

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 3)

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*

and grant us your sal- | vation.

Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*

**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not
turn back to | folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*

that glory may dwell | in our land.

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*

and our land will yield its | increase.

Righteousness will go be- | fore him*

and make his foot- | steps a way.

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.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*

and grant us your sal- | vation.

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.**

Text

John 3:16

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Prepare the Royal Highway

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Sermon **God Makes His Will Our Will**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Stand

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

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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.**

Sit

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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