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# The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

—December 28—

## **Psalm 54 (antiphon: v.4)**

<sup>1</sup>O God, save me, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup>O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

<sup>5</sup>He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

<sup>6</sup>With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

### *Prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that you would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

# Divine Service Setting Four

## Processional Hymn: What Child Is This

LSB 370

1           What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
              On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
              While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
              Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
              The babe, the son of Mary!

2           Why lies He in such mean estate  
              Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
              The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
              Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
              The babe, the son of Mary!

3           So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
              Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
              Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
              Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
              The babe, the son of Mary!

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

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

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*

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

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

**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.**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

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

## **Kyrie**

**G Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:15–17*

<sup>15</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
because they are no more.”

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears,  
for there is a reward for your work,  
declares the LORD,  
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

<sup>17</sup>There is hope for your future,

declares the LORD,  
and your children shall come back to their own country.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

## **C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the | wicked.\*

For you, O Lord, | are my hope.

Upon you have I leaned from be- | fore my birth;\*

you are he who took me from my | mother's womb.

My mouth is filled | with your praise,\*

and with your glory | all the day.

### **Epistle**

*Revelation 14:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup>and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, <sup>5</sup>and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 2:13–18*

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

<sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**G** **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.**

**Hymn of the Day: If God Himself Be for Me**

**LSB 724**

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| 1 | If God Himself be for me,<br>I may a host defy;<br>For when I pray, before me<br>My foes, confounded, fly.<br>If Christ, my head and master,<br>Befriend me from above,<br>What foe or what disaster<br>Can drive me from His love?  | 3 | Christ Jesus is my splendor,<br>My sun, my light, alone;<br>Were He not my defender<br>Before God's judgment throne,<br>I never should find favor<br>And mercy in His sight,<br>But be destroyed forever<br>As darkness by the light.   |
| 2 | I build on this foundation,<br>That Jesus and His blood<br>Alone are my salvation,<br>My true, eternal good.<br>Without Him all that pleases<br>Is valueless on earth;<br>The gifts I have from Jesus<br>Alone have priceless worth. | 4 | He canceled my offenses,<br>Delivered me from death;<br>He is the Lord who cleanses<br>My soul from sin through faith.<br>In Him I can be cheerful,<br>Courageous on my way;<br>In Him I am not fearful<br>Of God's great Judgment Day. |

5 For no one can condemn me  
Or set my hope aside;  
Now hell no more can claim me:  
Its fury I deride.  
No sentence now reproves me,  
No guilt destroys my peace;  
For Christ, my Savior, loves me  
And shields me with His grace.

6 Who clings with resolution  
To Him whom Satan hates  
Must look for persecution;  
For him the burden waits  
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses  
Heaped on his blameless head;  
A thousand plagues and crosses  
Will be his daily bread.

7 From me this is not hidden,  
Yet I am not afraid;  
I leave my cares, as bidden,  
To whom my vows were paid.  
Though life from me be taken  
And ev'rything I own,  
I trust in You unshaken  
And cleave to You alone.

8 No danger, thirst, or hunger,  
No pain or poverty,  
No earthly tyrant's anger  
Shall ever vanquish me.  
Though earth should break  
asunder,  
My fortress You shall be;  
No fire or sword or thunder  
Shall sever You from me.

9 No angel and no gladness,  
No throne, no pomp, no show,  
No love, no hate, no sadness,  
No pain, no depth of woe,  
No scheming, no contrivance,  
No subtle thing or great  
Shall draw me from Your  
guidance  
Nor from You separate.

10 My heart with joy is springing;  
I am no longer sad.  
My soul is filled with singing;  
Your sunshine makes me glad.  
The sun that cheers my spirit  
Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
The heav'n I shall inherit  
Makes me rejoice and sing.

**Sermon: "The Holy Innocents"**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn: Oh, What Their Joy**

**LSB 675**

- 1 Oh, what their joy and their glory must be,  
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!  
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;  
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.
- 2 In new Jerusalem joy shall be found,  
Blessings of peace shall forever abound;  
Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,  
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.
- 3 We, where no trouble distraction can bring,  
Safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;  
While for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
Your blessed people shall evermore raise.
- 4 Now let us worship our Lord and our King,  
Joyfully raising our voices to sing:  
Praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,  
Praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in One.

*Prayer after worship:*

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

