

Matins, p. 109

1. 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.

2. A Hymn: #32, "This is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

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, Psalm 102:1-3; 24-28

♪ Hear my prayer, 'O LORD,/ And let my `cry come to You.

Do not hide Your face from me in the day `of my trouble;/ Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer `me speedily.

For my days are consumed '*like smoke*,/ And my bones are burned '*like a hearth*.

I said, "O my God, Do not take me away in the `midst of my days;/ Your years are throughout all `generations.

Of old You laid the founda`tion of the earth,/ And the heavens are the `work of Your hands.

They will perish, but `You will endure;/ Yes, they will all grow old `like a garment;

Like a cloak `You will change them,/ And `they will be changed.

But You `are the same,/ And Your years `will have no end.

The children of Your servants `will continue,/ And their descendants will be established 'before *You*."

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. Amen.

7. The Lection, p. 112

The Old Testament Lesson: I Kings 17:17-24

Now it happened after these things *that* the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in your mouth *is* the truth.”

This is the Word of God: ♪**Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:14–21

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of God: ♪**Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11–17

Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.” And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

8. A Hymn: #356, “The Day of Resurrection”

9. Sermon Theme and Text: Luke 7:11–17

GOD HAS COME TO HELP HIS PEOPLE

I. God Comes to Us in Our Greatest Need

II. He Comes with Rescue Unlooked-for

10. The Offering (*While the offering is brought forward, the following verses of Hymn 445 are sung:*)

♪ We give thee but Thine own, Whate'r the gifts to may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

11. The Cantic: Hymn Version of The Te Deum, #42 "God, We Praise You"

12. Responsory Prayer of the Church

13. The Lord's Prayer

♪ Our Father...

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, though 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: #348, "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"