

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Introit (Advent 2 Series C)**

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:\*

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”**

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*

**O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.\*

**Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.**

“But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*

**Israel would not sub- | mit to me.**

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,\*

**that Israel would walk | in my ways!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

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### **Collect of the Day**

Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Verse**

**Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

### *Stand*

### **Holy Word of God**

*Hebrews 5:5-10*

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**5** So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

6 as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

**Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come**

*LSB 350*

**Sermon**

*Jesus as Priest, Blue Ribbon*

**Apostles' Creed**

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

## **Offering**

*Stand*

**We Give Thee But Thine Own**

*LSB 781 st. 1*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

*LSB 380*