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Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn	531 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
Hymn of the Day	588 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Sending Hymn	583 Take My Life, That I May Be

First Reading:

Isaiah 25:1-9

- ¹ O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter
rainstorm,
- ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all
the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23 (read responsively)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

- ³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's
sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running
over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy
and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same
mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal
companion, help these women, for they have struggled
beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book
of life.

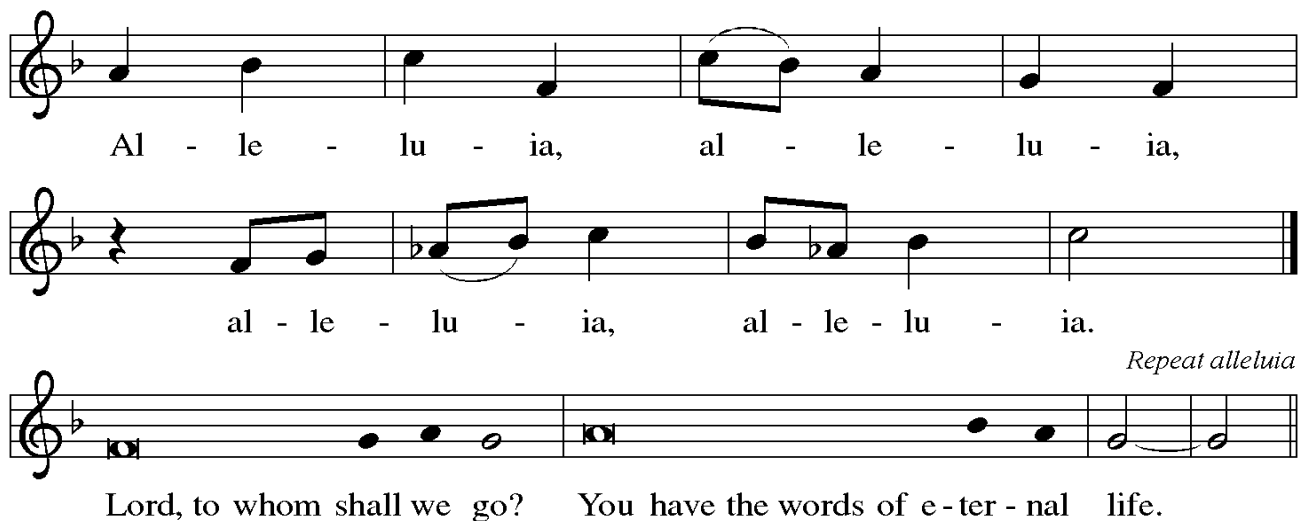
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let
your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do
not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer

and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.