

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: #23, "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

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 115

♪ Not unto us, O LORD, `not unto us,/ But to Your `name give glory,

Because `of Your mercy,/ Be`cause of Your truth.

Why should `the Gentiles say,/“So `where is their God?”

But our God `is in heaven;/ He does whatev`er He pleases.

Their idols are `silver and gold,/ The `work of men’s hands.

They have mouths, but `they do not speak;/ Eyes they have, but `they do not see;

They have ears, but `they do not hear;/ Noses they have, but `they do not smell;

They have hands, but they `do not handle;/ Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mut`ter through their throat. Those who make `them are like them;/ So is everyone `who trusts in them.

O Israel, `trust in the LORD;/ He is their `help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, `trust in the LORD;/ He is their `help and their shield.

You who fear the LORD, `trust in the LORD;/ He is their `help and their shield.

The LORD has been mindful of us; `He will bless us;/ He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the `house of Aaron.

He will bless those `who fear the LORD,/ Both `small and *great*.

May the LORD give you in`crease more and more,/ You `and your children.

May you be `blessed by the LORD,/ Who made `heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heav`ens, are the LORD’s;/ But the earth He has given to the `children of men.

The dead do `not praise the LORD,/ Nor any who go down `into silence.

But we `will bless the LORD/ From this time forth and forevermore. `Praise the *LORD*!

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 Lesson, p. 112

The Old Testament Lesson: 2Kings 18:1-12

Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name *was* Abi the daughter of Zechariah. And he did *what was* right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done.

He removed the high places and broke the *sacred* pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan. He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him. For he held fast to the Lord; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the Lord had commanded Moses. The Lord was with him; he prospered wherever he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. He subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

Now it came to pass in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it. And at the end of three years they took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, *that is*, the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away captive to Assyria, and put them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed His covenant *and* all that Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded; and they would neither hear nor do *them*.

This is the Word of God:

♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:15–21

See then that you walk circumspectly [“carefully,” ESV], not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation [“debauchery,” ESV]; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

This is the Word of God:

♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!

The Holy Gospel: And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.”’ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

8. A Hymn: #511, “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

9. Sermon Theme and Text: Ephesians 5:15–21, “The Wise Stay on the Way of Life By Attending the Banquet of Salvation.”

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 Canticle: Hymn Version of The Benedictus, #46 “Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

12. The Suffrages, p. 140

13. The Lord’s Prayer

♪ Our Father...

14. The Collects

The collect for Trinity 20

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

The collect, p. 118

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: #486, “The Church’s One Foundation”