SUNDAY XVII
THROUGH THE YEAR

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With Organ Accompaniment
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Introit

*Deus in loco sancto suo.*  Ps 67: 6-7. 36

*Antiphon:*

5. God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, *he gives power and strength to his people.*
5. God arises; his enemies are scattered, and those
who hate him flee before him.
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Gloria Patri:

5. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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5. God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.
Psalm Verses: Psalm 67, Mode 5

1. God arises; / his enemies are scattered, *
   those who hate him flee before him.
2. But the just rejoice and exult before God; *
   they are glad and rejoice. (R)
3. Sing to God, / chant praise to his name, *
   extol him who rides upon the clouds.
4. Whose name is the Lord; *
   exult before him. (R)
5. The father of orphans and defender of widows *
   is God in his holy place. (R)
6. God gives a home to those forsaken; *
   he leads forth prisoners to prosperity. (R)
7. Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God, *
   chant praise to the Lord.
8. He gives power and strength to his people. *
   Blessèd be God. (R)
Ps 67

Let God arise, supreme in might,
Then shall his foes be put to flight,
All upright men shall then rejoice
God’s Name to praise with thankful voice.

True Father to the fatherless,
Help of the widow in distress,
He bringeth home the desolate;
He doth the pris’ners liberate.

Blest be the Lord, who daily bears
The burden of our griefs and cares,
He will redeem us from the grave,
For he is God, and strong to save.

Let all the kingdoms of the earth
Proclaim with joy his matchless worth,
To him who from his dwelling-place
Bestows on us his pow’r and grace.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Scottish Metrical Psalter (1650)
Responsorial Psalm (A)

Ps 118:97

Quomodo dilexi legem tuam.

5. Lord, I love your commands.

1. I have said, O Lord, that my part is to keep your words.

2. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousand of gold and silver pieces. (R)

3. Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants.

4. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. (R)

5. For I love your commands more than gold however fine.

6. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. (R)

7. Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them.

8. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. (R)

Verses Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Responsorial Psalm

Responsorial Psalm (B)

Aperis tu manum tuam.                 Cf. Ps 144 : 16

Refrain

2. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Psalm Tone

A                                           B

Verses                                   Ps 144 : 10-11. 15-16. 17-18

1. Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, *
   and let your faithful ones bless you.
2. Let the discourse of the glory of your kingdom *
   and speak of your might. (R)
3. The eyes of all look hopefully to you, *
   and you give them their food in due season;
4. You open your hand *
   and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (R)
5. The Lord is just in all his ways *
   and holy in all his works.
6. The Lord is near to all who call upon him, *
   to all who call upon him in truth. (R)

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Responsorial Psalm (C)

In quacumque die.  

Ps 137: 3a

Refrain

5. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, †
   for you have heard the words of my mouth; *
   in the presence of the angels / I will sing your praise;

2. I will worship at your holy temple *
   and give thanks to your name.  (R)

3. Because of your kindness and your truth; †
   for you have made great above all things *
   your name and your promise.

4. When I called / you answered me; *
   you built up strength within me.  (R)

5. The Lord is exalted, / yet the lowly he sees, *
   and the proud he knows from afar.
   Through I walk amid distress, / you preserve me; *
   against the anger of my enemies / you raise your hand.  (R)

6. Your right hand saves me, *
   the Lord will complete what he has done for me;

7. your kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; *
   forsake not the work of your hands.  (R)

Verses  

Ps 137: 1-2. 2-3. 6-7. 7-8

A                                             B
Alleluia

Benedictus es, Pater.

Verse (A)

Cf. Mt 11:25

1 or 6. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
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Verse (B)

Propheta magnus.  

Lk 7:16

6. A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has

visited his people.

Verse (C)

Accepistis Spiritum adoptionis.  

Rom 8:15bc

6. You have received a Spirit of adoption, through

which we cry, Abba, Father.
Offertory

Exaltabo te, Domine. Ps 29:2.3

7. I ex-tol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear

and did not let my enemies rejoice o-ver me. O

Lord I cried out to you and you healed me.
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Communion (A)

*Benedic, anima mea.*  
*Ps 102:2*

4. O bless the Lord, my soul, and remember all his kindness.

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Communion (B)

Beati misericordes.  

Mt 5:7-8

4. Happy are those who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Happy are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

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Psalm during Communion (A & B)

Psalm Tone. Mode IV

Verses  

Ps 30 : 2. 3ab. 3cd. 4. 5. 6. 8ab. 25

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; *  
   let me never be put to shame.

2. In your justice rescue me, *  
   make haste to deliver me. (R)

3. Be my rock of refuge,*  
   a stronghold to give me safety.

4. You are my rock and my fortress; *  
   for your name’s sake / you will lead me and guide me (R)

5. You will free me from the snare they set for me, *  
   for you are my refuge.

6. Into your hands I commend my spirit; *  
   your will redeem me, / O Lord, O faithful God. (R)

7. I will rejoice and be glad of your kindness, †  
   when you have seen my affliction *  
   and watched over me in my distress.

8. Take courage and be stout hearted, *  
   all you who hope in the Lord. (R)
A NOTE ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INTROIT

The settings given here are arranged for Prince of Peace Church, where they are performed thus:

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

1. The bell rings. All stand.
2. Celebrant and ministers begin the procession.
3. The choir sings the Introit Antiphon, Psalm Verse, *Gloria Patri*, and repeats the Introit Antiphon *recto tono*.

INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR AND CRUCIFIX

4. The choir is concluding the Introit as the celebrant and ministers reach the altar. They reverence. The celebrant begins to fill the thurible with incense.
5. The organ intones the chorale melody for the metrical hymn, playing the whole melody through once.
6. Choir and congregation sing the metrical Psalm as the celebrant is incensing the altar and crucifix.
   a. The whole Psalm may be sung in unison by all.
   b. The choir may alternate with the congregation, singing the even number verses in unison, or in four part harmony, *a capella*. This is indicated in the program.
   c. The organist may provide organ interludes. Festive instruments may be used on greater feasts. Varied hymn accompaniments are encouraged from verse to verse.

AT THE CHAIR

7. The celebrant concludes the incensation, and takes his place at the chair. The metrical Psalm concludes.
   a. The singing of the metrical Psalm is timed so as to conclude with the arrival of the celebrant at the chair.
   b. Some verses of the metrical Psalm may be omitted if they are not needed. The final verse, the Doxology, is always included and never omitted.
   c. The Introit covers the action of the entrance of celebrant and ministers and the incensation of the altar. The singing should not be unduly prolonged at this point, although it may continue a bit if necessary.

PSALM VERSES

8. Psalm verses are provided for other communities if they choose not to use the metrical Psalm version. As indicated, the Introit Antiphon is repeated after the verses.

ADAPTATION

9. Prince of Peace is a large church in the romanesque style that allows for an extended entrance rite. Smaller churches and communities will adapt this plan to suit their particular needs.