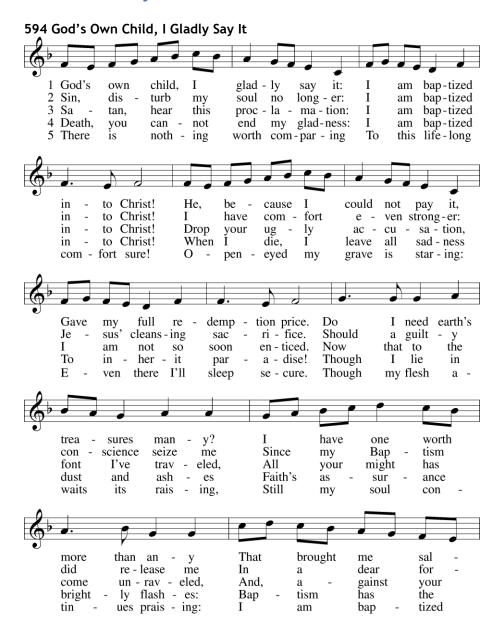
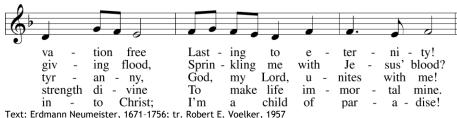
Feast of the Holy Innocents

2025 AD





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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross is made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings & death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the

Lamb.

K: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;* in your righteousness de- | liver me.

C: For you are my rock and my | fortress;*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

K: Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

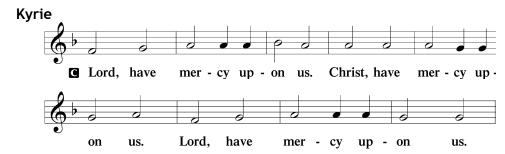
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

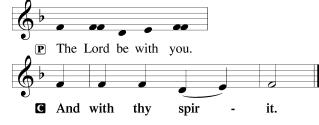
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P: Antiphon



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading

After the reading is said:

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

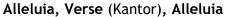
Gradual

Epistle

After the reading is said:

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Stand



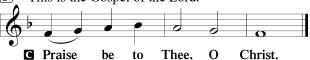


Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

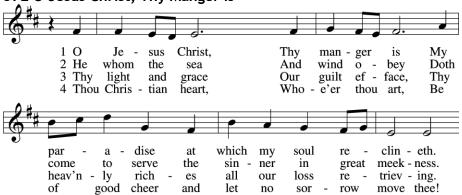
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

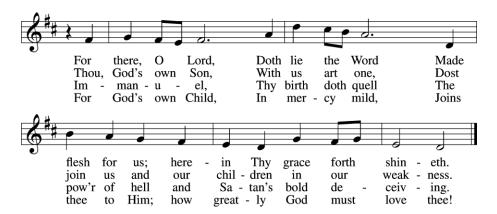
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

372 O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is





5 Remember thou

What glory now

The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.

The angel host

Can never boast

Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.

6 The world may hold

Her wealth and gold;

But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true treasure.

To Him hold fast

Until at last

A crown be thine and honor in full measure.

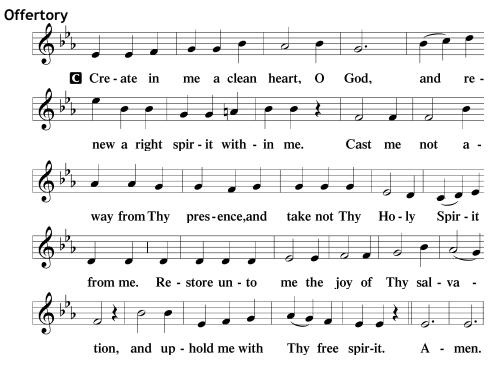
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Sermon

Stand



Offering (Please give online following the service)

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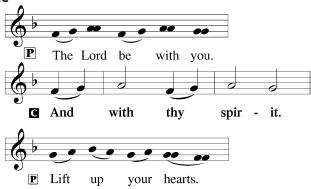
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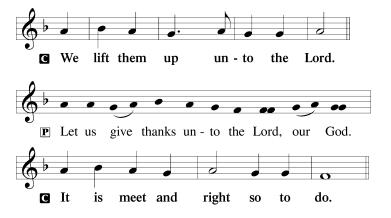
P Lord, in Your Mercy

C Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

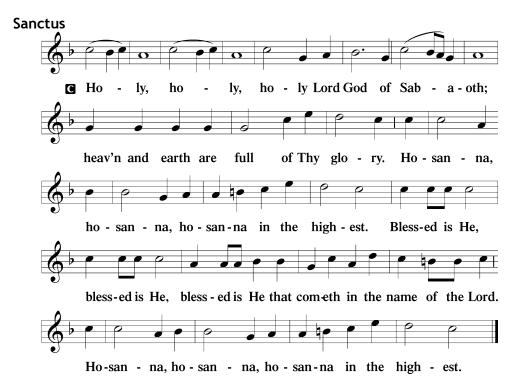






Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... ... evermore praising You and saying:





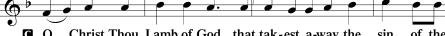
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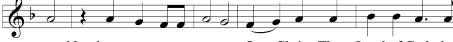








O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.





Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

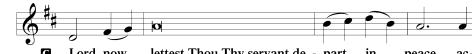


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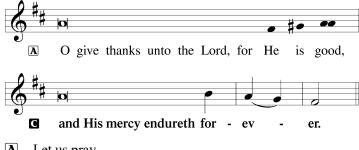


lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in Lord, now









A Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

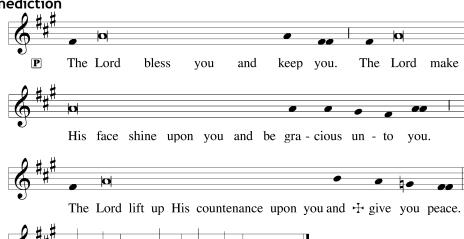




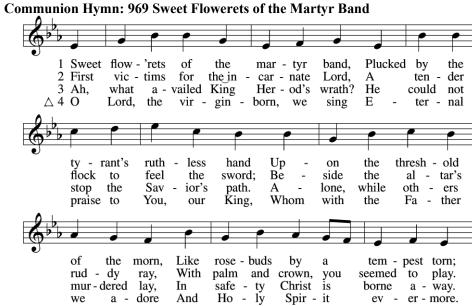


A-men, a-men,





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Communion Hymn: 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat; On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn, And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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