

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:9-19

⁹“And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

The Apostles' Creed (p. 192)

The Hymn of the Day: 673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

The Homily

Offerings are not gathered during Service. While Pastor Messer prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther's “Christian Questions . . .” on pp. 329-330). If you wish to leave an offering, you may do so by placing it in the plate by the door as you depart after Service.

The Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

The Service of the Sacrament

(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)

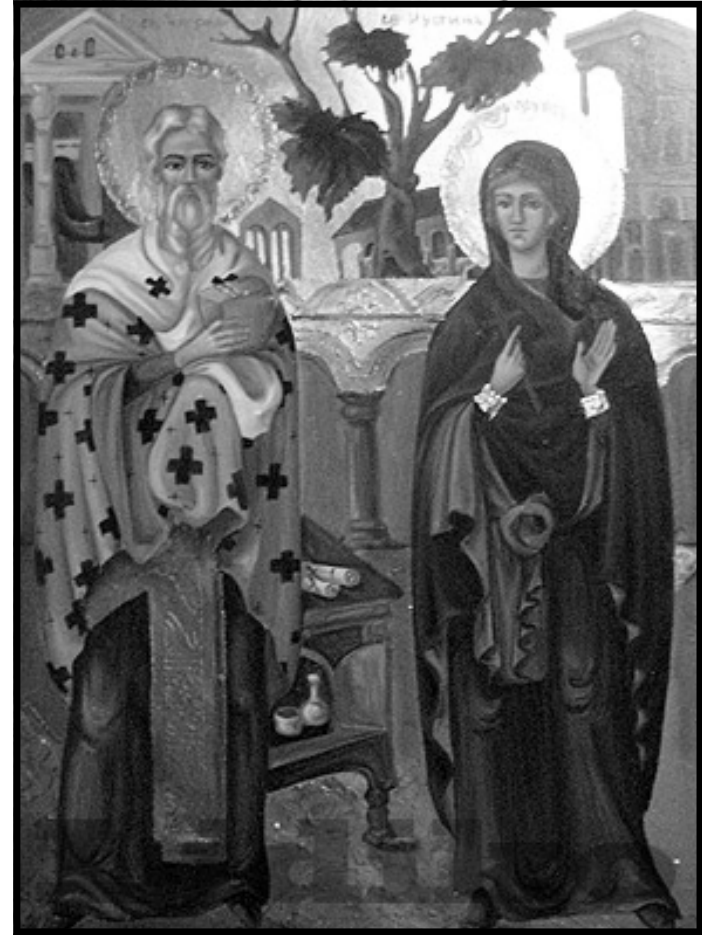
The Preface - Agnus Dei (pp. 194-199)

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The Nunc Dimittis - Benediction (pp. 199-202)

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Feast of Saints Cyprian and Justina, Martyrs



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The Service of Preparation

(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

Preparatory Prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (p. 184)

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 79:11, 12, 10; antiphon: Ps. 79:1

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;

according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die!

Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors

the taunts with which they have taunted you, O LORD!

Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants

be known among the nations before our eyes!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;

they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

The Kyrie (p. 186)

The Gloria in Excelsis (pp. 187-189)

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

O God, by Whose permission we are celebrating the heavenly birthday of Thy Holy Martyrs, Saints Cosmas and Damian, grant that we may rejoice in their companionship in everlasting bliss; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

The First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-8

¹But the souls of the just are in God's hand, and torment shall not touch them. ²In the eyes of foolish men they seemed to be dead; their departure was reckoned as defeat, ³and their going from us as disaster. But they are at peace, ⁴for though in the sight of men they may be punished, they have a sure hope of immortality; ⁵and after a little chastisement they will receive great blessings, because God has tested them and found them worthy to be his. ⁶Like gold in a crucible he put them to the proof, and found them acceptable like an offering burnt whole upon the altar. ⁷In the moment of God's coming to them they will kindle into flame, like sparks that sweep through stubble; ⁸they will be judges and rulers over the nations of the world, and the LORD shall be their kin for ever and ever.

(Since this reading is from the Apocrypha, the usual response—This is the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God—is not used. Instead, the pastor simply concludes by saying, “Thus endeth the reading,” and moves on to the Gradual)

The Gradual

Ps. 34:17-18

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

The Second Reading

Revelation 14:1-5

¹Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, ⁵and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

The Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The bodies of the saints are buried in peace,

And their name liveth unto generation and generation.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!