

The Transfiguration of

OUR LORD

March 2, 2025

MATINS



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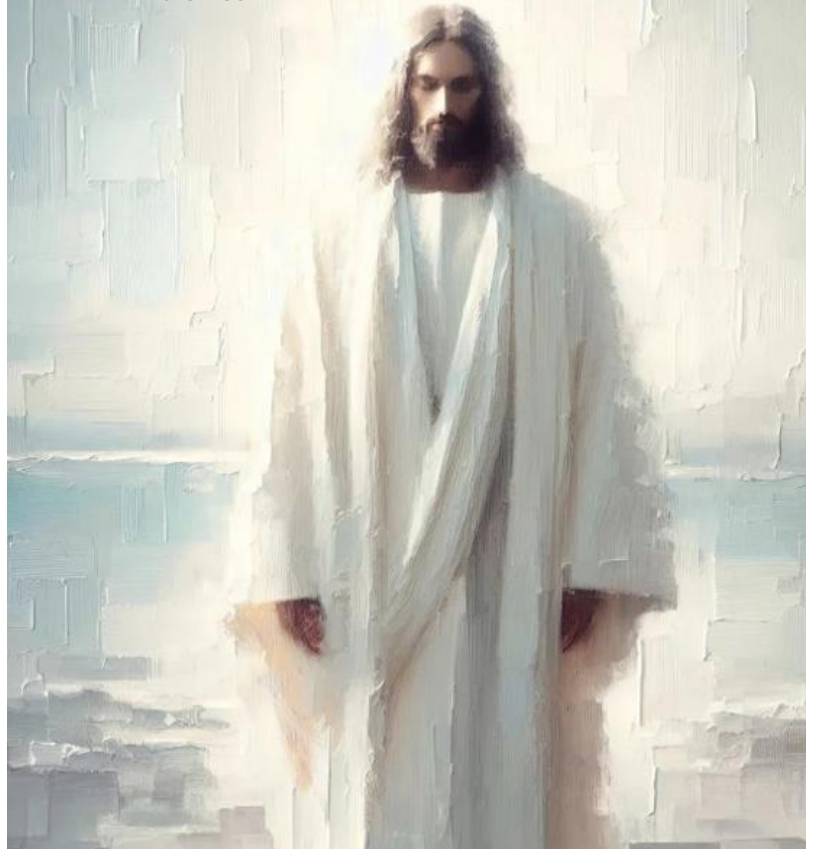
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When the voice
had spoken,
Jesus was
found alone.

Luke 9:36



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PRELUDE

"Alleluia"

Clément Loret

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

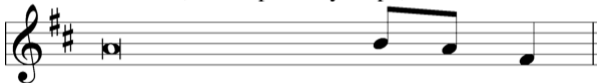
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.


People:  Amen.


The Order of Matins



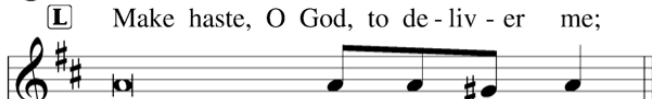
 O Lord, o - pen my lips,



 and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

THE GLORIA PATRI



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;




as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men. |

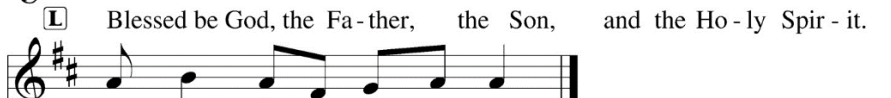


Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE ANTIPHON



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

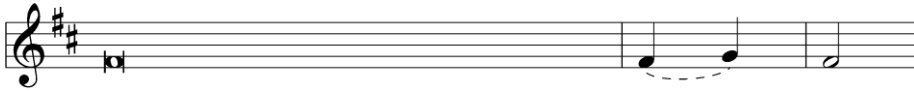


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

THE VENITE Ps 95:1-7

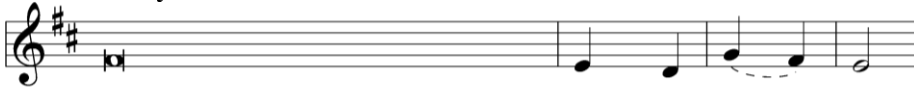
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Venite is the Latin word for "Come". It is the church's traditional call to worship based on Psalm 95. While we can trace the New Testament adaptation of the Venite to St. Benedict early in the 6th Century, God's people have been chanting or singing variations of the Venite long before the birth of Christ. However, rather than the vertical (God to us) Advent-themed "Come, Lord Jesus", this is a horizontal invitation (worshiper to worshiper) to "come, let us sing unto the Lord". The Venite is an encouragement to one another to sing, come into His presence, worship, and bow down.



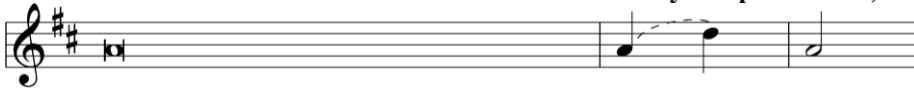
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

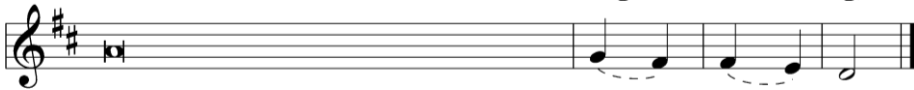


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THE ANTIPHON



- L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(The Lord gives Moses one final view of the Promised Land.)

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the

Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God for He is holy (*Ps 99:9*). This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:1–6

(Christ is our leader and ultimate source of hope.)

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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THE PSALMODY *Psalm 99*

Pastor: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: **The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Pastor: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

People: **The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you**

have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

People: Holy is he!

Pastor: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

People: They called to the Lord, and he answered them.

Pastor: In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

People: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them.

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

People: for the Lord our God is holy!

THE COMMON RESPONSORY

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- [L]** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- [C]** Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

(The transfiguration of Jesus.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.



- [C]** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it

is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"— not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:

■ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"O Worship the King"

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1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,
O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,
Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,
Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

SERMON

"Summit Talks"

Luke 9:30

*Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor
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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

"O Worship the King"

Flor Peeters

THE TE DEUM

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♪ **We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.

To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.

To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise You.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You.

The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You.

**The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

You are the king of glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,

You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.

When You had overcome the sharpness of death,

You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that You will come to be our judge.

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.**

Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.

Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify You.

And we worship Your name forever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

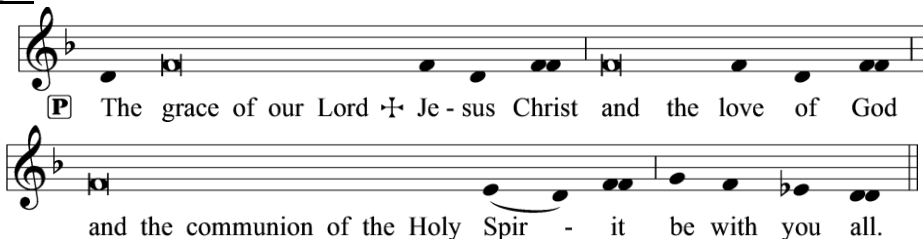
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor:



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

People:

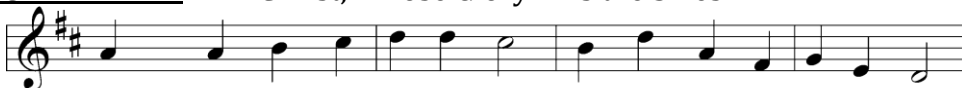


C A - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis-play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”
(Baroque Suite)

Craig Penfield