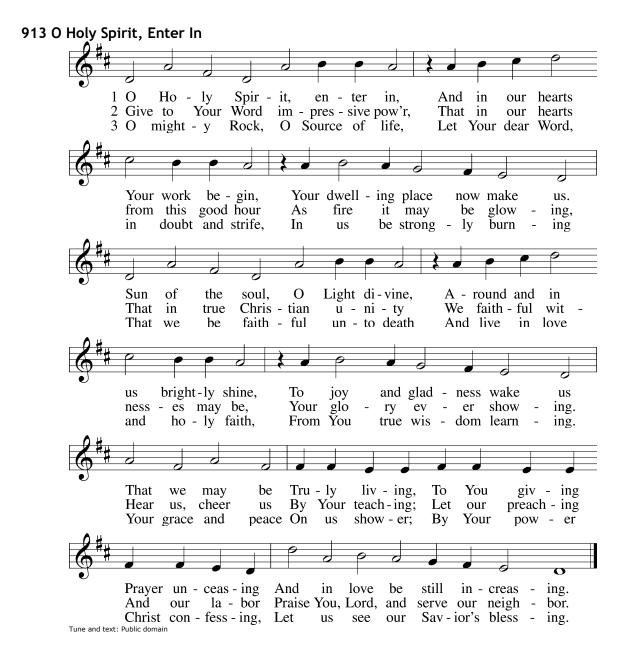
# **Confession and Absolution**



#### Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Exhortation

- 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.

## **Confession of Sins**

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C 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.

## Absolution

- 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.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

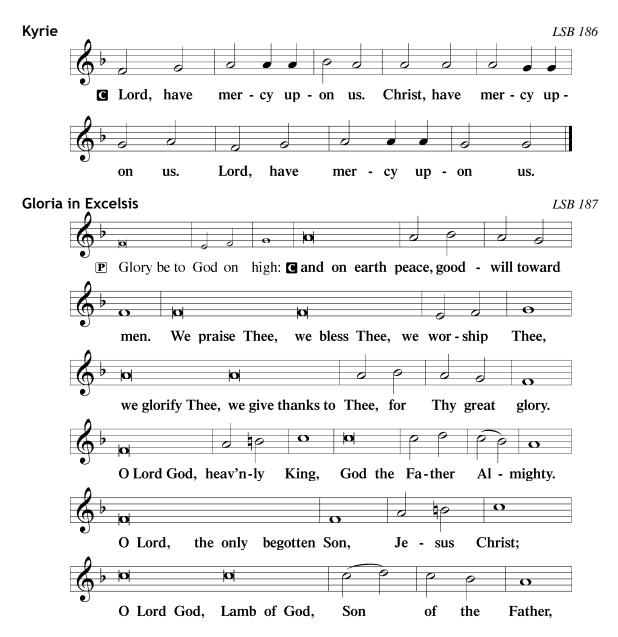
For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\* In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble! Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\* In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\* for no one living is righteous be- | fore you. Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,\* for in | you I trust. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

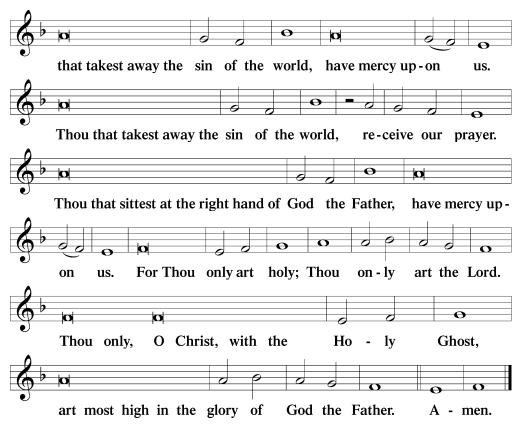
Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11

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and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\* In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!





## Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Amos 7:7-15

#### **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass by them;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

#### Amos Accused

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.""

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.""

This is the Word of the Lord. А

C Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Romans 11:33. 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\* How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things.\* To him be glory forever. Amen.

## **Epistle**

#### **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we

Ephesians 1:3–14

have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

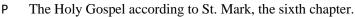
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29





#### The Death of John the Baptist

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For

what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

> And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ⊤ everlasting. Amen. 743 Jesus. Priceless Treasure 1 Je - sus, price-less trea pur - est plea - sure, sure, Fount of 2 In Thine arms I rest me: Foes who would mo - lest me 3 Sa - tan, Ι de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee: 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea sure! Je sus is my plea - sure, Tru - est friend to Ah, how long guish me, in an shak - ing, Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be bid World. thou shalt not harm Fear. I thee cease. me glo -Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty ry!  $\mathbf{\alpha}$ Shall spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, for Thee? Lord. my quak - ing, Ev -'ry heart be Je sus calms mv fear. Nor thy threats a - larm me While Ι sing of peace. Told Naught to me thy sto ry with tempt - ing voice. Thou art mine. O Lamb di - vine! Ι will suf - fer Yet, though sin Light - nings flash And thun ders crash; and 'ry hour; Earth and God's great pow'r Guards ev all its Shall not Pain loss, Or shame or cross, or from my 0 side naught to hide Thee; Naught Ι ask be -Thee. hell as - sail Je will fail me, sus not me. depths a - dore Him, Si \_ lent bow be fore Him. Say - ior move Since He deigns love me to me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me,

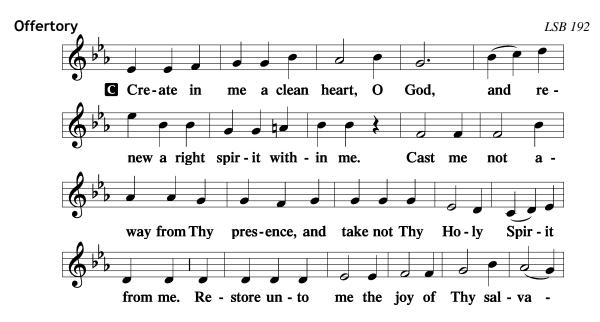
Thine appeal is vain. Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again. Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!
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#### Sermon

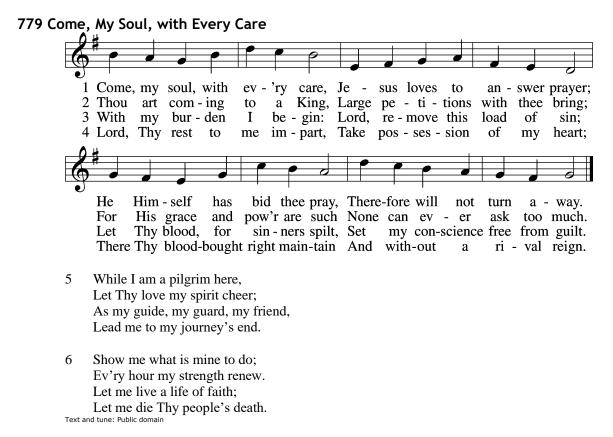
#### Votum

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.





Offering



## Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For the Church, that the Lord would preserve her for His name's sake, in His righteousness and answering in His faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the testimony of Christ's Word, opposed by the world; and for conviction and confidence in our confession that salvation is found in the forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus alone, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the preachers God sends, that they would be bold to proclaim His Law against sin; for the work of the Spirit to humble the proud and bring them to repentance for the sake of forgiveness; for all who suffer while continuing steadfast in their callings, that God would vindicate them and sustain them; and that He would keep us all from despising His Word of correction, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the blessed estate of marriage, that God would cause chastity to be prized among His Christians and honored also in the world; for husbands and wives, that God would bind them together in love and forgiveness; and for parents, that God would equip them by His Spirit with every good gift to care for and teach the children He gives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For our nation and its leaders, that God would spare them; for our civil servants and our people, that their conduct would be wise, just and honorable in accord with the Lord's revealed will; and even for those who oppose God, that the Lord would be merciful to them for the sake of Christ, remembering that He desires all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the needy in body and soul, *[especially \_\_\_\_\_\_,]* that He would lavish the riches of His grace on them, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

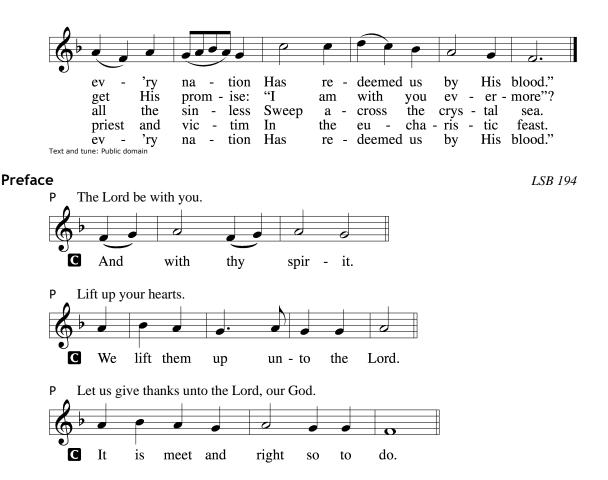
For all who commune today, blessed in the Beloved, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, that as He has sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit, He would now strengthen us through Christ's body and blood to life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.** 

## Service of the Sacrament

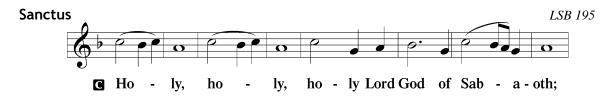
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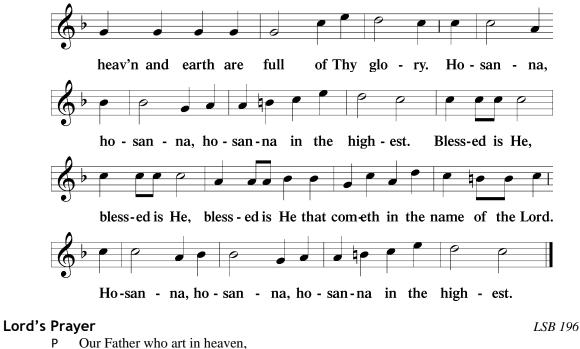




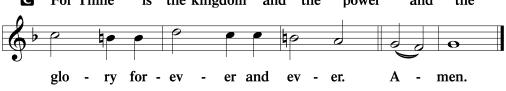
#### **Proper Preface (Full)**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





P 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.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



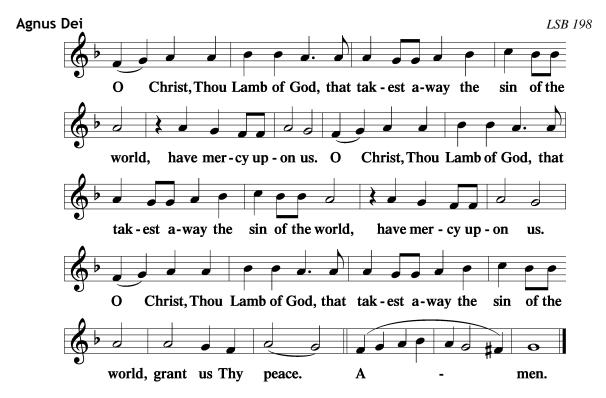
## The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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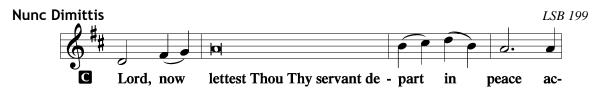


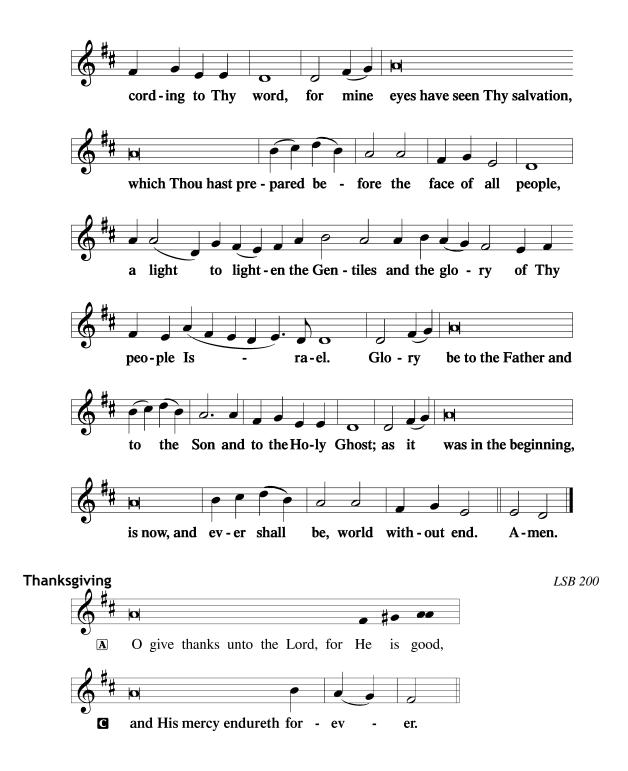


#### Distribution

#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.





## **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

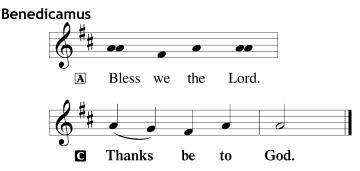
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



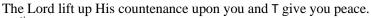


## Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

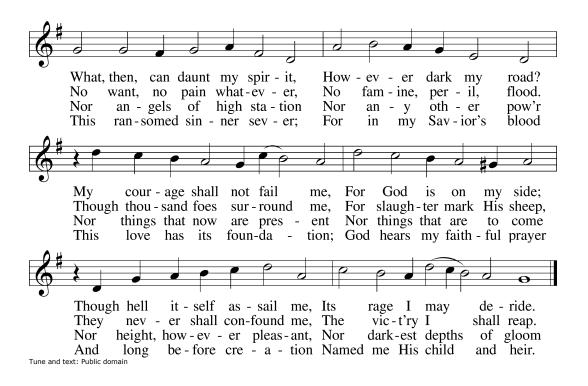




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