

1. A Hymn: "Most Glorious Holy Trinity" (see insert)

2. The Confession of Sin, p. 109

Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for these great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

3. The Versicles, p. 109

O Lord open my lips. **♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise**
Make haste O God, to deliver me. **♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.**
♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever more. A-men. Alleluia

4. The Invitatory / Venite, p.p. 110/111

O come, let us worship the Lord. **♪ For He is our Maker.**

♪ 'Oh come, let us sing to 'the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of 'our salvation. 'Let us come before His presence with thanks-'giving; and make a joyful 'noise to Him with psalms. 'For the LORD is the gre-'at God, And the great 'King above all gods. 'In His hand are the deep places of 'the earth; the strength of the hills is 'His also. 'The sea is His, for He 'made it; And His hands 'form-ed the dry land. 'Oh come, let us worship and b-'ow down; Let us kneel before the 'LORD our Maker. 'For He is 'our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the 'sheep of His hand. 'Glory be to the Father, and to 'the Son, and 'to the Holy Ghost. 'As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever 'shall be:

for- 'evermore. Amen.

6: The Psalmody/Introit

♪ Rain down, you heavens "*from above, /* and let the skies pour down '*right-eousness.*

Let the 'earth open, / and bring forth 'sal-va-tion.

The heavens declare the 'glory of God, / And the firmament show his '*hand-i-work.*

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son/ and to `the Holy Ghost; As it was in the be`ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever`more. A men.

7. The Lection, p. 112

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-8

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord's hand Double for all her sins."

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh *is* grass, And all its loveliness *is* like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people *are* grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."

Hymn Response: "From Your Throne Above," verses 1-3

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Hymn Response: "From Your Throne Above," verses 4-6

Gospel: John 1:19-28

Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give

an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD," 'as the prophet Isaiah said."

Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

8. A Hymn: #102

9. Sermon

10. An Offering (As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings, hymn #105:5)

**O rich the gifts Thou bring'st us, Thyself made poor and weak;
O love beyond expression, That thus can sinners seek!
For this, O Lord, will we Our joyous tribute to bring Thee,
And glad Hosannas sing Thee, And ever grateful be.**

11. The Cantic: Hymn #46

The Dedication of the Organ

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, the gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has made this a day of special rejoicing. With this new organ we will be encouraged to "sing to the LORD and to bless His name, to tell of His salvation from day to day."

It will also adorn the Word of Christ which dwells in us richly in all wisdom so that, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, we may sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. As He has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this instrument for use in God's holy house.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You dwell in the heavens surrounded by angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as they offer their worship and sing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth." We thank You that You have united our voices with their unending hymn of praise. Of Your goodness You have blessed us with this organ to enliven our hearts and adorn our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by Your mercy we may ever glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this organ for us in the services of His house. **Amen.**

12. The Prayer of the Church

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy...**

13. The Lord's Prayer (sung in unison), p. 117

♪ **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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

14. The Collect, p. 118 (at bottom of the page)

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the Holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

15. The Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord. ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

16. The Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ♪ **Amen.**

17. A Hymn: #109