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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 22, 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

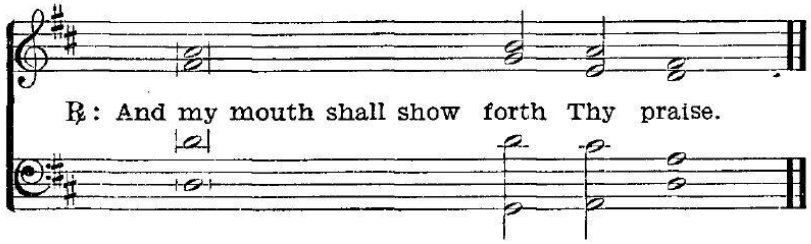
Prelude

Hymn of Invocation #611
"The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

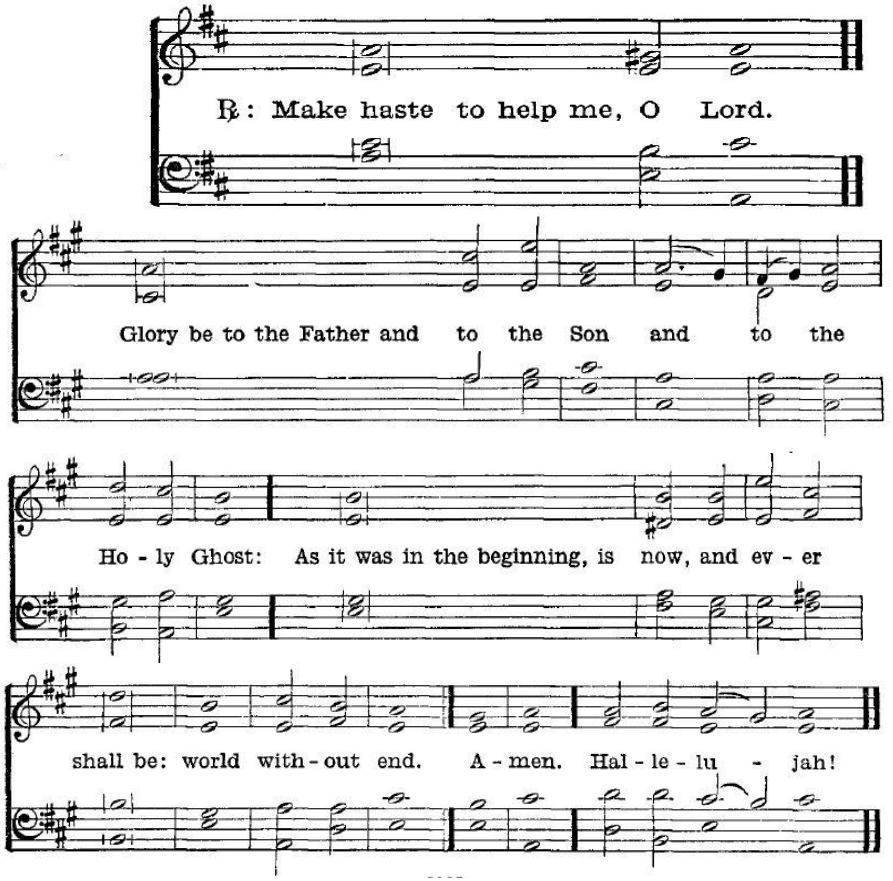
Holy Baptism *(10:30 a.m.)*

Stand
Versicles & Responses

℣: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

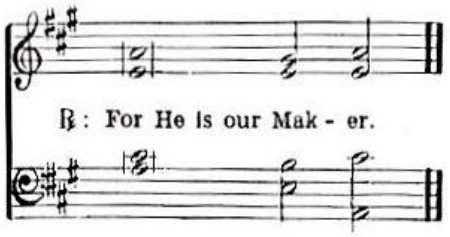


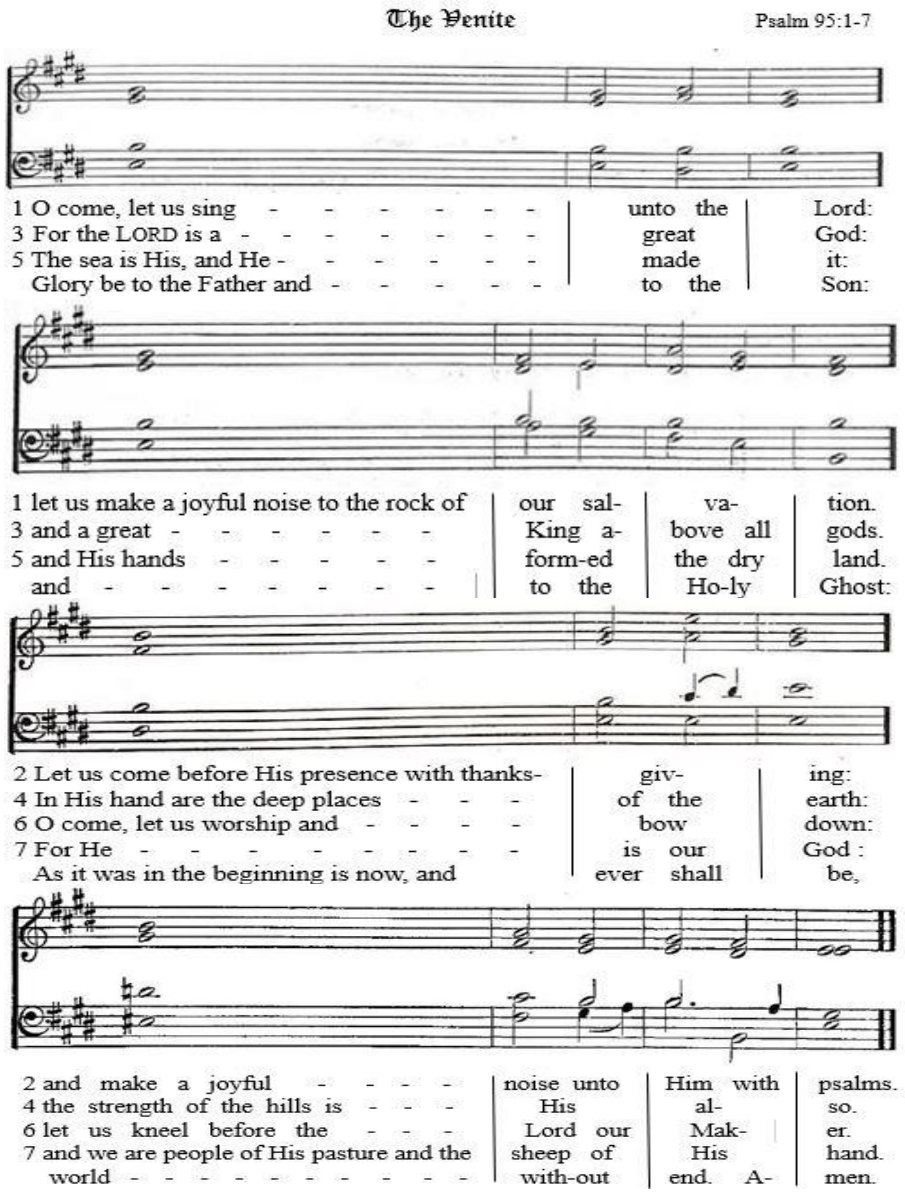
℣: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



The Invitatory

℣: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:





Psalmody Psalm 75

We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!
For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.
When I choose the proper time,
I will judge uprightly.
The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved;
I set up its pillars firmly.
I said to the boastful, "Do not deal boastfully,"
And to the wicked, "Do not lift up the horn.
Do not lift up your horn on high;
Do not speak with a stiff neck."
For exaltation comes neither from the east,
Nor from the west nor from the south.
But God is the Judge:
He puts down one, And exalts another.
For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, And the wine is red;
It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down.
But I will declare forever,
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off,
But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

The Gloria Patri *(see page 2)*

Sit

The Catechism Review – Confession

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Lection

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of

clouds and thick darkness. [13]And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. [15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

[20]"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, [22]I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

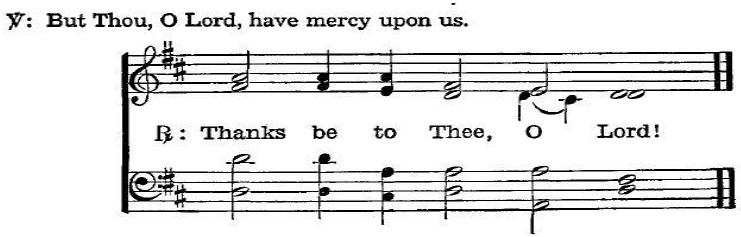
[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31–46

[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32]Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38]And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39]And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40]And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

[41]"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44]Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45]Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



Sit

Sermon Hymn #442

"Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us"

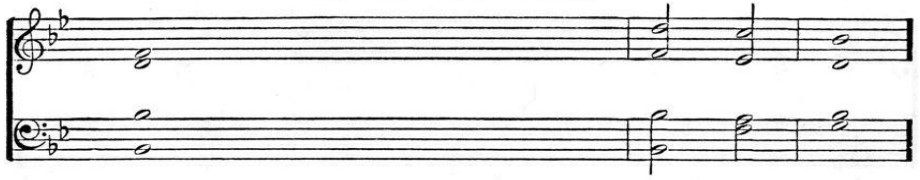
Sermon: "You Did It for Me"
Matthew 25:40

I. The blessing of the Father in His Son makes us heirs of His kingdom.
II. God's saving mercy moves us to imitate Him in mercy.
III. Jesus says the merciful works we do for His brothers, we do for Him.

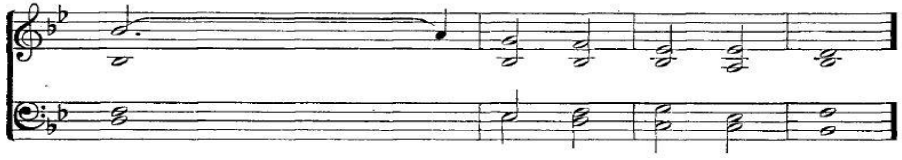
The Offerings

Stand

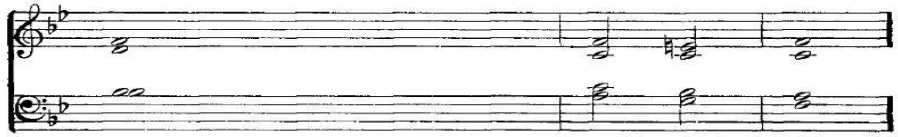
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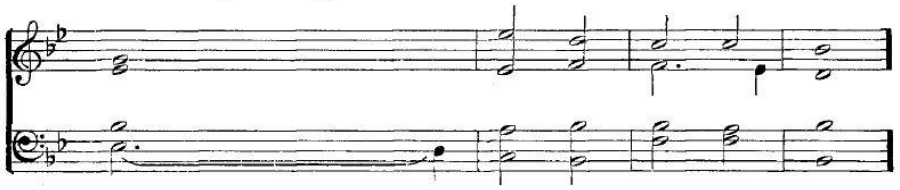
1 We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to - | be the | Lord.
3 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of - - - - - | Sab-a- | oth;
5 The noble army of martyrs - - - - - | praise | Thee.



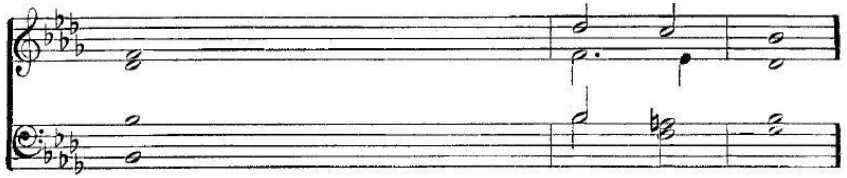
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father | ever- | last- | ing.
3 heaven and earth are full of the majesty | of Thy | glo- | ry.
5 The holy Church throughout all the world | doth ac- | knowl-edge | Thee:



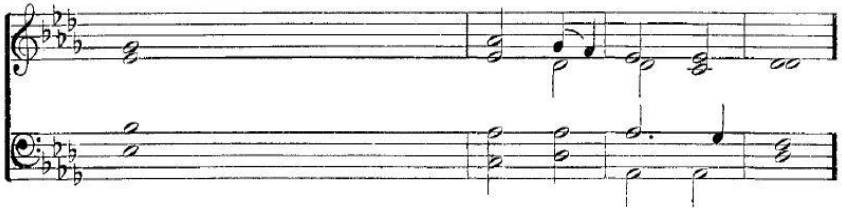
2 To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the - - - - - - - - - - | powers there- | in;
4 The glorious company of the Apostles - - | praise | Thee.
6 The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine ador-able true and - - - - - - - - | on-ly | Son;
7 Thou art the King of Glory, - - - - | O | Christ.



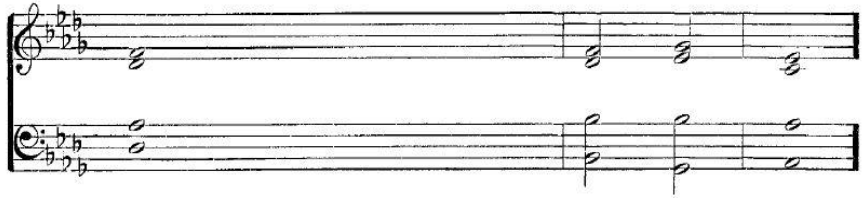
2 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- - | tin-ual- | ly do | cry:
4 The goodly fellowship of the - - | prophets | praise | Thee.
6 also the Holy - - - - - - | Ghost, the | Com-fort- | er.
7 Thou art the everlasting Son - - | of the | Fa- | ther.



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,



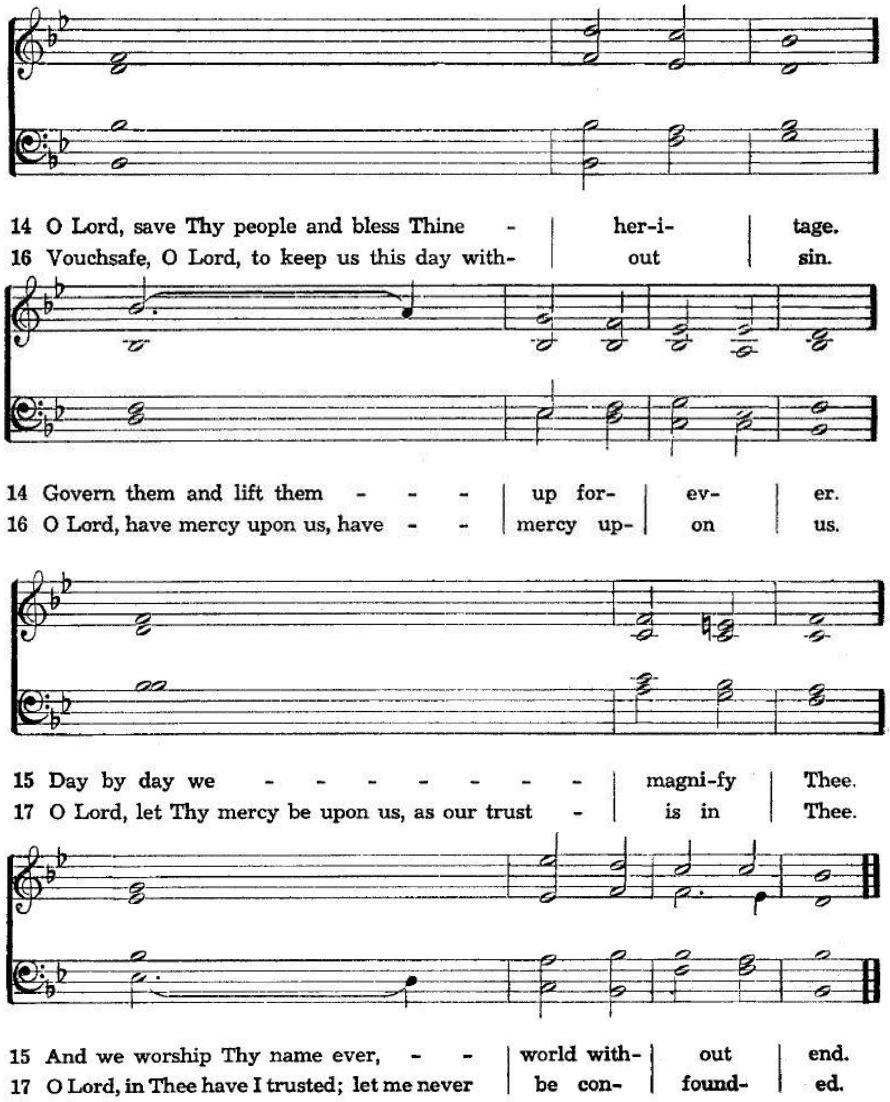
8 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born - | of a | vir- | gin.
10 in the glory - - - - - - - | of the | Fa- | ther.
12 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - | with Thy | pre-cious | blood.



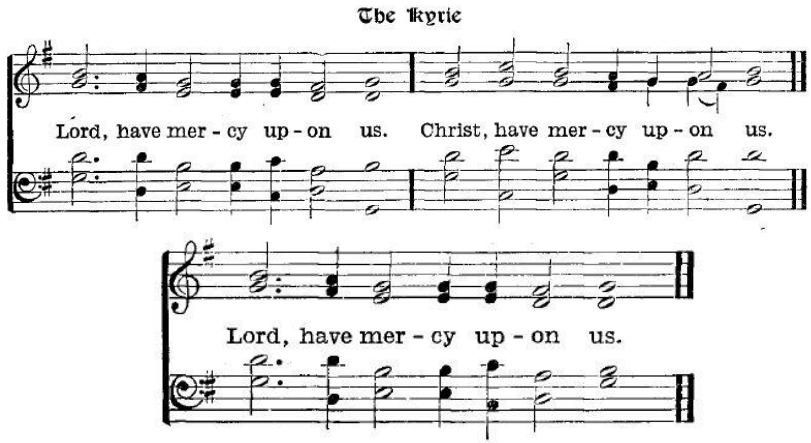
9 When Thou hadst overcome the - - - - | sharp-ness of | death,
11 We believe that - - - - - - - | Thou shalt | come
13 Make them to be number-ed - - - - | with Thy | saints



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



The Prayers

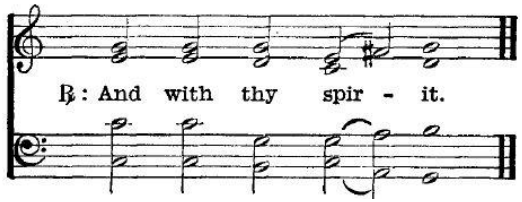


The Lord's Prayer

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

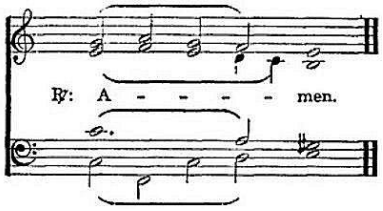
Collect Of The Day

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Grace

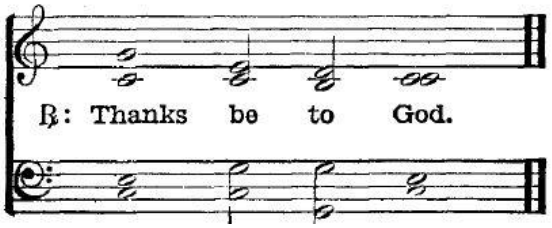
O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into

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.



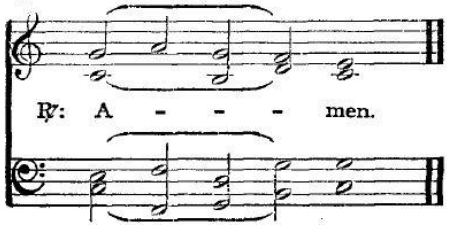
The Benedicamus

℣: Bless we the Lord.



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.



Sit

Hymn #343 v. 1, 2, 5, 7

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings

November 22: Dan. 2:24–49; Rev. 19:1–21; **23:** Dan. 3:1–30; Rev. 20:1–15; **24:** Dan. 4:1–37; Rev. 21:1–8; **25:** Dan. 5:1–30; Rev. 21:9–27; **26:** Dan. 6:1–28; Rev. 22:1–21; **27:** Is. 1:1–28; 1 Peter 1:1–12; **28:** Is. 2:1–22; 1 Peter 1:13–25.

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