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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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

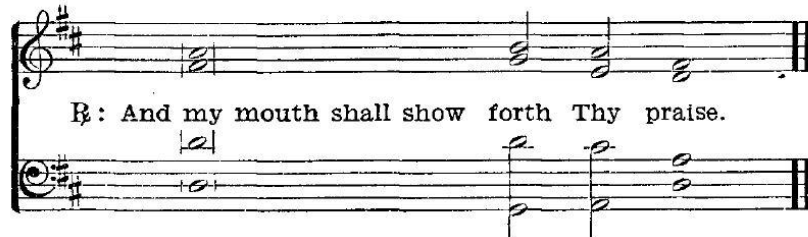
Hymn of Invocation #225

"Come, Holy Spirit, Come"

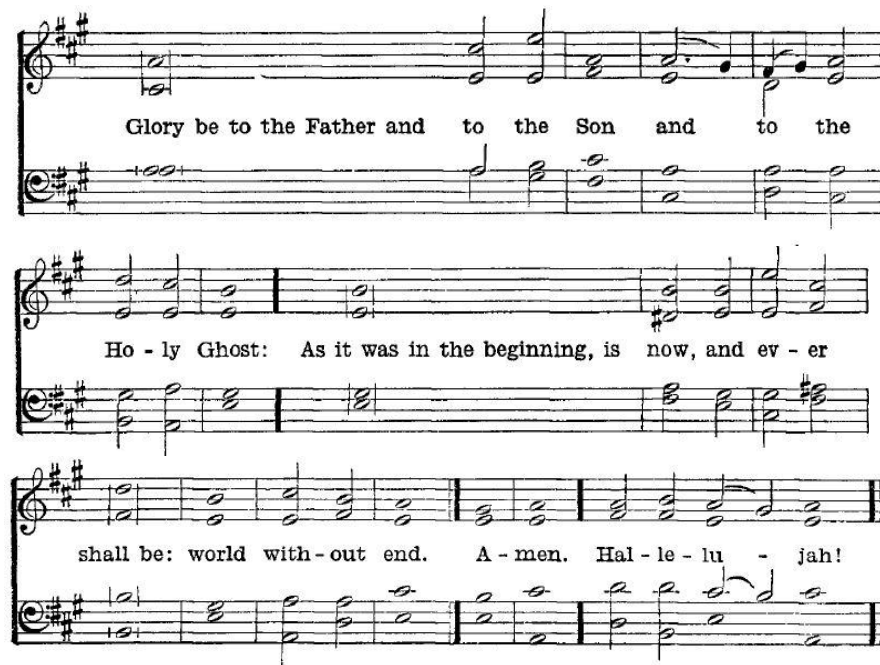
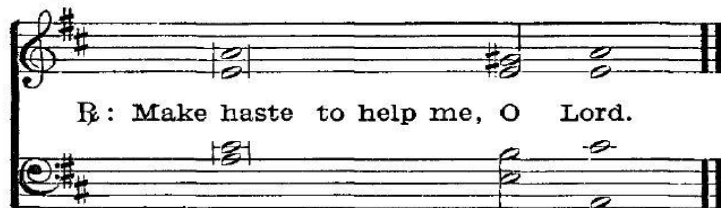
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Versicles & Responses

Y: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

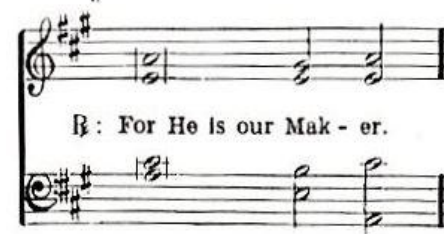


Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



The Invitatory

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



The Venite

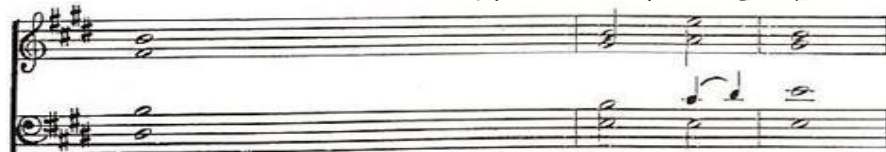
Psalm 95:1-7



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 25:1-10

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O My God, I trust in You;

Let me not be ashamed:

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;

Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

Show me Your ways, O LORD;

Teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You are the God of my salvation;

On You I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,

For they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;

According to Your mercy remember me,

For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD;

Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

The humble He guides in justice,

And the humble He teaches His way.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth,

To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

The Gloria Patri (see page 2)

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The Lection

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the

Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Epistle Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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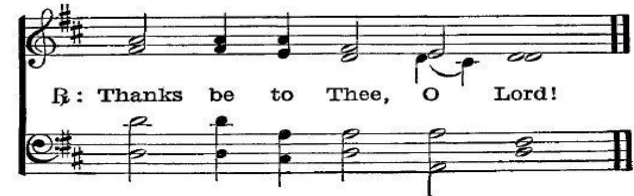
Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, I say to you, the tax collectors and the

prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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



Sit

Sermon Hymn #328

“O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art”

Sermon: “Believe John”

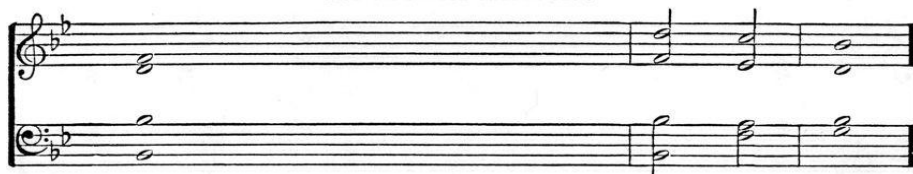
Matthew 21:32-32

- I. We must avoid the attitude of the chief priests and elders.
- II. Those who believe John enter the kingdom of God

The Offerings

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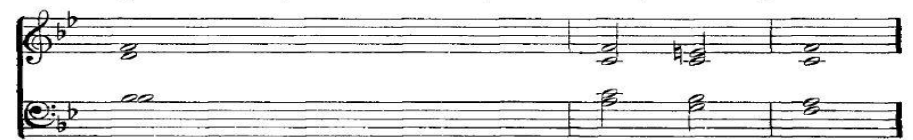
THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS



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.



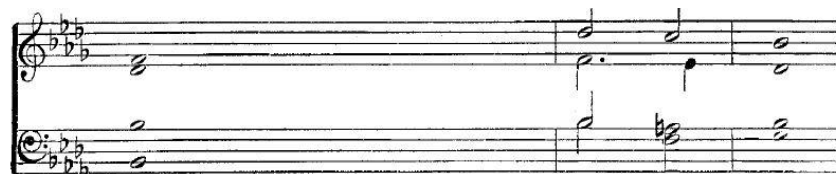
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father | ever- | last- | ing.
 3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty | of Thy | glo- | ry.
 5 The holy Church throughout all the world | doth ac- | knowl- | edge Thee:



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, - - - - -



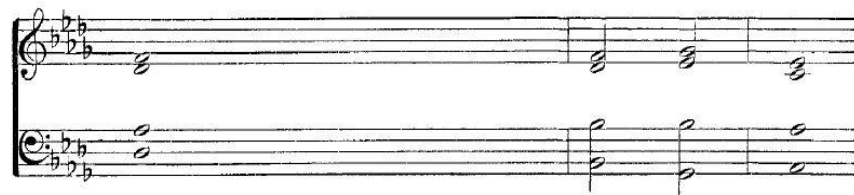
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- - tin-ual- ly do cry:
 4 The goodly fellowship of the - - prophets praise Thee.
 6 also the Holy - - - - - Ghost, the Com-fort- er.
 7 Thou art the everlasting Son - - of the Fa- ther.



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,



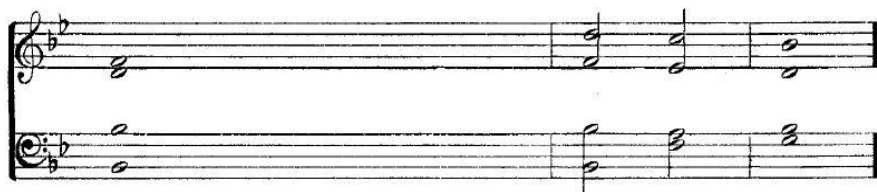
8 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born - of a vir- gin.
 10 in the glory - - - - - of the Fa- ther.
 12 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - with Thy pre-cious blood.



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



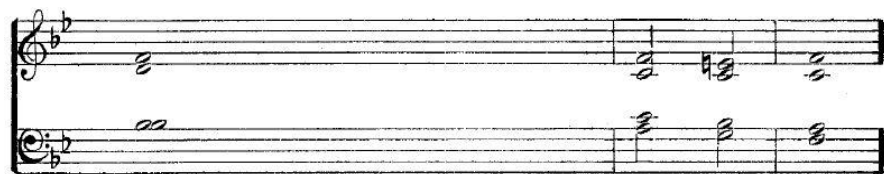
9 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to | all be- liev- ers.
 11 to - - - - - be our Judge.
 13 in glory - - - - - ever- last- ing.



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.



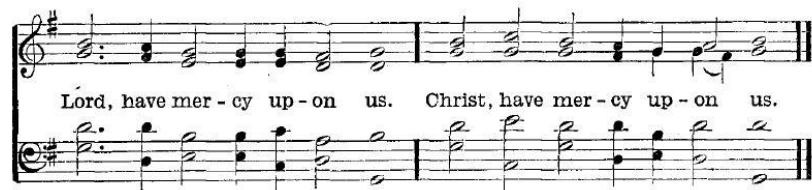
15 Day by day we - - - - - magni-fy Thee.
17 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust - is in Thee.



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

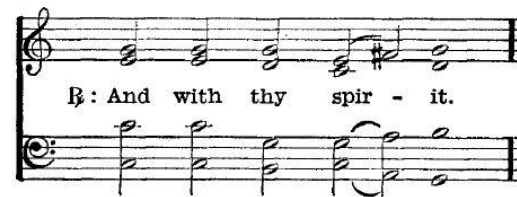


The Lord's Prayer

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.



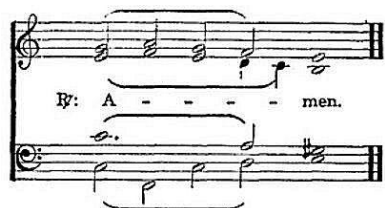
Special Petitions

Collect Of The Day

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

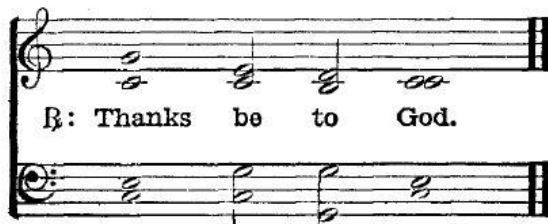
Collect for Grace

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.



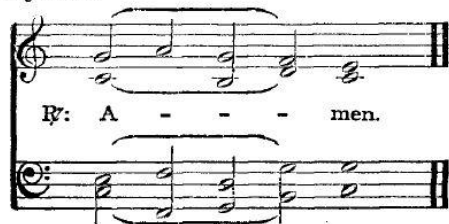
The Benedicamus

S: Bless we the Lord.



The Benediction

S: 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 #376

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings September 27: Mal. 3:6–4:6; Matt. 4:12–25; **28:** Deut. 1:1–18; Matt. 5:1–20; **29:** Deut. 1:19–36; Matt. 5:21–48; **30:** Deut. 1:37–2:15; Matt. 6:1–15; **October 1:** Deut. 2:16–37; Matt. 6:16–34; **2:** Deut. 3:1–29; Matt. 7:1–12; **3:** Deut. 4:1–20; Matt. 7:13–29.

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