the Fa- ther.



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,



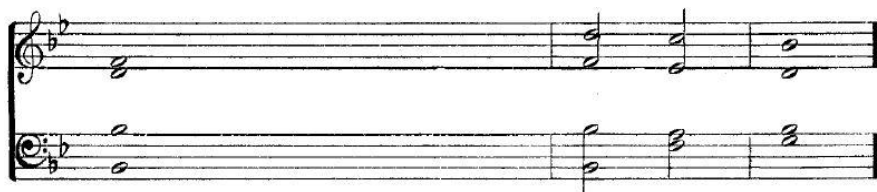
8 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born - of a vir- gin.
10 in the glory - - - - - of the Fa- ther.
12 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - with Thy pre-cious blood.



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



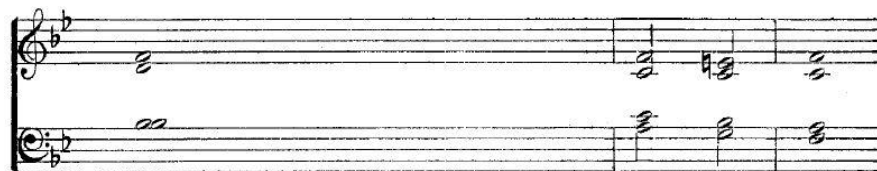
9 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to | all be- liev- ers.
11 to - - - - - be our Judge.
13 in glory - - - - - ever- last- ing.



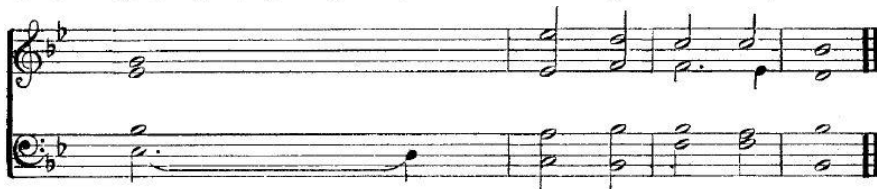
14 O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine - her-i- tage.
16 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with- out sin.



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



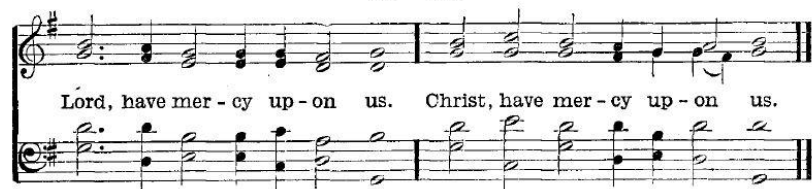
15 Day by day we - - - - - magni-fy Thee.
17 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust - is in Thee.



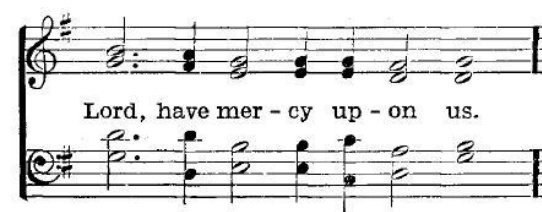
15 And we worship Thy name ever, - - - world with- out end.
17 O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be con- found- ed.

The Prayers

The Kyrie



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



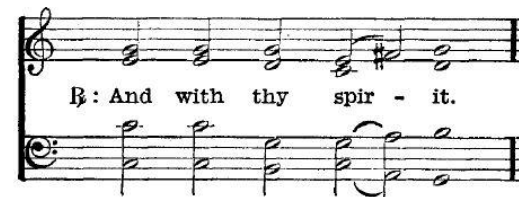
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

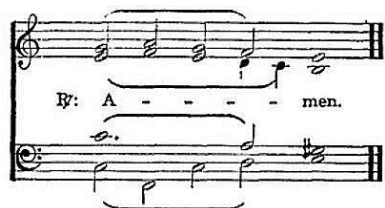
Special Petitions

Collect Of The Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

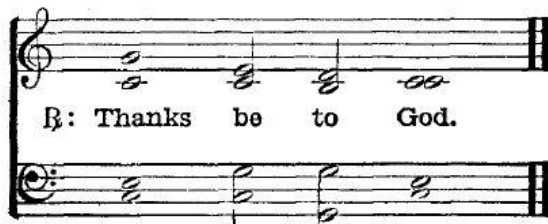
Collect for Grace

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.



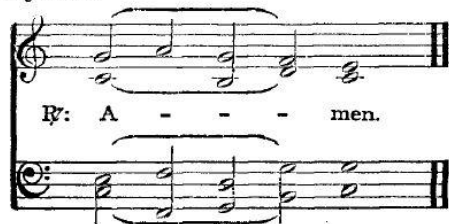
Ps: Bless we the Lord.

The Benedicamus



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 #37

“Lord, ‘Tis Not that I did Choose Thee”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings July 26: 1 Sam. 10:1–27; Acts 22:17–29; 27: 1 Sam. 12:1–25; Acts 22:30–23:11; 28: 1 Sam. 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35; 29: 1 Sam. 14:47–15:9; Acts 24:1–23; 30: 1 Sam. 15:10–35; Acts 24:24–25:12; 31: 1 Sam. 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27; **August 1:** 1 Sam. 17:1–19; Acts 26:1–23.

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