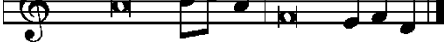


Introit

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All your works shall give thanks
to you, | O Lord,*
and all your saints shall | bless you!



C One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,*
and shall declare your | mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness*
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

The Lord is | good to all,*
and his mercy is over all that | he has made.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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and all your saints shall | bless you!

(Psalm 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10)

Collect of the Day

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.
Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death,
perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading – Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of
the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the
synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way,
men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he
went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from
heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice
saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said,
“Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are
persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you

are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless,
hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and
although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the
hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was
without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord
said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And
the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the
house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is
praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and
lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias
answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil
he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority
from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord
said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name
before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show
him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias
departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said,
“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which
you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled
with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from
his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and
taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And
immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the
Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this
the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this
name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound
before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength,
and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus
was the Christ.

Gradual

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 Christ has risen | from the dead.*
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

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Epistle – Revelation 5:8–14

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Holy Gospel – John 21:1–14

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of



Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was

Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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A WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME to all who gather in the Lord's House today. You have joined with the seen and unseen host of God, around the throne of the Lamb, to be served by the Triune God through the preaching of His Word and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. Apart from these Means of Grace there are no Christians and there is no Church! Therefore the entire Liturgy places God at center stage as He acts towards His people through the Word and Sacraments to bring His gifts of life and salvation. That is why the Liturgy is called "Divine Service" - it is God's Service to His people! This service reaches its fulfillment in the Lord's Supper or Sacrament of the Altar.

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