



# Holy Mass

## THE HOLY INNOCENT MARTYRS

December 28

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*It is a laudable custom to kneel in prayer after entering the pew.*

*It is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus is mentioned in the Mass and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).*

*At those points marked with a cross (✕), it is a laudable custom to cross oneself.*

## Preliminaries

### Prelude

*Please STAND when the entrance bell is rung.*

### Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

### Versicles

I will go to the altar of God:

**To God my exceeding joy.**

Our ✕ help is in the Name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

*Please KNEEL.*

### Confiteor

*During a period of silence, call to mind both your sinfulness and those sins you have committed against the Ten Commandments.*

I confess to almighty God,

**before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed**

*(strike your chest three times saying:)*

**through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault;**

**wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

**Absolution**

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my Office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. 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.

**Amen**

Please *STAND*.

## Liturgy of the Word

**Introit—Psalm 8.2, 1**

*Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength:  
Because of Your enemies.*

O Lord, our Lord:

*How excellent is your name in all the earth.*

\**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

*Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength:  
Because of Your enemies.*

**Kyrie Eleison**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Collects**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Closing Hymn

**"BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE"**



1 By all Your saints in war- fare, For all Your saints at  
2 All praise for in- fant mar- tyrs, Whom Your my-ster-ious  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther, And wor-ship God the



rest, Your ho- ly name, O Je- sus, For- ev- er more  
Love, Called ear-ly from their war-fare, To share Your home  
Son, And sing to God the Spir- it, E- ter- nal Three



be blest! For You have won the bat-tle, That they might  
a- bove. O Rach-el, cease your weep-ing; They rest from  
in One, Till all the ran-somed num-ber, Fall down be-



wear the crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
earth-ly cares! Lord, grant us crowns as brill- ant  
fore the throne, As- crib- ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re- flect- ed from Your throne.  
And faith as sure as theirs.  
And praise to God a - lone!

Postlude

*Please depart in silence and leave this Ordo at the door.*

Let us pray. O almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings have ordained strength and made infants to glorify You by their deaths, mortify and kill all vices in us and so strengthen us by Your grace that by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify Your holy name; through † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Please BE SEATED.*

Old Testament—Jeremiah 31.15-17

*After the Reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual—Psalm 124.7-8

*Our soul has escaped as a bird:*

*from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped:*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord:*

*who made heaven and earth.*

Epistle—Revelation 14.1-5

*After the Reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND.*

Tract—Psalm 79.3, 10

*The blood of Your saints they have shed like water all around Jerusalem:*

*And there was no one to bury them.*

*Avenge, O Lord, the blood of Your servants:*

*which has been shed on the earth.*

**Holy Gospel—St. Matthew 2.13-18**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

*While the Gospel is announced, make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.*

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Please BE SEATED.*

**Preaching of the Gospel**

*Please STAND when the organ sounds.*

**Chief Hymn**

**“SWEET FLOWERETS OF THE MARTYR BAND”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #273*

*Please KNEEL.*

**Intercessions**

*After each petition:*

Lord, in Your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition is prayed:*

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Please BE SEATED.*

**Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist**

**Offertory**

*While the Altar is prepared, you are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Our Lord's Service in His Body and Blood.*

**Benedicamus**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

The Mass is ended. Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please KNEEL.*

**Blessing**

Almighty God bless you: the Father, the ✕ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**Silent Prayer**

*Pray that you remain in Christ just as He is in you.*

*Please stand when the organ sounds to sing the closing hymn on the following page.*

and my soul shall be healed. ✕ May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord.

At the Altar before receiving the Blood of Christ, kneel and silently say:

What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. ✕ May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

After Returning from the Altar, kneel and silently say:

Let Your Body which I have received and Your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord.

*After all have communed, the Celebrant cleanses the sacred vessels.*

### Communio—Jeremiah 31.15

A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning:  
Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.

Please STAND.

### Post-Communion Collect

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray. We beseech You, O Lord, that the gifts which we have received in these holy Mysteries may avail for our comfort both in this life and in the life to come; through †Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

### Offertory Hymn

#### **“SHEPHERD OF TENDER YOUTH”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #628*

### Offertorium—Psalm 124.7

Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers:  
The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Please STAND.

### Oblation

The Celebrant prays the Offertory Prayer, ending with the words:  
...one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

### Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

### Christmass Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made Flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

Please KNEEL when the Server rings the Sanctus bell three times.

† **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Lord God of Sabaoth.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who ✕ comes in the Name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### Eucharistic Prayer

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed, ending with the words:*

...which You now graciously bestow upon us thorough Christ Our Lord.

**Amen**

### Verba Christi

*The Celebrant speaks the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament. During the two Major Elevations, we adore Our Lord's Body and Blood.*

### Anamnesis

*The Prayer of Remembrance is prayed, ending with the words:*

...until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.

### Acclamation

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen**

*At the Minor Elevation, we again adore Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and acclaim Him as eternal God.*

### Pater Noster

Taught by Our Lord and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

**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. Amen**

### Embolism

*The Celebrant concludes the Our Father with a prayer for deliverance and peace, ending with the words:*

...one God now and forever.

**Amen**

### Pax Domini

The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always.

**Amen**

### Agnus Dei

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: grant us Your peace. Amen**

### Distribution of Our Lord's Body and Blood

*Please approach the Altar and KNEEL to receive the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

*Reception of the Lord's Supper indicates unity in confession and faith. If you have not communed at Zion's altar previously, please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you have spoken with the Pastor.*

*The Body of Christ is received on the tongue.*

*The Blood of Christ is received from the Chalice.*

*You may assist the minister by guiding the Chalice to your mouth.*

*Women are asked to remove lipstick before drinking from the Chalice.*

### Prayers During Holy Communion

*Before approaching the Altar, kneel and silently say:*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, living and reigning now and forever.*

*Before receiving the Body of Christ at the Altar, kneel and silently say:*

*I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only*