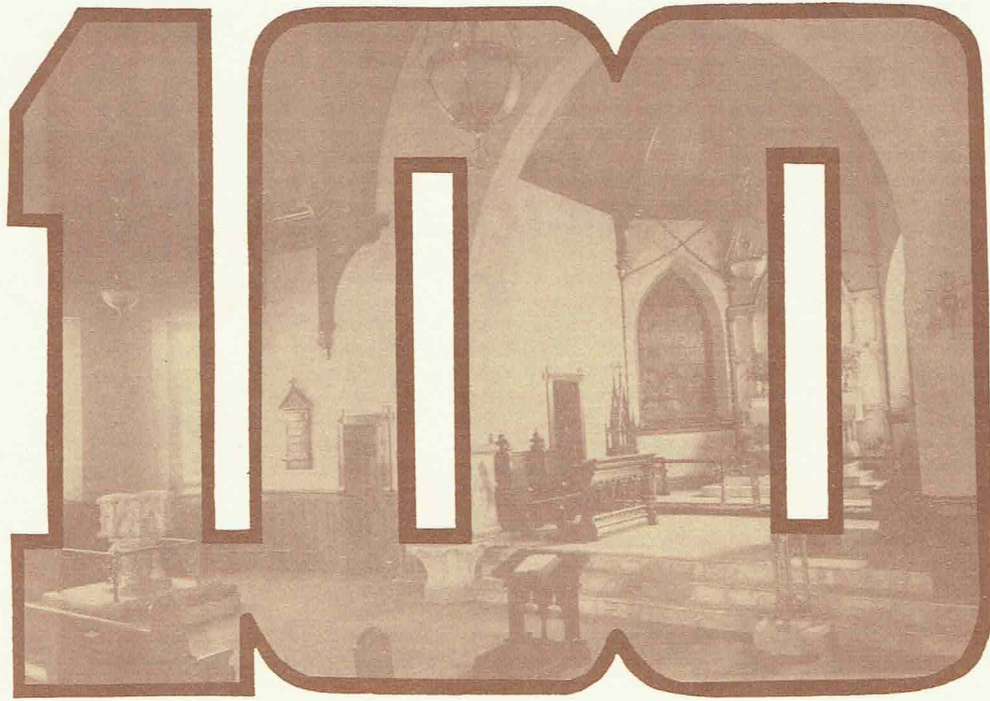


1891-1991

The Consecration of the Church

December 1, 1991



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Christ Episcopal Church

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Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

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Preludes

"Built on the Rock"

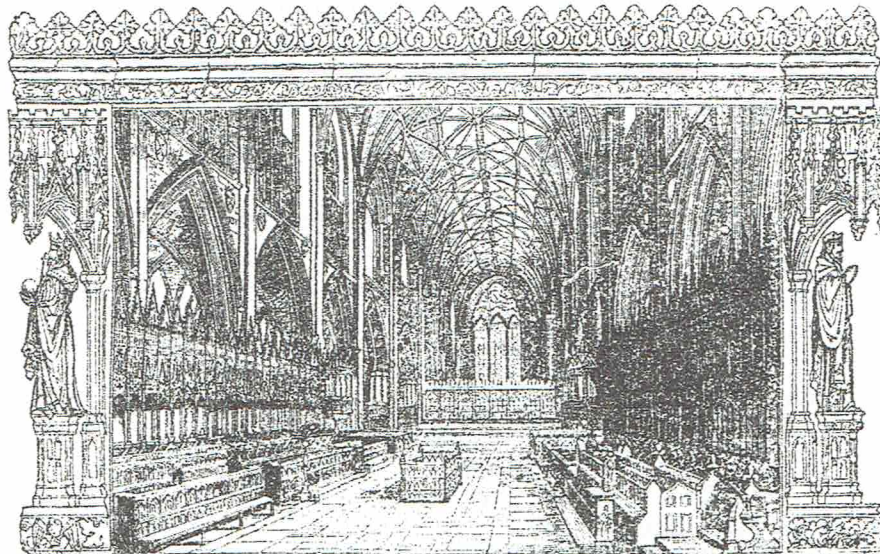
"My Heart Ever Faithful"

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

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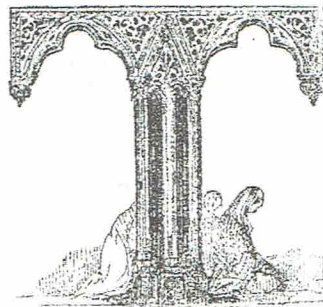


THE ORDER FOR DAILY EVENING PRAYER.

Processional Hymn 525

"The Church's one foundation"

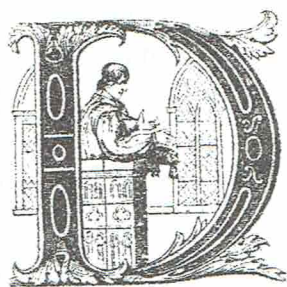
¶ *The Minister shall begin the EVENING PRAYER, by reading one or more of the following sentences of Scripture.*



HE Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
Hab. ii. 20.

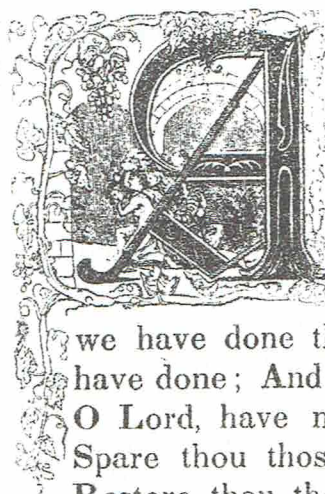
From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Mal. i. 11.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say,



DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore, I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

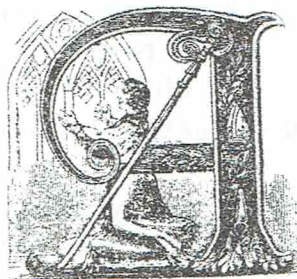
¶ A general Confession, to be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling.



ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to

thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

¶ *The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins ; to be made by the Priest alone, standing ; the people still kneeling.*



ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore, let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit ; that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy ; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer ; the people still kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.*



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 the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips ;

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

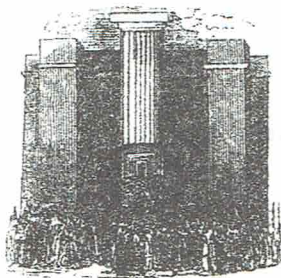
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm cxxii *Lætatus sum.*



WAS glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgement, even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem ; they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 28:10-17

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

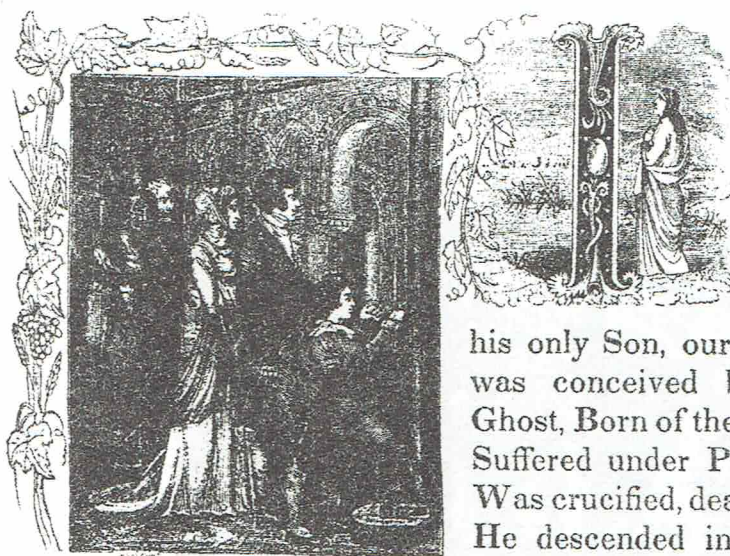
New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 10:19-26

Hymn 43

"All praise to thee"

Tallis Canon



BELIEVE
in God, the
Father Al-
mighty, Ma-
ker of heav-
en and earth:

And in Je-
sus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord; Who
was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; The
third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic
Church; The Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of
sins; The Resurrection of the body, and the life ever-
lasting. Amen.

¶ And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first
pronouncing,

The Lord be with you;

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ Then shall be said the Collect for the day, and after that the Collects and Prayers
following.

The First Sunday in Advent.



The Collect.

LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *This Collect is to be repeated every day, with the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas-day.*

A Collect for Peace.



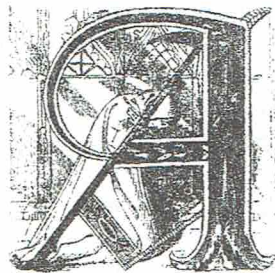
GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of

A Collect for Aid against Perils.



LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose Almighty power we have been preserved this day; by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon our Bishops and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing: Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Sr. Choir Anthem

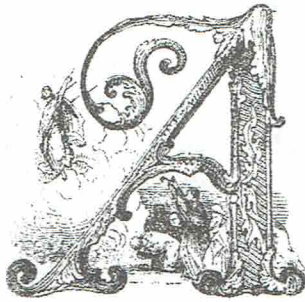
Hallelujah, Amen from "Judas Maccabaeus" Handel

CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH OR CHAPEL

(From the 1891 Service)

O eternal God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence, wherever two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of thy great name; separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses; and dedicating it to thy service, for reading thy holy word, for celebrating thy holy sacraments, for offering to thy glorious majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy name, and for the performance of all other holy offices: accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may tend most to thy glory, and the furtherance of our happiness, both temporal and spiritual; through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Savior. Amen

A General Thanksgiving.



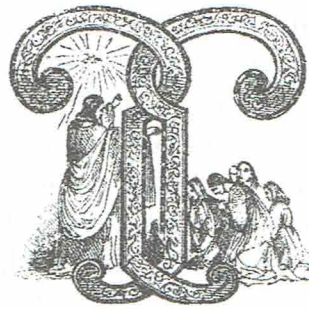
LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.



LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.



HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellow-
ship of the Holy Ghost, be with us
all evermore. *Amen.*

*Here endeth
The order of Evening Prayer.*

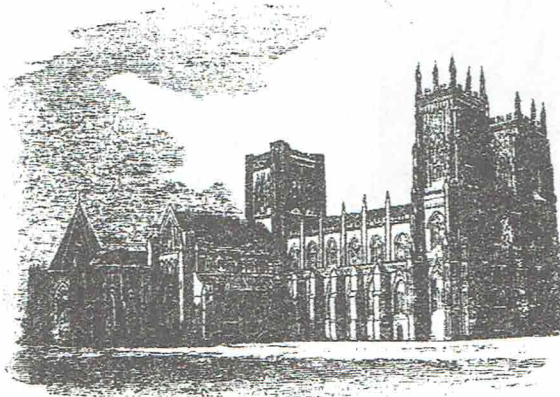
Recessional Hymn 397
"Now thank we, all our God"

Nun danket alle Gott

Postlude

"Rigaudon"

Campra



THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW CHURCH

As written by The Rev. H. Hobart Barber, Rector 1901-1907

The church is of Native stone and is a fine example of Early English Architecture. It is cruciform with recessed choir. Extreme length ninety-six feet; extreme breadth across transepts sixty feet. In the belfry hangs the bell which did service in the old church for thirty-five years. The choir steps and floor are of Georgia marble, as is the floor of the sanctuary. The red oak ceiling in bays, and the exposed beams springing from the stone corbels are carved in heads, give great dignity and beauty to the interior.

THE NORTH TRANSEPT

The windows in the baptistry were the Chancel windows in the old church and were given by Mr. Caleb Cope of Philadelphia, a true friend to the parish in the first days of the second church (1856).

The font, erected by the Honorable George F. Huff and Mrs. Henrietta B. Huff in loving memory of their children, is a combination of Caen and Indiana limestone; it is Gothic in design, and was adapted from an old English font after suggestions made by the donors. The bowl is octagonal, with decorated and inscribed faces. The bowl has the following text of Scripture in relief: "They follow the Lamb, whithersoever He goeth".

THE PULPIT

At the angle of the north transept and choir walls, is a strikingly beautiful pulpit, the gift of Mr. Walter Kätte, "To the Glory of God and loving memory of Margaret Jack Katte," wife of the donor. The Pulpit is an adaptation of the pulpit in Armagh cathedral, Ireland, the ancient seat of St. Patrick. The Pulpit is nearly six feet high and is octagonal in form. The decoration on the front panel of the superstructure is a glorified cross; of the two side panels, one is the Greek monogram of Christ —(Chi Ro) and the other the Greek letters—(Alpha and Omega); carved heads of cherubs with outstretched wings form a complete circle around the upper part of the die. The base of the superstructure carries the appropriate text of Scripture, "Sanctify them through Thy truth".

THE ALTAR AND REREDOS

The Altar and Reredos are of white marble, and rise upon three steps of the same material from the sanctuary floor. Six columns of blue Rutland marble finished with foliated capitals and bases of Italian marble support the Altar. On the white marble gradine are carved the words, Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. On the central panel are the familiar letters I. H. S. (Jesus Hominum Salvator). This memorial was given by Mr. Wilson Baughman, "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Spencer Baughman, his deceased wife. He Giveth His Beloved Sleep."

THE SERVICE OF BENEDICTION

On December 2, 1891, all of the above gifts were in place and ready for the Episcopal Benediction. The joy of coming into this splendid new House of Prayer and of Holy Sacraments, can better be imagined than described. It is needless to say that the church was filled with parishioners and their friends. Bishop Whitehead blessed the memorial gifts and administered confirmation to a class of four. **THUS THE THIRD CHRIST CHURCH, IN GREENSBURG, WAS OPENED FOR THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD, AND THE EDIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION OF HUMAN LIFE.**