

The Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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The Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

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

**In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed;
deliver me in thy righteousness.**

For thou art my rock and my fortress;
therefore for thy name's sake you lead me, and guide me.

**Into thine hand I commit my spirit;
thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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The Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 31:15-17*

The Gradual *Ps. 71:4a, 5a, 6a, b, 8*

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God.

**By three have I been holden up from the womb;
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The Second Reading

Revelation 14:1-5

The Triple Alleluia and Verse

Psalms 116:15

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

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The Prayer of the Church

Ⲡ Lord, in Thy mercy,
Ⲫ hear our prayer.

The Preface - Benediction (pp. 194-202)

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Soli Deo Gloria!

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