

## **The Festivals of our Lord**

**(excluding Eve of the Nativity, Feast of the Nativity, Epiphany,  
The Feast of the Resurrection, and the Ascension, which are  
found within the preceding section)**

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## **The Festivals of the Saints of the Church**



lieved our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

**Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:

and their words to the | end | of | the | world.

|| The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :

and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:

that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 4:18-22.**

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

## DECEMBER 6—ST. NICHOLAS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR (WHITE)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* LET THY || priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for | joy | - :

For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of | thine | a- |  
noint- | ed.

*Psalm.* || Lord, remember | Da- | vid:

and all | his | a- | fflic- | tions.

GLO-RY | be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Lord, hear our prayers to Thee on this day of St. Nicholas, Thy Confessor and Bishop, that as Thou didst lead him to render faithful service to Thy, Thou wouldst lead us to faithfully confess our hope in Thy salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Hebrews 7:23-27.**

Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

**Gradual.**

|| I will also clothe her priests with sal- | va- | tion:

and her saints shall shout | a- | loud | for | joy.

|| There will I make the horn of David | to | bud:

I have ordained a lamp for | mine | a- | noint- | ed.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:

and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 25:14–23.**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

## DECEMBER 7—ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP, CONFESSOR, AND DOCTOR (WHITE)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* WITH THE || bread of understanding shall she | feed | him:

and give him the water of | wis- | dom | to | drink.

|| He shall be stayed upon her, and shall not | be | moved :

and shall rely upon her, and shall not | be | con- | found- | ed.

*Psal.* || It is good to give thanks to the | Lord | - :

And to sing praises to Your | name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O God, who didst give Saint Ambrose as a faithful teacher of the saving truth in a time of great trial, grant to Thy people zeal for Thy Word and faithful teachers for Thy Church, that they may stand steadfast against all error, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Timothy 4:1-8.**

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous

Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Gradual.**

|| The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of  
| judg- | ment:

The law of his God is in his heart; none of | his | steps | shall | slide.

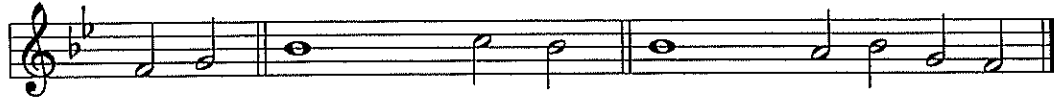
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:

and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- |  
jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 5:13-19.**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

## DECEMBER 13—ST. LUCY, MARTYR (RED)



## Introit.

Ant. THOU LOV- || est righteousness, and hatest *wick-ed* | ness:

therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness  
a- | bove | thy | fel- | lows.

Psalm. || My heart is inditing a good | mat- | ter:

I speak of the things which I have made | touch- | ing | the | king

GLO-RY BE || to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

## Collect.

O God, our Savior, hear us, we pray Thee, as we rejoice in the steadfast devotion Thou dost kindle and sustain in the hearts of Thy saints, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who livest and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## Epistle. 2 Corinthians 10:17–18; 11:1–2.

But “he who glories, let him glory in the Lord.” For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends. Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

## Gradual.

|| Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest | *wick-ed*- | ness:

therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness  
a- | bove | thy | fel- | lows.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Grace is poured into | thy | lips:

therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.



**Gospel. Matthew 13:44-52.**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

**DECEMBER 21—ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE. (RED)**

**Introit.**

*Ant.* I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | **righteous-** | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.

*Psalms.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

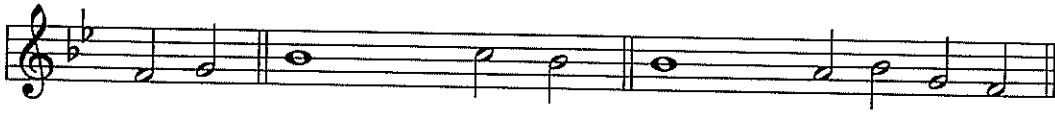
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)



DECEMBER 23—ST. THORLAK, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR (WHITE)



**Introit.**

*Ant.* LET THY || priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout | for | joy :

For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of | thine | a- |  
noint- | ed.

*Psalm.* || Lord, remember | Da- | vid:  
and all | his | a- | fflic- | tions.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Merciful God, graciously look upon Thy Church here on earth. Strengthen Thy congregation and give Thy Church comfort and peace. Teach the leaders of Thy Church to unite against all obstacles to Thy Word. Guide those who are tempted. Comfort those who suffer any want of body or soul. Prepare Thy congregation to make ready to sincerely and faithfully celebrate the holy feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

**Epistle. Hebrews 13:7–17.**

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the

people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

**Gradual.**

|| I will also clothe her priests with sal- | va- | tion:  
     and her saints shall shout | a- | loud | for | joy.  
 || There will I make the horn of David | to | bud:  
     I have ordained a lamp for | mine | a- | noint- | ed.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:  
     and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 24:42-47.**

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

DECEMBER 26—ST. STEPHEN, MARTYR (RED)



**Introit.**

*Ant.* PRINC-ES || also did sit and speak a- | gainst | me:  
 " The wicked have waited for me | to | de- | stroy | me.

|| Help me, O Lord | God | - :  
for I have kept Thy | tes- | ti- | mon- | ies.

*Psalm.* || Blessed are the undefiled in the | way | - :  
who walk in the | law | of | the | Lord.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Grant, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of Thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of Thy first Martyr, Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to Thee, O Blessed Jesus, Who standest at the right hand of God to succor all those that suffer for Thee, our only Mediator and Advocate, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Acts 6:8–7:60.**

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous

words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us." And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel. Then the high priest said, "Are these things so?" And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, and said to him, 'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.' Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell. And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him. But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress them four hundred years. 'And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will judge,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.' Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve patriarchs. And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance. But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh. Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people. So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers. And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt till another king arose who did not know Joseph. This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live. At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months. But when he was set out, Pharaoh's

daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds. Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand. And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?' Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons. And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him, saying, 'I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and dared not look. 'Then the Lord said to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.'" This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush. He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years. This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.' This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us, whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt, saying to Aaron, 'Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: 'Did you offer Me slaughtered ani-

mals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of your god Remphan, Images which you made to worship; And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.' Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen, which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David, who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built Him a house. However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: 'Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the Lord, Or what is the place of My rest? Has My hand not made all these things?' You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it. When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

### **Gradual.**

|| Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' | sake | - :  
     for their's is the King- | dom | of | Hea- | ven.  
 || Be thou faithful | un-to | death:  
     and I will give thee | a | crown | of | life.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I see the heavens | op- | ened:  
     and Jesus standing at the Right Hand of God. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.



**Gospel. Matthew 23:34-39.**

"Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

DECEMBER 27—ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (WHITE)

**Introit.**

Ant. I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | *righteous-* | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Merciful Lord, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 1 John 1:1–10.**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

**Gradual.**

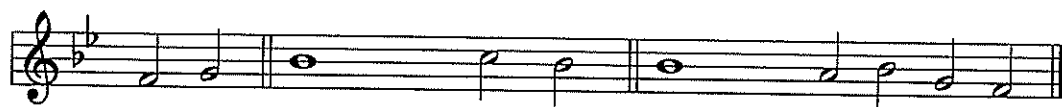
|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
|| The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. | Hal- le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. John 21:19–24.**

This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” Then Peter, turning

around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

**DECEMBER 28—FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS (RED)**



**Introit.**

*Ant.* OUT OF || the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine | **ene-** | mies:

that thou mightest still the enemy and | the | a- | veng- | er.

*Psalm.* || O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all | the | earth:

who hast set thy glory a- | bove | the | heav- | ens.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O God, whose praise the martyred Innocents confessed, not by speaking, but by dying: destroy in us all wickedness, that our life may proclaim the faith in word and deed, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Revelation 14:1-5.**

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of



## JANUARY 1—THE CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS (WHITE)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* O LORD, || our Lord, who excellent is Thy Name | in | all | **the** | earth:  
Who has set Thy glory above | the | heav- | **ens**.

|| What is man that Thou art | mind- | ful | **of** | him:  
and the son of man that Thou | vis- | itest- | **him?**

*Psalm.* || Thou, O LORD, art our Father and | our | Re- | **deem-** | er:  
from everlasting | is | Thy | **name**.

GLO- RY || be to the Father and | to | **the** | Son:  
and to | the | **Ho-** | ly | **Ghost**.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ev- | er | **shall** | be:  
world without | end. | A- | **men.** (*Ant. repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O merciful and eternal God, heavenly Father, who didst cause Thy Son to endure circumcision and to be made subject to the Law, that we might be redeemed from the curse of the Law: We beseech Thee, grant us grace to become partakers of this redemption and thus obtain eternal salvation, through the same, Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord God, who for our sakes, hast made Thy blessed Son our Savior subject to the Law, and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh: Grant us the true circumcision of the spirit, that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift: We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech Thee of Thy goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Galatians 3:23–29.**

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

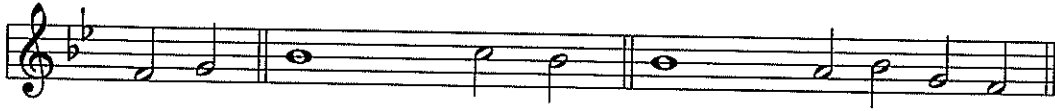
**Gradual.**

|| Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen:  
to give thanks unto Thy holy name, and to triumph in Thy praise.  
|| Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer:  
Thy name is from everlasting.  
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. Hallelujah.

**Gospel. Luke 2:21.**

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

## JANUARY 19—ST. HENRY OF FINLAND, BISHOP AND MARTYR (RED)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* O YE || priests of the Lord, bless ye the | Lord | - :  
 praise and exalt him above | all | for- | ev- | er.

|| O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the | Lord | - :  
 praise and exalt him above | all | for- | ev- | er.

|| O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the | Lord | - :  
 praise and exalt him above | all | for- | ev- | er.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
 and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
 world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O God, who dost guide Thy Church through the faithful ministrations of Thy servants, grant that Thy ministers, like St. Henry, stand steadfast against those who would work iniquity; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.**

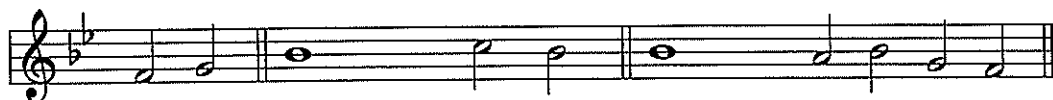
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

**Gradual.**

|| What is man, that Thou art mindful | of | him?  
     and the son of man, that Thou | vis- | i- | test | him?  
 || For Thou hast made him a little lower than the | an- | gels,  
     and hast crowned him with glor- | y | and | hon- | our.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Thou madest him to have dominion over the  
 works of Thy | hands | - :  
     Thou hast put all things under his feet. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 16:24–27.**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”

**JANUARY 24—ST. TIMOTHY, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR (WHITE)****Introit.**

*Ant.* LET THY || priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout | for | joy:

    For Thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of | Thine | a- |  
 noint- | ed.

*Psalm.* || Lord, remember | Da- | vid:  
     and all | his | a- | fflic- | tions.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
     and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
     world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)



**Collect.**

O Lord, as Thou didst preserve faithful Timothy to a steadfast confession of Thy Holy Word, even as he instructed those who would be set apart for ministry in Thy Church, we pray that Thou wouldst so bless Thy people in this generation with steadfast confessors, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 1 Timothy 6:11–16.**

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. *Amen.*

**Gradual.**

|| I will also clothe her priests with sal- | va- | tion:

and her saints shall shout | a- | loud | for | joy.

|| There will I make the horn of David | to | bud:

I have ordained a lamp for | mine | a- | noint- | ed.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:

and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Luke 14:26–33.**

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to

finish'? Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."

**JANUARY 25—THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL (WHITE)**



**Introit.**

*Ant.* I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | **righteous-** | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Merciful Lord, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Acts 9:1–22.**

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues

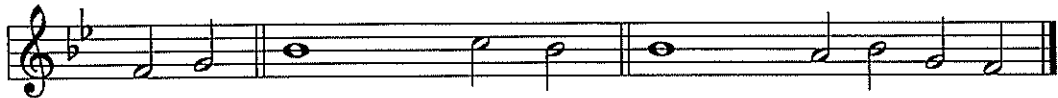
of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much [b] harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

**Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
                     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
 || The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
                     and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
                     that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should re-  
 main. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 19:27-30.**

Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

**JANUARY 26—ST. TITUS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR (WHITE)****Introit.**

*Ant.* LET THY || priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout | for | joy :

For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of | thine | a- |  
 noint- | ed.

*Psalm.* || Lord, remember | Da- | vid:  
                     and all | his | a- | fflic- | tions.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
                     and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
                     world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

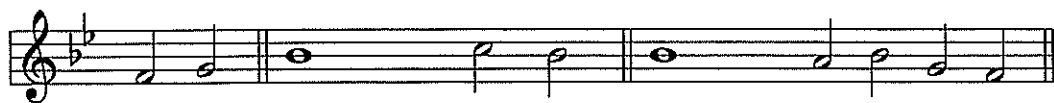
O God, who didst adorn St. Titus with apostolic virtues, increase in us spirit directed to a life of duty and justice which is the fruit of a faith which trusts in our Savior, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Acts 20:17–35.**

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

**Gospel. Luke 10:1–9.**

**FEBRUARY 2—THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND THE PURIFICATION OF ST. MARY**



**Introit.**

*Ant.* WE HAVE || thought of Thy lovingkindness, O | God | - :  
in the midst | of | Thy | tem- | ple.  
|| According to Thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of | the |  
earth:  
Thy right hand is full | of | right- | eous- | ness.  
*Psalm.* || Great is the Lord, and greatly to be | praised | - :  
in the city of our God, in the mountain of | His | ho- | li- | ness.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
 and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.  
 AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
 world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty and Everliving God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that as Thine Only-Begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Malachi 3:1-4.**

"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the Lord of hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former years.

**Gradual.**

|| We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O | God | - :  
 in the midst | of | Thy | tem- | ple.  
 || According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of | the |  
 earth:  
 Thy right hand is full | of | right- | eous- | ness.  
 || As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the  
 city of our | God | - :  
 God will establish | it | for | ev- | er.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. An old man was carrying a | Child, | - :  
 but the Child was the old man's Lord. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Luke 2:22-32.**

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

**FEBRUARY 9—ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, CONFESSOR, AND DOCTOR**

**Introit.**

*Ant.* WITH THE || bread of understanding shall she | feed | him:

and give him the water of | wis- | dom | to | drink.

|| He shall be stayed upon her, and shall not be | moved | - :

and shall rely upon her, and shall not | be | con- | found- | ed.

*Psalm.* || It is good to give thanks to the | Lord | - :

And to sing praises to Your | name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)



**Collect.**

O God, who didst give St. Cyril as a faithful teacher of the saving truth in a time of great trial, grant to Thy people zeal for Thy Word and faithful teachers for Thy Church, that they may stand steadfast against all error, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Timothy 4:1–8.**

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Gradual.**

|| The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of  
| judg- | ment:

The law of his God is in his heart; none of | his | steps | shall | slide.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:

and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- |  
jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 5:13–19.**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify

your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

FEBRUARY 18—MARTIN LUTHER, CONFESSOR AND DOCTOR

PSALM 46



### Introit.

*Ant.* WITH THE || bread of understanding shall she | feed | him:

and give him the water of | wis- | dom | to | drink.

|| He shall be stayed upon her, and shall not be | moved | - :

and shall rely upon her, and shall not | be | con- | found- | ed.

*Psalm.* || It is good to give thanks to the | Lord | - :

And to sing praises to Your | name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

### Collect.

O God, who didst give Martin Luther as a faithful teacher of the saving truth in a time of great trial, grant to Thy people zeal for Thy Word and faithful teachers for Thy Church, that they may stand steadfast against all error, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

### Epistle. Romans 10:5–17.

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heav-

en?" " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " "Who will descend into the abyss?" " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### **Gradual.**

|| The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of  
| judg- | ment:

The law of his God is in his heart; none of | his | steps | shall | slide.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:

and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

### **Gospel. John 15:1-11.**

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glori-

fied, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

FEBRUARY 24—ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

PSALM 68



**Introit.**

*Ant.* I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | righteous- | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commandest them earnestly to feed Thy flock: Make, we beseech Thee, all Pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Acts 1:15–26.**

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16

“Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry.” (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: ‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it’; and, ‘Let another take his office.’ Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

### **Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:

and their words to the | end | of | the | world.

|| The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :

and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:

that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

### **Gospel. Matthew 11:25–30.**

At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

**MARCH 17—ST. PATRICK, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR**



**Introit.**

*Ant.* LET THY || priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout | for | joy :

For Thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of | Thine | a- |  
noint- | ed.

*Psalm.* || Lord, remember | Da- | vid:  
and all | his | a- | fflic- | tions.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O God, who didst call Patrick to preach the Gospel, grant to Thy servants steadfastness in the confession of the true faith that they would preach that unchanging Gospel in the midst of the darkness of this age, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Hebrews 7:23–27.**

Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

**Gradual.**

|| I will also clothe her priests with sal- | va- | tion:  
     and her saints shall shout | a- | loud | for | joy.  
 || There will I make the horn of David | to | bud:  
     I have ordained a lamp for | mine | a- | noint- | ed.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:  
     and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 25:14-23.**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

**MARCH 19—ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND GUARDIAN OF OUR LORD (WHITE)**



**Introit.**

*Ant.* THE RIGHT- || eous shall flourish like the | palm | tree:  
           he shall grow like a cedar | in | Leb- | a- | non.

|| Those that be planted in the house of the | Lord | - :  
           shall flourish in the | courts | of | our | God.

*Psalm.* || It is a good thing to give thanks unto the | Lord | - :  
           and to sing praises unto Thy | name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
           and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
           world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit, Thou didst inspire in St. Joseph a quiet obedience to the Word, guide and direct us emulate such virtue in our life and conversation as shall glorify Thee in faithfulness day and night, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 45:1-6.**

And he brought out of him a merciful man, which found favour in the sight of all flesh, even Moses, beloved of God and men, whose memorial is blessed. He made him like to the glorious saints, and magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him. By his words he caused the wonders to cease, and he made him glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people, and shewed him part of his glory. He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men. He made him to hear his voice, and brought him into the dark cloud, and gave him commandments before his face, even the law of life and knowledge, that he might teach Jacob his covenants, and Israel his judgments.



**Gradual.**

|| For Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness, O | Lord | - :  
 Thou settest a crown of pure | gold | on | his | head.  
 || He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest | it | him:  
 even length of days for ev- | er | and | ev- | er.

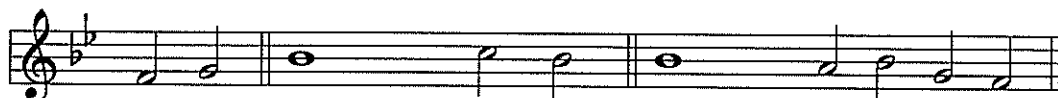
**Gospel. Matthew 1:18-21.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

**MARCH 25—THE FESTIVAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION (WHITE)**

**PSALM 45**

*¶ If this date falls within the period from Palm Sunday through the Feast of the Resurrection, the Festival shall occur on the first day after the octave of the Feast.*

**Introit.**

*Ant.* ALL THE || rich among the people shall entreat Thy | fa- | vor:  
 she shall be brought unto the King in raiment | of | nee- | dle- | work.  
 || Her companions shall be brought unto | Thee | - :  
 with gladness | and | re- | joic- | ing.  
*Psalm.* || My heart is inditing a good | mat- | ter:  
 I speak of the things which I have made | touch- | ing | the | King.  
 GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
 and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.  
 AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
 world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Isaiah 7:10–16.**

Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!” Then he said, “Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.

**Gradual.**

|| Kings’ daughters were among thy honourable | wo- | men:  
     upon thy right hand did stand the queen in | gold | of | O- | phir.  
 || The king’s daughter is all glorious | with- | in:  
     her clothing | is | of | wrought | gold.  
 || She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of | *needle-* | work:  
     the virgins her companions that follow her shall be | brought | un- |  
 to | thee.

**Gospel. Luke 1:26–38.**

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be

called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**APRIL 19—PHILIP MELANCHTHON, CONFESSOR (WHITE)**



**Introit.**

*Ant.* BLESS- ED || is the man that doth meditate good things in | wis- | dom:  
and that reasoneth of holy things by his | un- | der- | stand- | ing.

|| She shall exalt him above his | neigh- | bors:  
and in the midst of the congregation shall she | o- | pen | his | mouth.

|| He shall find joy and a crown of | glad- | ness:  
and she shall cause him to inherit an | ev- | er- | lasting | name.

*Psalm.* || It is a good thing to give thanks unto the | Lord | - :  
and to sing praises unto Thy | name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O God, who didst give Philip Melanchthon as a teacher unto Thy Church, grant zeal unto the people for the study of Thy holy Word, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Timothy 4:1–8.**

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Gradual.**

|| The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of  
| judg- | ment:

The law of his God is in his heart; none of | his | steps | shall | slide.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. He sanctified him in his faithfulness and | meek- |  
ness:

and chose him out of all men. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 5:13–19.**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

**APRIL 25—ST. MARK, EVANGELIST (RED)**

¶ If Easter falls on April 25, the Festival of St. Mark shall be transferred to the following Tuesday.

**Introit.**

Ant. GO YE || into all | the | world:

and preach the Gospel to | eve- | ry | crea- | ture.

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:

and their words to the | end | of | the | world.

Psalm. || Thy Word is a lamp unto | my | feet:

and a light | un- | to | my | path.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelists: Give us grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the Truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Ephesians 4:7–13.**

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowl-

edge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

**Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
 || The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
     and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
     that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. John 15:1–11.**

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

## MAY 1—ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES, APOSTLES (RED)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | **righteous-** | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Whom to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that following His steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Ephesians 2:19–22.**

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Gradual.**

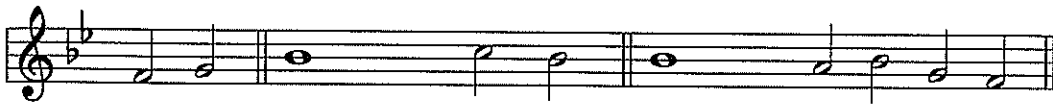
|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
 || The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
     and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
     that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should re-  
 main. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. John 14:1-14.**

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."



MAY 2—ST. ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, CONFESSOR, DOCTOR (WHITE)



**Introit.**

*Ant.* WITH THE || bread of understanding shall she | feed | him:

and give him the water of | wis- | dom | to | drink.

|| He shall be stayed upon her, and shall not | be | moved :

and shall rely upon her, and shall not | be | con- | found- | ed.

*Psalm.* || It is good to give thanks to the | Lord | - :

And to sing praises to Your | name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O God, who didst give Saint Athanasius as a faithful teacher of the saving truth in a time of great trial, grant to Thy people zeal for Thy Word and faithful teachers for Thy Church, that they may stand steadfast against all error, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Corinthians 4:5-14.**

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith,

according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

**Gradual.**

|| The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of  
| judg- | ment:

The law of his God is in his heart; none of | his | steps | shall | slide.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:

and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 10:23–28.**

"When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

JUNE 5—ST. BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR (RED)

PSALM 124

**Introit.**

Ant. O YE || priests of the Lord, bless ye the | Lord | - :

praise and exalt Him above | all | for- | ev- | er.

|| O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the | Lord | - :

praise and exalt Him above | all | for- | ev- | er.

|| O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the | Lord | - :

praise and exalt Him above | all | for- | ev- | er.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O God, who dost guide Thy Church through the faithful ministrations of Thy servants, grant that Thy ministers, like St. Boniface, stand steadfast against those who would work iniquity; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15.**

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through His great power from the beginning. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophecies: Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent are their instructions: Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations: All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times. There be of them, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had

never been born; and their children after them. But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

**Gradual.**

|| What is man, that Thou art mindful | of | him?  
     and the son of man, that Thou | vis- | it- | est | him?:  
 || For Thou hast made him a little lower than the | an- | gels,  
     and hast crowned him with glor- | y | and | hon- | our.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Thou madest him to have dominion over the  
 works of Thy | hands | - :  
     Thou hast put all things under his feet. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 5:1-12.**

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## JUNE 15—DAVID HENKEL, PASTOR AND CONFESSOR (WHITE)

**Introit.**

Ant. LET THY || priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout | for | joy:

For Thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of | thine | a-  
noint- | ed.

Psalm. || Lord, remember | Da- | vid:  
and all | his | a- | fflic- | tions.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Lord, hear our prayers to Thee on this day of David Henkel, Thy Confessor and Pastor, that as Thou didst lead him to render faithful service to Thy, Thou wouldst lead us to faithfully confess our hope in Thy salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Hebrews 13:7-17.**

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us

continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

**Gradual.**

|| I will also clothe her priests with sal- | va- | tion:  
     and her saints shall shout | a- | loud | for | joy.  
 || There will I make the horn of David | to | bud:  
     I have ordained a lamp for | mine | a- | noint- | ed.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:  
     and the congregation will shew forth their praise. | Hal- | le- | lu- |  
 jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 24:42-47.**

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

JUNE 24—THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (WHITE)

PSALM 92

**Introit.**

*Ant.* THE VOICE || of him that crieth in the | **wilder-** | ness:

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a | *high-*  
way | for | our | God.

|| And the glory of the | Lord | - :  
shall | be | re- | veal- | ed.

*Psalm.* || It is a good thing to give thanks unto the | Lord | - :  
and to sing praises unto Thy | Name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY BE || to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, Who, through Thy servant John the Baptist, didst bear witness that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God Which taketh away the sin of the world and that all who believe in Him shall inherit eternal life: We humbly pray Thee to enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may at all times find comfort and joy in this witness, continue steadfast in the true faith and at last with all believers attain unto eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Isaiah 40:1-5.**

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord's hand Double for all her sins." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

**Gradual.**

|| And thou child shalt be called the prophet of the | High- | est:  
     for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to | pre- | pare | His |  
 ways.  
 || John bare witness of Him, and cried | say- | ing,  
     This was He | of | Whom | I | spake,  
 || He that cometh after me is preferred be- | fore | me:  
     for He | was | be- | fore | me.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Behold the Lamb of | God | -:  
     Which taketh away the sin of the world. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

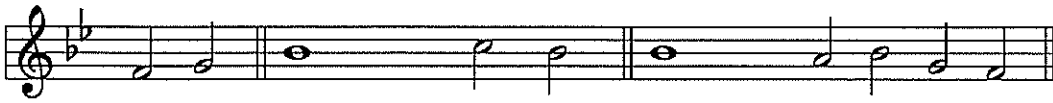
**Gospel. Luke 1:57–80.**

Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John." But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him. Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us, To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of



their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Day-spring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.” So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

**JUNE 25—THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION (WHITE) PSALM 119, PT. VI**



**Introit.**

*Ant.* THE LORD || of Hosts is | with | us:

the God of Jacob | is | our | Re- | fuge.

|| Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be re- | moved | - :

and though the mountains be carried into the | midst | of | the | sea.

*Psalm.* || God is our Refuge and | Strength | - :

a very present | help | in | trou- | ble.

GLO-RY BE || to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty God, Who, through the preaching of Thy servants, the blessed Reformers, hast cause the light of the Gospel to shine forth: Grant, we beseech Thee, that, knowing its saving power, we may faithfully guard and defend it against all enemies, and joyfully proclaim it, to the salvation of souls and the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Galatians 2:16-21.**

“... knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be jus-

tified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for



me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

**Gradual.**

|| Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

|| Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces:

that ye may tell it to the generation following.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. For this God is our God for ever and ever:

He will be our guide even unto death. Hallelujah.

**Gospel. John 8:31–36.**

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

## JUNE 29—ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES (RED)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | **righteous-** | ness:  
which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:  
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.

GLO-RY BE || to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commandedst them earnestly to feed Thy flock: Make, we beseech Thee, all Pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Acts 12:1-11.**

Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two

chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

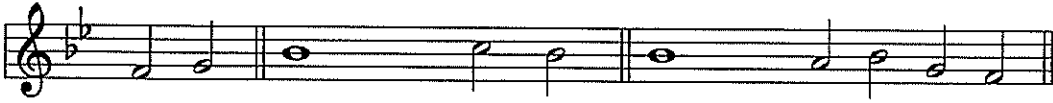
### **Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
 || The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
     and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
     that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

### **Gospel. Matthew 16:13-20.**

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

## JULY 2—THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (WHITE)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* ALL THE || rich among the people shall entreat Thy | fa- | vor:  
 she shall be brought unto the King in raiment | of | nee- | dle- | work.  
 || Her companions shall be brought unto | Thee | - :  
 with gladness | and | re- | joic- | ing.  
*Psalm.* || My heart is inditing a good | mat- | ter:  
 I speak of the things which I have made | touch- | ing | the | King.  
 GLO-RY BE || to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
 and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.  
 AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
 world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty God, Who hast dealt wonderfully with Thy handmaiden the Blessed Virgin Mary, and hast chosen her to be the mother of Thy Son, and hast graciously made known that Thou regardest the poor and the lowly and the despised: Grant us grace in all humility and meekness to receive Thy Word with hearty faith, and so to be made one with Thy dear Son; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Isaiah 11:1-5.**

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

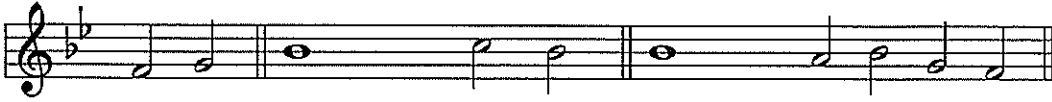
**Gradual.**

|| Kings' daughters were among thy honourable | wo- | men:  
     upon thy right hand did stand the queen in | gold | of | O- | phir.  
 || The king's daughter is all glorious | with- | in:  
     her clothing | is | of | wrought | gold.  
 || She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of | needle- | work:  
     the virgins her companions that follow her shall be | brought | un- |  
 to | thee.

**Gospel. Luke 1:39-56.**

Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

## JULY 22—ST. MARY MAGDALENE (WHITE)

**Introit.**

Ant. THE WICK- || ed have waited for me to destroy | me | - :

but I will consider Thy | test- | i- | mon- | ies.

|| I have seen an end of all per- | fec- | tion:

but Thy commandment is | ex- | ceed- | ing | broad.

Psalm. || Blessed are the undefiled in the | way | - :

who walk in the | law | of | the | LORD.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (Ant. Repeated.)

**Collect.**

O gracious God, who didst work repentance and faith in the heart of St. Mary, so lead us by the working of Thy Holy Spirit that we may walk before Thee in repentance all our days and have consolation through the absolution which Thou dost grant to be proclaimed unto Thy Church, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Song of Solomon 3:2-5; 8:6-7.**

"I will rise now," I said, "And go about the city; In the streets and in the squares I will seek the one I love." I sought him, but I did not find him. The watchmen who go about the city found me; I said, "Have you seen the one I love?" Scarcely had I passed by them, When I found the one I love. I held him and would not let him go, Until I had brought him to the house of my mother, And into the chamber of her who conceived me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases. ... Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealously as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If

a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

**Gradual.**

|| Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest | *wicked-* | ness:  
 therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness  
 a- | bove | thy | fel- | lows.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Grace is poured into | thy | lips:  
 therefore God hath blessed | thee | for | ev- | er.

**Gospel. Luke 7:36–50.**

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."



## JULY 25—ST. JAMES, APOSTLE (RED)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | righteous- | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Romans 8:28–39.**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who

died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
 || The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
     and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
     that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

### **Gospel. Matthew 20:20-33.**

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father." And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for



salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ... But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

**Gradual.**

|| The steps of a good man are ordered by the | Lord | - :  
                   and he delight- | eth | in | his | way.  
 || Though he fall, he shall not be utterly | cast | down:  
                   for the Lord upholdeth | him | with | His | hand.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. He that followeth Me shall not walk in | dark- |  
 ness:  
                   but shall have the light of life. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 10:26–32.**

“Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.”

## AUGUST 10—ST. LAURENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR (RED)

**Introit.**

Ant. HON- OR || and majesty are be- | fore | Him:  
 strength and beauty are in His | sanc- | tu- | a- | ry.

Psalm. || O sing unto the LORD a | new | song:  
 sing unto the | LORD, | all | the | earth.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
 and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
 world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Quench in us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the flame of vice, even as Thou didst enable blessed Laurence to overcome his fire of sufferings, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10.**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

**Gradual.**

|| O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my | Lord | - :  
 my goodness extendeth not to thee; But to the saints that are in  
 the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is | all | my | de- | light.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Honour and majesty are before | Him | - :  
 strength and beauty are in His | sanc- | tu- | a- | ry.

**Gospel. John 12:24-26.**

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

**AUGUST 15—ST. MARY THEOTOKOS (WHITE)****Introit.**

*Ant.* AND THERE || appeared a great wonder in | heav- | en:

a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a | crown | of | twelve | stars.

*Psalm.* || O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous | things | - :

His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him | the | vic- | tor- | y.  
GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty God, who didst show favor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, granting unto her to be the mother of Thine only-begotten Son, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst grant humility and faithfulness unto Thy Church to glorify Thee in the fulfillment of our labors that we who have been saved by grace through faith in Thy Son, might remain steadfast unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Galatians 4:4-7.**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

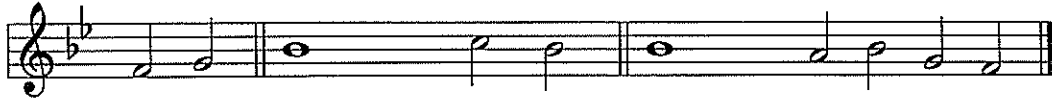
**Gradual.**

|| Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline | thine | ear:  
     forget also thine own people, and | thy | fath- | er's | house.  
 || So shall the King greatly desire thy | beau- | ty:  
     for He is thy Lord; and | wor- | ship | thou | Him.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The king's daughter is all glorious | with- | in:  
     her clothing is of wrought gold. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Luke 1:41-50.**

And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation."

## AUGUST 24—ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE (RED)

**Introit.**

Ant. I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | *righteous-* | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Corinthians 4:7-10.**

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.



**Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
 || The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
     and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
     that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should re-  
 main. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Luke 22:24–30.**

Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

## AUGUST 29—THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (RED)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* I WILL || speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be a- | sham- | ed:

And I will delight myself in thy commandments, | which | I | have | loved.

*Psalm.* || It is a good thing to give thanks unto the | Lord | - :  
and to sing praises unto Thy | name, | O | Most | High.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Lord, as Thou didst grant unto Thy Forerunner and martyr to proclaim Thy Word before princes and not be ashamed, we pray that Thou wouldst grant to Thy saints a zeal for a faithful confession in the times of persecution, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Jeremiah 1:17-19.**

“Therefore prepare yourself and arise, And speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, Lest I dismay you before them. For behold, I have made you this day A fortified city and an iron pillar, And bronze walls against the whole land—Against the kings of Judah, Against its princes, Against its priests, And against the people of the land. They will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you,” says the Lord, “to deliver you.”

**Gradual.**

|| The righteous shall flourish like the | palm | tree:

he shall grow like a cedar | in | Le- | ba- | non.

|| Those that be planted in the house of the | LORD | - :

shall flourish in the | courts | of | our | God.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I will be as the dew unto Israel:

he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. Hal-  
lelujah.

**Gospel. Mark 6:17–29.**

For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom." So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" Immediately she came in 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." And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

## SEPTEMBER 21—ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (RED)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | *righteous-* | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous | Judge, | shall | give | me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and | known | me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who by Thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Ephesians 4:7–14.**

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and

fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men,  
in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

**Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
and their words to the | end | of | the | world.

|| The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should re-  
main. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 9:9-13.**

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

## SEPTEMBER 29—ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (WHITE)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* BLESS THE || LORD, ye His angels, that excel in | strength | - :  
that do His commandments, hearkening unto the | voice | of | His |  
word.

|| Bless ye the LORD, all ye | His | hosts:  
ye ministers of His that | do | His | plea- | sure.

*Psalm.* || Bless the LORD, O | my | soul:  
and all that is within me bless | His | ho- | ly | Name.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O everlasting God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant, that as Thy holy angels always do Thee service in Heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succor and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Revelation 12:7–12.**

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love

their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

**Gradual.**

|| Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel | in | strength:  
that do His commandments, hearkening unto the | voice | of | His |  
word.

|| God hath given His angels charge over | thee | - :  
to keep thee | in | all | thy | ways.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Bless the Lord, O | my | soul:  
and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. | Hal- le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 18:1-11.**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”

## OCTOBER 17—ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR (RED)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* GOD FOR- || bid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus  
| Christ | -:

by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I | un- | to | the | world.

*Psalm.* || Lord, remember | Da- | vid:

and all | his | a- | fflic- | tions.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | -:

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty God, behold our weakness and the sorrows of Thy people, and as Thou didst grant the consolation of Thy Holy Spirit to St. Ignatius in his time of affliction for Thy Name's sake, so uphold us in our generation, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Romans 8:35-39.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gradual.**

|| These were merciful | men | -:

whose righteousness hath not | been | for- | got- | ten.



|| The people will tell of their | wis- | dom:  
     and the congregation will | shew | forth | their | praise.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I am crucified with | Christ | - :  
     nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. John 12:24-26.**

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

**OCTOBER 18—ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST (RED)**



**Introit.**

Ant. GO YE || into all the | world | - :  
     and preach the Gospel to | ev- | ery | crea- | ture.

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.

Psalm. || Thy Word is a lamp unto | my | feet:  
     and a light | un- | to | my | path.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
     and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
     world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelists: Give us grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the Truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Timothy 4:5–11.**

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. Be diligent to come to me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

**Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
 || The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
     and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
     that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Luke 10:1–9.**

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

**OCTOBER 28—ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES (RED)**



**Introit.**

Ant. I KNOW || Whom I have be- | liev- | ed:

and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him | a- | gainst | that | day.

|| There is laid up for me a crown of | righteous- | ness:

which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.

*Psalm.* O LORD, Thou hast searched me and known me:

Thou knowest my downsitting and | mine | up- | ris- | ing.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who has built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

**Epistle. 1 Peter 1:3–9.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though

now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

**Gradual.**

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:  
                     and their words to the | end | of | the | world.  
 || The heavens declare the glory of | God | - :  
                     and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:  
                     that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. John 15:17–21.**

“These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.”

**OCTOBER 31—THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION (RED)**

¶ *The Sunday preceding this Festival may be observed as Reformation Sunday, except when October 31st falls on a Saturday, in which circumstance even the following day may be observed as Reformation Sunday.*

**Introit.**

Ant. THE LORD || of Hosts is | with | us:

the God of Jacob | is | our | Re- | fuge.

|| Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be re- | moved | - :

and though the mountains be carried into the | midst | of | the | sea.

Psalm. || God is our Refuge and | Strength | - :

a very present | help | in | trou- | ble.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (Ant. Repeated.)

**Collect.**

Almighty God, merciful Father, who madest the light to shine out of darkness, we thank Thee that Thou hast shown mercy unto us and our fathers, and by means of Thy servant Martin Luther hast restored the pure light of Thy Gospel: keep us, we beseech Thee, in sound doctrine, that we may steadfastly believe and worthily follow Thy saving Word, and finally, by its holy comfort, depart in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. ¶ *The Collect for the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession may also be used.*

**Epistle. Revelation 14:6–7.**

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

**Gradual.**

|| Great is the Lord, and greatly to | be | praised:  
     in the city of our God, in the mountain of | His | hol- | i- | ness.  
 || Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks, con-  
 sider her | *palac-* | es:  
     that ye may tell it to the genera- | tion | fol- | low- | ing.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. For this God is our God for ever and | ev- | er:  
     He will be our guide even unto death. | Hal- | le- | lu- jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 11:12-15.**

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

**NOVEMBER 1—ALL SAINTS' DAY (WHITE)****Introit.**

*Ant.* THESE ARE || they which have come out of the great tribu- | la- | tion:  
     and have washed their robes and made them white in the | Blood |  
 of | the | Lamb.

|| Therefore are they before the Throne of | God | - :  
     and serve Him day and night | in | His | tem- | ple.

*Psalm.* || Rejoice in the LORD, O ye | right- | eous:  
     for praise is comely | for | the | up- | right.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
     and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
     world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Almighty God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Thy Son, Christ our Lord: Grant

us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Revelation 7:2-17.**

Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: 5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed. After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor

any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Gradual.**

|| O fear the Lord, ye | His | saints:

for there is no want to | them | that | fear | Him.

|| They that seek the | Lord | - :

shall not want | an- | y | good | thing.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy | la- | den:

and I will give you rest. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Matthew 5:1-12.**

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



NOVEMBER 11—ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR (WHITE)



**Introit.**

*Ant.* LET THY || priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for | joy | - :

For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of | thine | a- |  
noint- | ed.

*Psalm.* || Lord, remember | Da- | vid:  
and all | his | a- | fflic- | tions.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

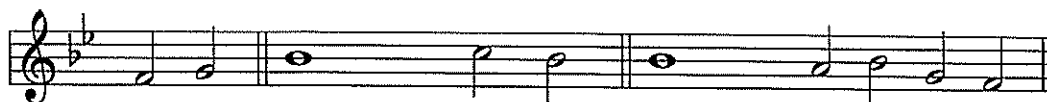
AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O God, who didst call Martin to preach the Gospel, grant to Thy servants steadfastness in the confession of the true faith that they would preach that unchanging Gospel in the midst of the darkness of this age, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Hebrews 7:23-27.**

Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

**Gradual.**

|| Make way for every work of | mer- | cy:

for every man shall find accord- | ing | to | his | works.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. After this the Lord looked upon | the | earth:

and filled it with his blessings. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Luke 11:33–36.**

“No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”

## **Festivals for Other Occasions in the Life of the Church**

## THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST (WHITE)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* O LORD, || Thou crownest the year with Thy | good- | ness:  
and Thy | paths | drop | fat- | ness.

|| Thou visitest the earth and waterest | it | - :  
Thou blessest the | spring- | ing | there- | of.

*Psalm.* || Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in | Zi- | on:  
and unto Thee shall the | vow | be | per- | formed.

GLO-RY BE || to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty God, Most Merciful Father, Who openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing: We give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast crowned the fields with Thy blessing, and hast permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we beseech Thee to bless and protect the living seed of Thy Word sown in our hearts, that in the plenteous fruits of righteousness we may always present to Thee an acceptable thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the

seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

**Gradual.**

|| The eyes of all wait upon | Thee | - :

and Thou givest them their meat | in | due | sea- | son.

|| Thou openest | Thine | hand:

and satisfiest the desire of | **every** | liv- | ing | thing.

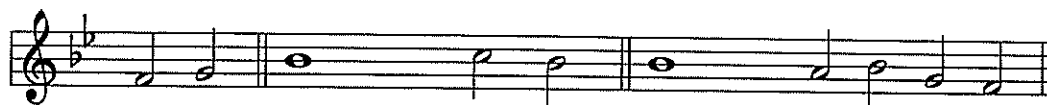
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Gospel. Luke 12:15-21.**

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

## A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER (BLACK)

**Introit.**

*Ant.* HEAR O || heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the LORD hath | spo- ken:  
I have nourished and brought up children, and they have re- |  
belled | a- | gainst | Me.

|| They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel  
unto | an- | ger:

they are gone | a- | way | back- | ward.

*Psalm.* || If THOU, LORD, shouldest mark ini- | qui- | ties:

O | LORD, | who | shall | stand?

GLO-RY BE || to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty and Most Merciful God, our Heavenly Father, of Whose compas-  
sion there is no end, Who art long-suffering, gracious, and plenteous in  
goodness and truth; forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin: We have  
sinned and done perversely, we have sinned and grievously offended  
Thee; against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned and done evil in Thy sight;  
but, we beseech Thee, O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities;  
let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low;  
help us, O God of our Salvation, and purge away our sins, for the glory of  
Thy holy Name, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God,  
world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Revelation 3:1-6.**

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He  
who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works,  
that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful,  
and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have

not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”””

### **Gradual.**

|| Seek ye the Lord while He may | be | found:  
     call ye upon Him | while | He | is | near;  
 || Let the wicked forsake | his | way:  
     and the unrighteous | man | his | **thoughts**;  
 || And let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy up- | on | him:  
     and to our God, for He will abund- | ant- | ly | par- | don.

### **Gospel. Luke 15:11-32.**

Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and

sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"



**A DAY OF GENERAL OR SPECIAL THANKSGIVING (WHITE)**

¶ *The proper Service for this Day is the Order of Matins; but when The Divine Service is used the following Propria are appointed.*



**Introit.**

Ant. LET EVERY || thing that hath breath praise the | LORD | - :

Praise | ye | the LORD.

|| Praise Him for His mighty | acts | - :

Praise Him according to His ex- | cel- | lent | great- | ness.

Psalm. || Praise ye the LORD; praise God in His sanc- | tu- | ary:

Praise Him in the firma- | ment | of | His | **power**.

GLO-RY BE || to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and Who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Lesson. Isaiah 26:1-12.**

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength. For He brings down those who dwell on high, The lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust.

The foot shall tread it down—The feet of the poor And the steps of the needy.” The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O Lord, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name And for the remembrance of You. With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, And will not behold the majesty of the Lord. Lord, when Your hand is lifted up, they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed For their envy of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them. Lord, You will establish peace for us, For You have also done all our works in us.

**Gradual.**

|| The eyes of all wait upon | Thee | - :  
                     and Thou givest them their meat | in | due | sea- | son.  
 || Thou openest | Thine | hand:  
                     and satisfiest the desire of | **every** | liv- | ing | thing.  
 || Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within  
 me, bless His holy | Name | - :  
                     Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. | Hal- | le- |  
 lu- | jah.

**Lesson. 1 Timothy 2:1–8.**

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;