Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn #540 (see below)

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.
- P 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,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

Left Column

- 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 and 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.

Psalm 95:1-7 Antiphon vs. 7a

K: For he is our God,* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Service of the Word

K: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;*
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- vation!

C: Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;* let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

K: For the LORD is a | great God,* and a great King a- | bove all gods.

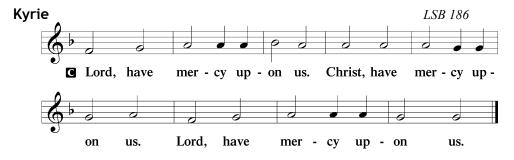
C: In his hand are the depths | of the earth;* the heights of the mountains are his | also.

K: The sea is his, for he | made it,* and his hands formed the | dry land.

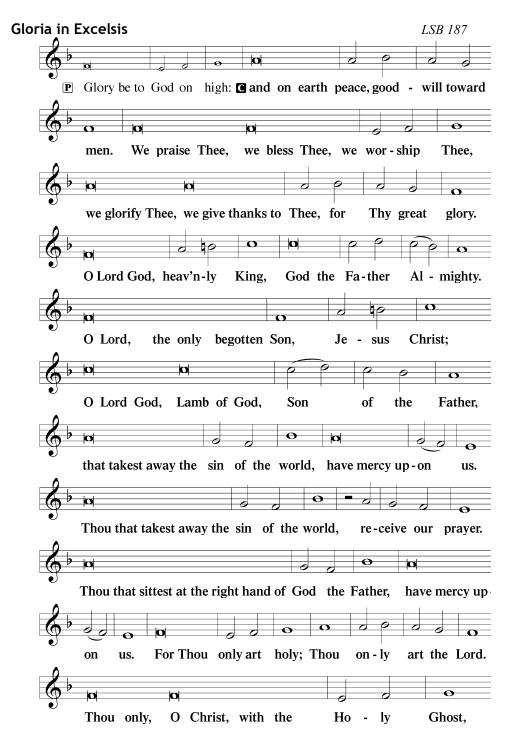
C: Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;* let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

K: For he | is our God,* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

All: 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.



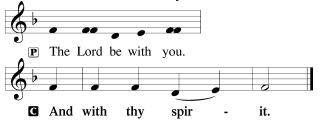
Stand





art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day





P ... one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading

After the reading is said:

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

Alleluia, Verse (Kantor), Alleluia



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th 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 *\frac{1}{2}\$ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn # 532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns



- 1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glo-ry now; 2 The high-est place that heav'n af-fords Is His, is His by right,
- 3 The Joy of all who dwell a bove, The Joy of all be low 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;

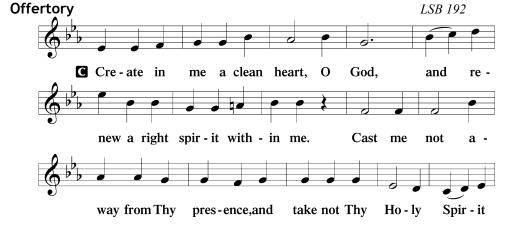


A roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns The might - y Vic-tor's brow. The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light; To whom He man - i - fests His love And grants His name to know. Their name an ev - er - last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

- 5 They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above, Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.
- 6 The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him: His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

Sermon

Stand





Offering (Please give online following the service)

Prayer of the Church

After each petition is said:

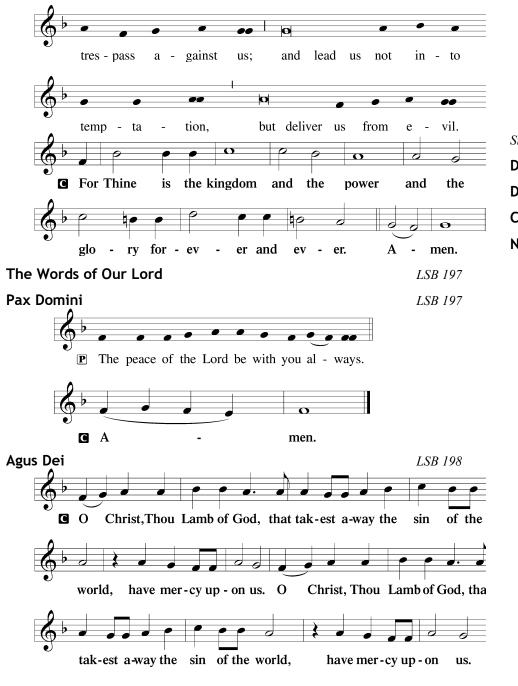
- **P** Lord, in Your Mercy
- **C** Hear our prayer.

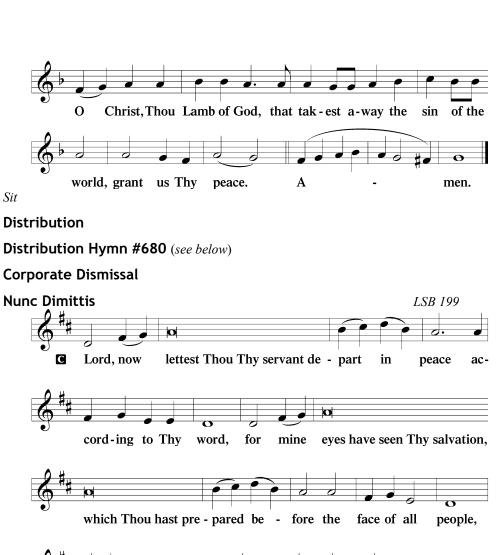


Proper Preface

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



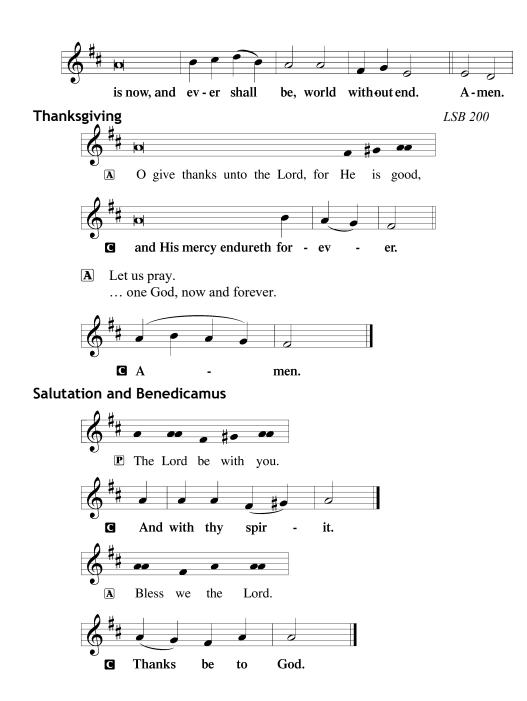


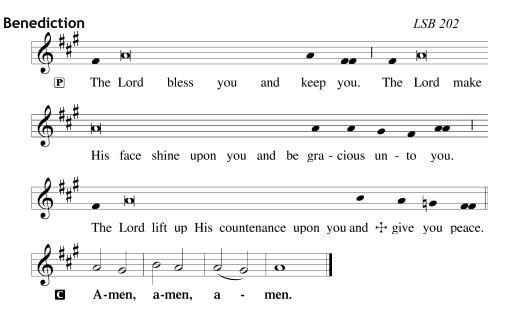






to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,







- Christ, the way that leads unfailing

 To the Father's home on high,
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
 Christ, the life that cannot die.
 Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
 There to share Your wedding feast.
- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
 Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:
 Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be
 To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

