

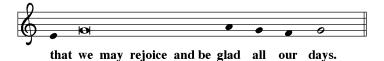


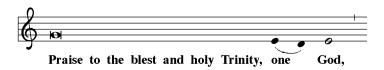
MORNING PRAYER: MATINS

Saturday in the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost August 21,2021 № 8:30 a.m.

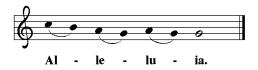
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PSALM 95 VENITE

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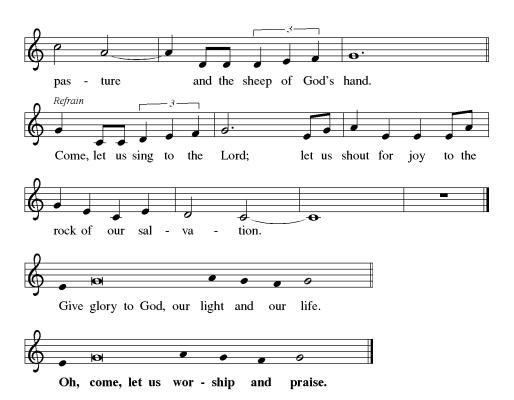
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PSALM 67

Sung by the cantor.

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

A period of silence is kept, concluding with the psalm prayer.

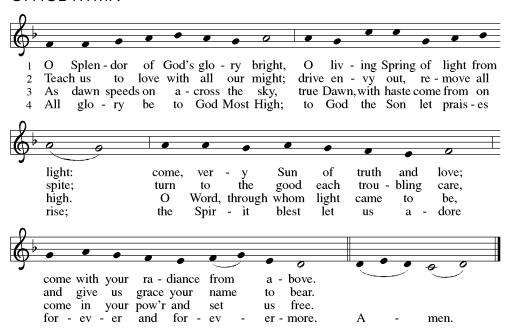
Let us pray.

The prayer concludes:

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OFFICE HYMN



WORD

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

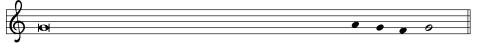
But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; lalways carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows, concluding with a scriptural dialogue.



Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,



but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

GOSPEL CANTICLE TE DEUM

"Hymne d'action de grâce Te Deum" Jean L'anglais (1907 -1991)

Dating from the 4th century or even earlier, the Te Deum is one of the oldest existing hymns of praise and statements of faith still in use within Christian worship. Historically sung at the end of Martins (Morning Prayer) on days when the Gloria is sung at Mass, it is also used as a hymn of praise for numerous festival occasions in Lutheran, Catholic, Anglican, and other bodies within the Reformed tradition.

For centuries, organ compositions based on the historic Gregorian chants would be played in their appropriate liturgical place as another expression of the text. The 20th century French organist, Jean L'anglais, was a prolific composer and improvisor and used the historic chants in this very way. His setting of the Te Deum for organ utilizes statements of the chant in unison punctuated with exuberant bursts of acclamation, capturing the ecstatic nature of the text.

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The presiding minister invites us into an extended period of prayer, each petition being followed by a time of silence for individual prayer.

The prayers conclude:

...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.