



Welcome

Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

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**1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,
With grateful hearts our voices raise,
That angel hosts Thou didst create
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.**

**4 The ancient dragon is their foe;
His envy and his wrath they know.
It always is his aim and pride
Thy Christian people to divide.**

**5 As he of old deceived the world
And into sin and death has hurled,
So now he subtly lies in wait
To undermine both Church and state.**

**6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
No halt nor rest he ever knows;
He seeks the Christians to devour
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.**

**7 But watchful is the angel band
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
To guard His people where they go
And break the counsel of the foe.**

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:28-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

28 When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. 29 “What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?” 30 Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. 31 The demons begged Jesus, “If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs.” 32 He said to them, “Go!” So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. 33 Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. 34 Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Lenten Responsory

P “But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door;

C it desires to have you.” (*Gen.4:7*)

P We know that the law is spiritual;

C but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. (*Rom.7:14*)

P For sin shall not be your master,

C because you are not under law, but under grace. (*Rom 6:14*)

P You have been set from sin,

C and have become slaves to righteousness. (*Rom.6:18*)

P Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

C So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (*Jn. 8:34-36*)

Reading

Exodus 14:13-14, 23-31

¹³ Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Responsory

P The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

C Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, save me!” (*Ps. 116:3-4*)

P “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death.

C Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?” (*Hos. 13:14*)

P On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all

peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

C he will swallow up death forever.

P The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

C he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

P In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

C This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” (*Isa. 25:7-9*)

Reading

2 Peter 2:4-9

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; 6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— 9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

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Lenten Responsory

P We know that we are children of God,

C and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

(*1 Jn 5:19*)

P Jesus said, “I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming.

C He has no hold on me. (*Jn. 14:30*)

P As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world,

C and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. (*Eph. 2:1-2*)

P Jesus said, “Now is the time for judgment on this world;

C now the prince of this world will be driven out.” (*Jn. 12:31*)

Reading

Revelation 20:1-3, 7-10

20 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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C Thanks be to God.

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

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1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken

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**By the devil's seething rage,
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions;
Wins the strife from age to age;
Conquers sin and death forever;
Slams them in their steely cage.
Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken
Slams them in their steely cage.**

**2 Michael fought the heav'nly battle,
Godly angels by his side;
Warred against the ancient serpent,
Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
Cast him earthbound with his angels;
Now he prowls, unsatisfied.
Michael fought the heav'nly battle,
Godly angels by his side;**

**5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
From his heav'nly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!
Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!**

**6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.
Jesus, send Your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.**

Homily

Stand

Lord's Prayer

Nicene Creed

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**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;**

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Martin Luther

P Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

C My lord, fill it.

P I am weak in faith;

C Strengthen me.

P I am cold in love;

C Warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to
my neighbor.

P I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am
unable to trust you altogether.

C O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

P In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor;

C You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

P I am a sinner;

C You are upright.

P With me, there is an abundance of sin;

C In you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will
remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may
not give. Amen.

Absolution

P Almighty God in his mercy has given his son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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- 1 O little flock, fear not the foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r.
And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.**
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.**
- 3 As true as God's own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail.
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God—
Our vict'ry cannot fail.**
- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise
Forevermore. Amen.**

Evening Prayer

☩ I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction

Sending

☩ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.



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