Confession and Absolution

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 78:1–3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a

Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.
[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*
this is God, our God forever and | ever.
Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a | parable;*
I will utter dark sayings | from of old,
things that we have | heard and known,*
that our fathers have | told us.
We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, | and his might,*
and the wonders that | he has done.
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.
Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
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Kyrie

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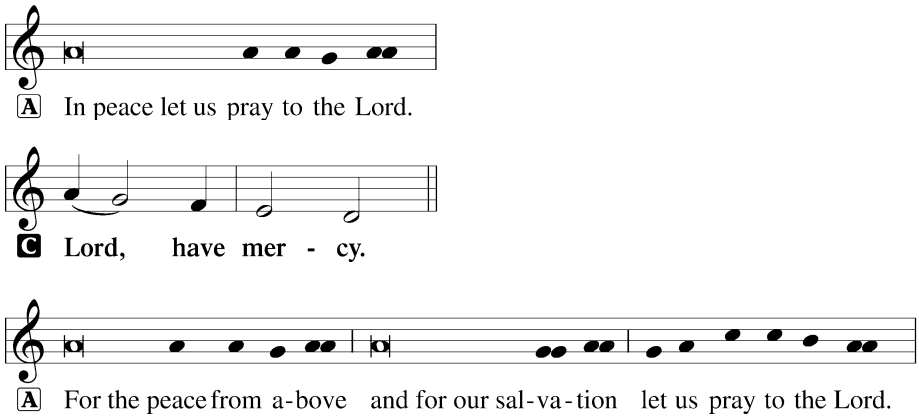

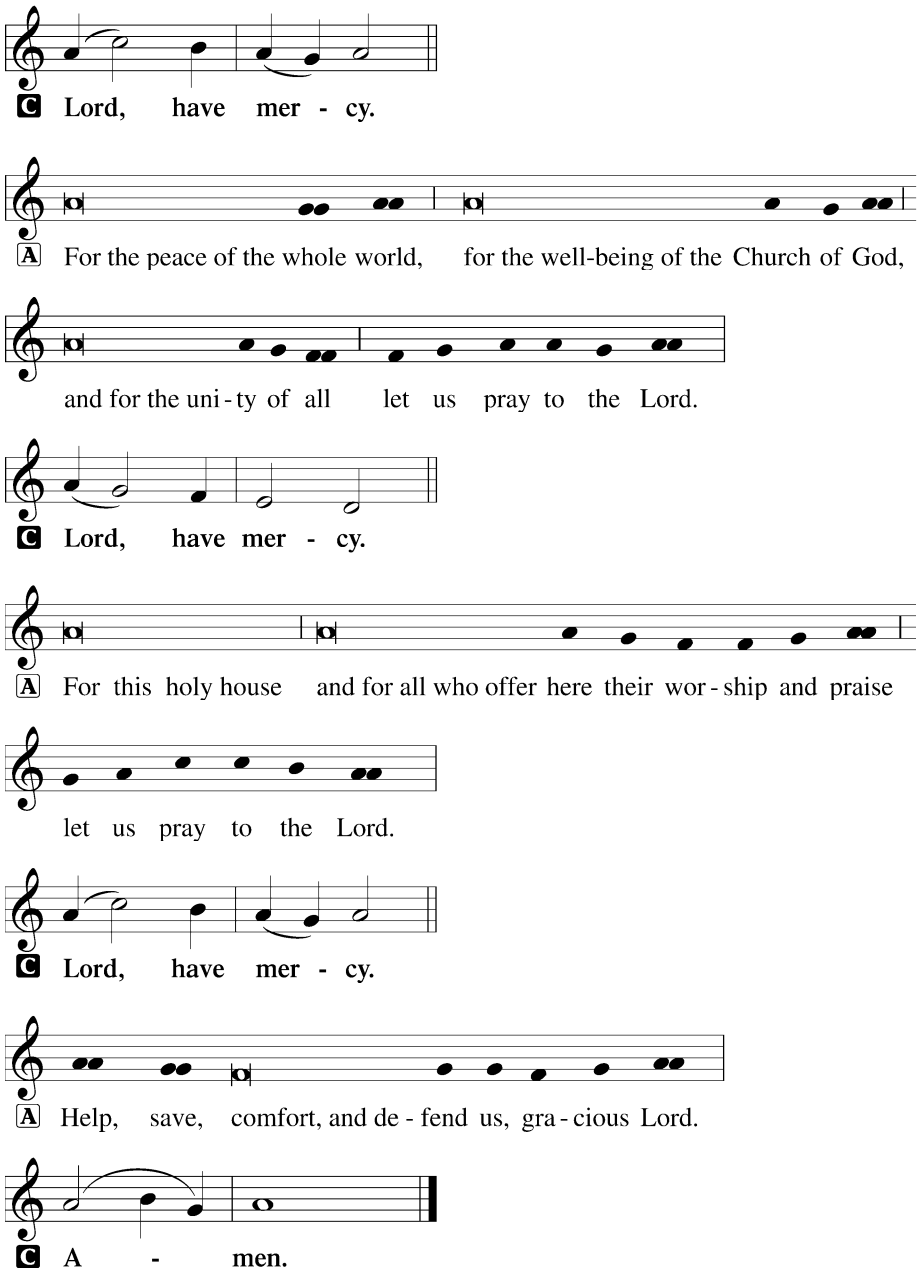

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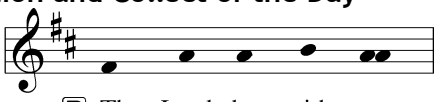
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10–17

[10]Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. [11]And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. [12]And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! [13]And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. [14]Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. [15]Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." [16]Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." [17]And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

Gradual

Psalm 141:1–2

O LORD, I call upon you; hasten | to me!*
Give ear to my voice when I | call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as incense be- | fore you,*
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice!

Epistle

Ephesians 4:22–28

22Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23and to
be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true
righteousness and holiness.
25Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members
one of another. 26Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27and give no opportunity to the
devil. 28Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may
have something to share with anyone in need.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:1–8

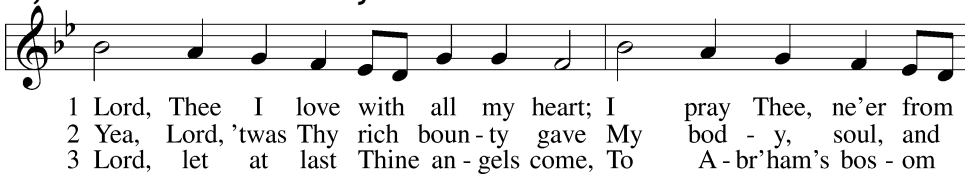
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

1Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. 2And behold, some people brought to him a
paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are
forgiven." 3And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." 4But Jesus, knowing their
thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say,
'Rise and walk'? 6But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to
the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." 7And he rose and went home. 8When the crowds saw it, they
were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Sit

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



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Sermon

Stand

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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

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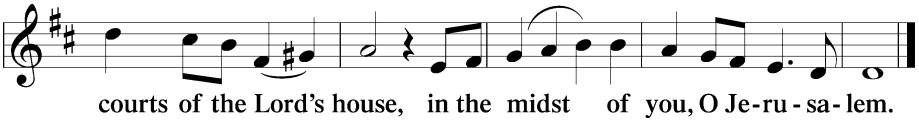
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.