Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #684 (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 **T** 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,
- C 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm 145:1-14 Ant. 19

K: He fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;* he also hears their cry and | saves them.

K: I will extol you, my God and King,* and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will | bless you* and praise your name forever and | ever.

K: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,* and his greatness is un- searchable.

C: One generation shall commend your works to an- other,* and shall declare your mighty acts.

K: On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,* and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

C: They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,* and I will declare your | greatness.

K: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness* and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

C: The LORD is gracious and | merciful,* slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

K: The LORD is good to all,* and his mercy is over all that he has made.

C: All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,* and all your saints shall | bless you!

K: They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom* and tell | of your power,

C: to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,* and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.

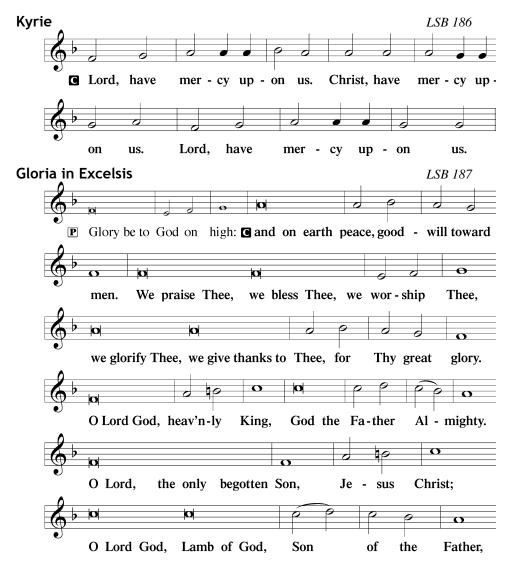
K: Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,* and your dominion endures throughout all gener- | ations.

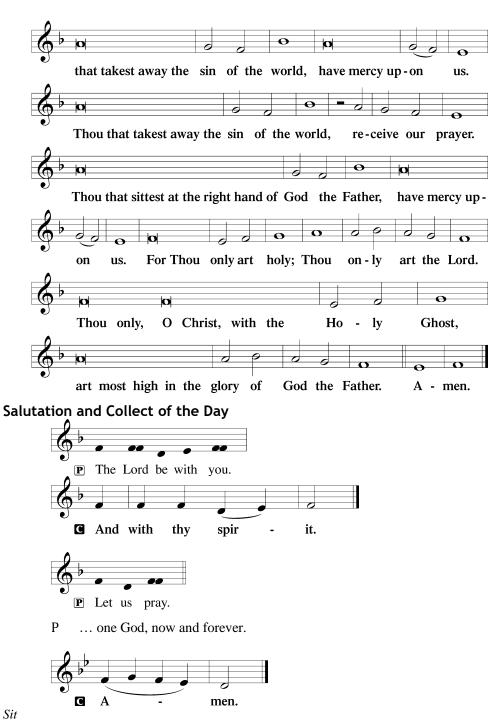
C: The LORD is faithful in | all his words* and kind in | all his works.

K: The LORD upholds all who are | falling* and raises up all who are | bowed down.

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.

K: He fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;* he also hears their cry and | saves them.





First Reading Acts 1:1–11

After the reading is said:

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

Gradual

Epistle

Psalm 47 (antiphon: v. 5) Ephesians 1:15–23

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

Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C 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.

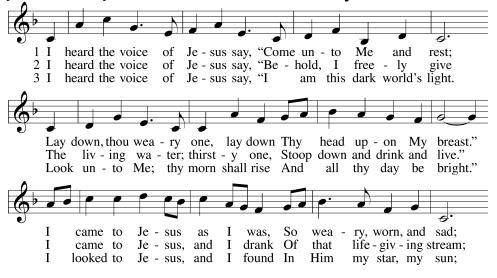
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

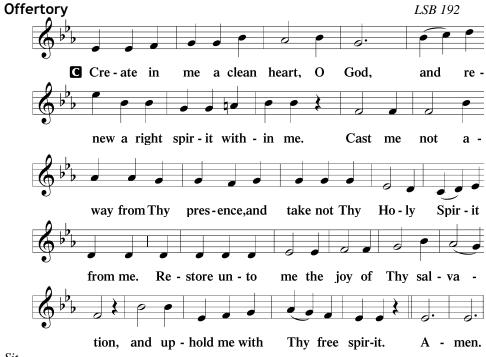
Hymn of the Day # 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say





Sermon

Stand



Sit

Offering (Please give online following the service)

Stand

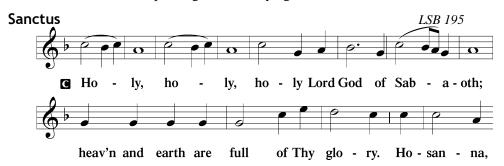
Prayer of the Church

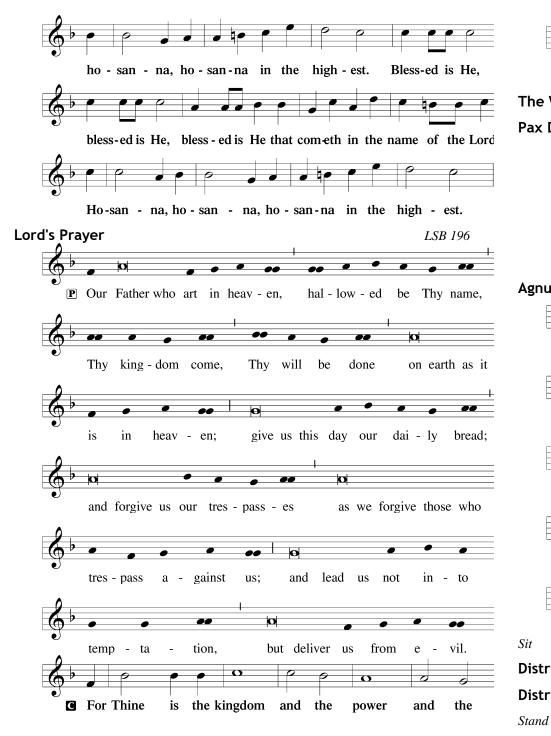
Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface

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









684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
Though it might,
Day and night,
Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
From the strife
Of this life
To His joy immortal!