



Saint Peter Cathedral
Erie, Pennsylvania

MORNING PRAYER

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Invitatory: *(please stand)*

All make the sign of the cross as the Priest intones:

Presider: O God, + come to my as-sist-ance. *Assembly:* Lord, make haste to help me.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it:

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



Hymn: *(sung by all)* When From Bondage We Are Summoned



1. When from bon - dage we are sum - moned Out of dark - ness in - to light,
2. When our God names us his peo - ple, Then he leads us by the hand
3. At all sta - ges of the jour - ney God is with us, night and day,



We must go in hope and pa - tience, Walk by faith and not by sight.
Through a lone - ly, bar - ren des - ert, To a great and glo - rious land.
With com - pas - sion for our weak - ness Ev - 'ry step a - long the way.



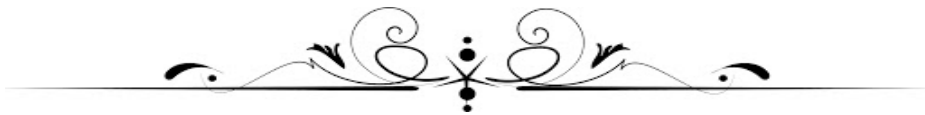
Let us throw off all that hin - ders; Let us run the race to win!



Let us has - ten to our home - land And, re - joic - ing, en - ter in.

(please sit)

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Psalmody: (sung antiphonally)

Psalm 118

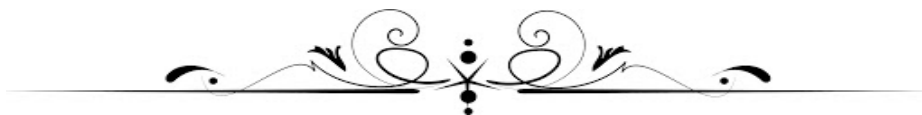


ANTIPHON: (cantor/all)

The right hand of the Lord has shown its power;
(f) the right hand of the Lord has raised me UP.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love en-dures for EV-er.
Let the sons of Isra-e! SAY:
"His love en-dures for EV-er."
Let those who fear the LORD say:
"His love endures for-EV-er."

- 2 I called to the Lord in my distress
He an-swered and FREED me.
The Lord is at my side; I do not FEAR.
What can mortals do a-GAINST me?
The Lord is at my side as my HELP-er:
I shall look down on my FOES. (*cont.*)



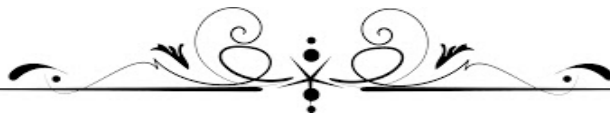


- 1 It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in MOR-tals:
it is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in PRINC-es.
The nations all en-COM-passed me;
in the lord's name I CRUSHED them.

- 2 They compassed me, compassed me about;
in the Lord's name I CRUSHED them.
They compassed me about like BEES;
they blazed like a fire a-mong THORNS.
In the LORD'S NAME
I CRUSHED them.

- 1 I was hard-pressed and was falling
but the Lord came to HELP me.
The Lord is my strength and my SONG;
he is my SAV-ior.
There are shouts of joy and VIC-tory
In the tents of the JUST.

- 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me UP.
The Lords' right hand has TRI-umphed;
I shall not die, I shall live and re-count his DEEDS.
I was punished, I was punished by the LORD,
But not doomed to DIE. (cont.)





- 1 Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give THANKS.
This is the Lord's own GATE
where the just may EN-ter.
I will thank you for you have AN-swered
and you are my SAV-ior.

- 2 The stone which the builders rejected
has be-come the COR-ner stone.
This is the work of the LORD,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the LORD;
we rejoice and are GLAD.

- 1 O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant suc-CESS.
Blessed in the name of the LORD
is he who COMES.
We bless you from the house of the LORD;
the Lord God is our LIGHT. (*cont.*)





- 2 Go forward in procession with branches
even to the AL-tar.
You are my God, I THANK you.
My God, I PRAISE you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is GOOD;
For his love endures for-EV-er.

All Glory be to the Father,
and to the SON,
and to the Ho-ly SPIR-it,
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall BE,
world without end, a-MEN.

ANTIPHON: (*sung by all*)

- (f) The right hand of the Lord has shown its power;
(f) the right hand of the Lord has raised me UP.



Psalm 150



ANTIPHON: (*cantor/all*)

Praise *the* LORD
(d) in his hea-ven-ly POW-er.

- 1 Praise God in his ho-ly PLACE,
praise him in his might-y HEAV-ens.
Praise him for his pow-er-ful DEEDS,
praise his sur-pas-sing GREAT-ness.

- 2 O praise him with sound of TRUM-pet,
praise him with lute and HARP.
Praise him with tim-bre! and DANCE,
praise him with strings and PIPES.

- 1 O praise him with resound-ing CYM-bals,
praise him with clash-ing of CYM-bals.
Let everything that lives and that BREATHES
give praise to the LORD. (*cont.*)

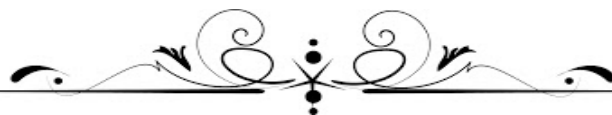
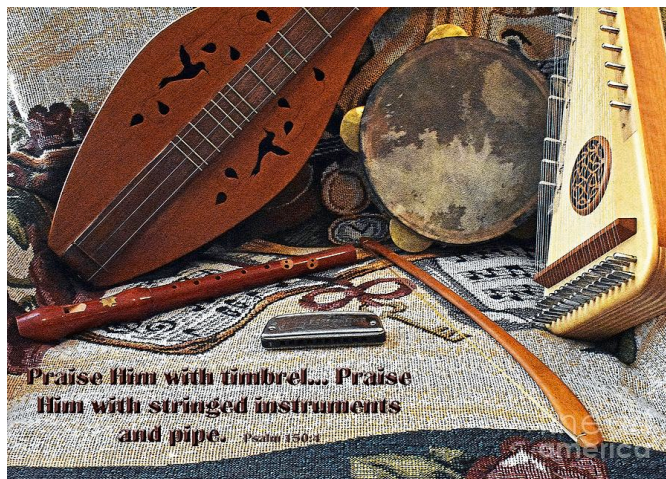




All Glory be to the Father, the Son and Ho-ly SPIR-it,
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall BE,
world without end, a-MEN.

ANTIPHON: (*sung by all*)

Praise the LORD
(d) in his hea-ven-ly POW-er.



Reading

Nehemiah 8: 9, 10

Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!

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Homily

Responsory


Rossi (b. 1962)

(cantor/all repeat)




Christ, Son of the liv - ing God, have mer cy on us.

(cantor: chant-like & expressively) *(all)*



You were wound-ed for our of-fens-es, have mer cy on us.

(cantor) (♩ = ♩) 3 3



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it.

(all) tempo primo



Christ, Son of the liv - ing God, have mer cy on us.



Benedictus: *(please stand)*

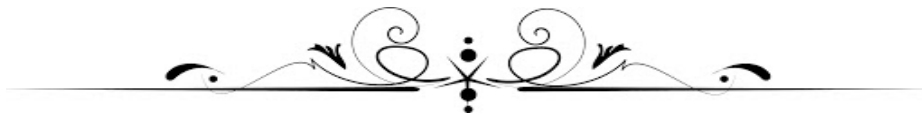


Luke 1:68-79

ANTIPHON: *(cantor/all)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ abolished DEATH,
(d) and through the Gospel he revealed e-ter-nal LIFE.

- 1 Blessed + be the Lord, the God of IS-rael,
he has come to his people and set them FREE.
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of his ser-vant DAV-id
- 2 Through his holy PROH-ets
he prom-ised of OLD
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who HATE us.
- 1 He promised to show mercy to our FA-thers
and to remember his ho-ly COV-enant.
This was the oath he swore
to our fa-ther A-braham: *(cont.)*





- 2 to set us free from the hands of our EN-emies,
free to worship him with-out FEAR,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our LIFE.
- 1 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the most HIGH;
for you will go before the Lord to pre-pare his WAY,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their SINS.
- 2 In the tender compassion of our GOD,
the dawn from on high shall break up-ON us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of PEACE.
- All** Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy SPI-rit,
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, a-MEN.

ANTIPHON: *(sung by all)*

(d) Our Lord Jesus Christ abolished DEATH,
and through the Gospel he revealed e-ter-nal LIFE.



Intercessions

Let us give glory to God, whose kindness knows no limit. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever to intercede for us, let us pray:

all respond: **Kindle in our hearts the fire of your love.**

God of mercy, let today be a day rich in good works, a day of generosity in all we meet.

all respond: **Kindle in our hearts the fire of your love.**

From the waters of the flood you saved Noah through the ark, from the waters of baptism raise up to new life those under instruction.

all respond: **Kindle in our hearts the fire of your love.**

May we not live by bread alone, but by every word falling from your lips.

all respond: **Kindle in our hearts the fire of your love.**

Help us to do away with all dissension, so that we may rejoice in your gifts of peace and love.

all respond: **Kindle in our hearts the fire of your love.**



The Lord's Prayer

Final Prayer:

God of our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

all respond: Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

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