Twelfth Sunday of

PENTECOST

August 31, 2025

MATINS

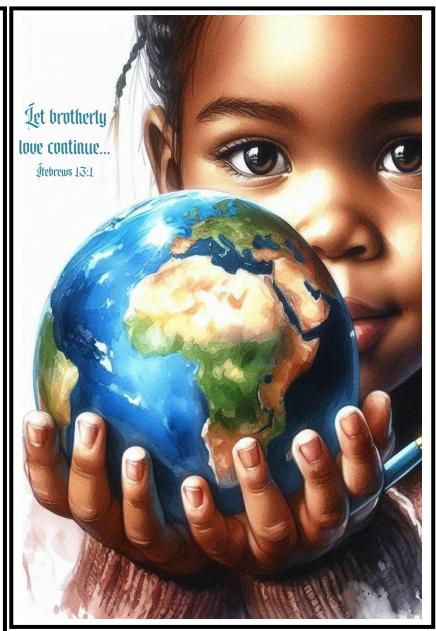


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PRELUDE

"Prelude and Fugato on Beautiful Savior"

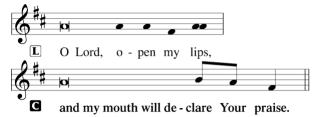
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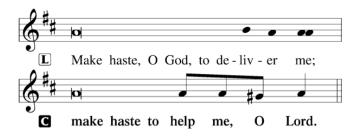


INVOCATION Mt 28:19

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

The Order of Matins

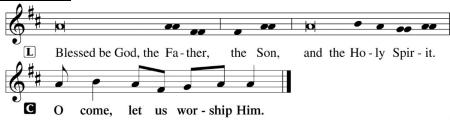




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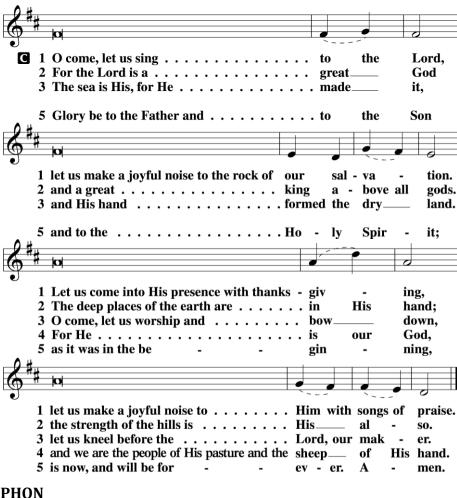
THE ANTIPHON



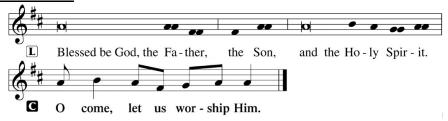
THE VENITE Ps 95:1-7

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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.



THE ANTIPHON



OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 25:2-10

(Do not put yourself forward.)

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take

away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen ⁸ do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Lloyd Larson
The Cathedral Choir

EPISTLE Hebrews 13:1-17

(Sacrifices Pleasing to God)

¹Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 1

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

People: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

Pastor: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

People: and on his law he meditates day and night.

Pastor: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its

season,

People: and its leaf does not wither.

Pastor: In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so,

People: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Pastor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the

congregation of the righteous;

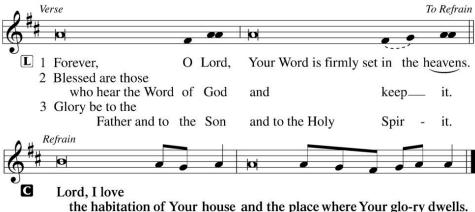
People: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the

wicked will perish.

THE COMMON RESPONSORY

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(Ps 119:89; Ps 26:8; Lk 11:28)

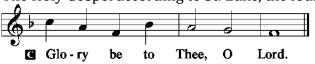


HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1-14

(Jesus teaches in profound parables.)

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

People:



¹One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE APOSTLES CREED

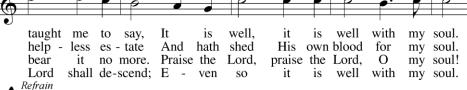
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.





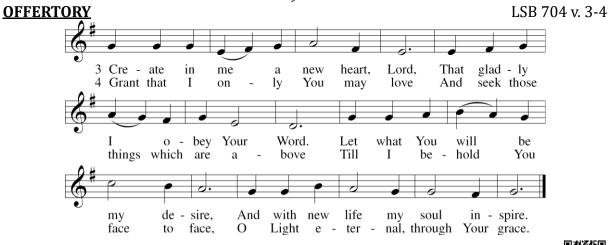


SERMON

"Before All Worlds"

John 1:2

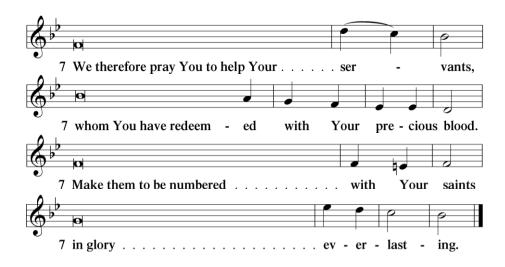
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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS











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.





"My Soul Rejoices"

I. S. Bach