

**The Alleluia and Verse - Common** (p. 156)

**The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 12:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

<sup>4</sup>“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. <sup>5</sup>But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! <sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup>Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>8</sup>“And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, <sup>9</sup>but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.”

**The Apostles’ Creed** (p. 159)

**The Hymn of the Day:** 661 “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

**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**

**☐** Lord, in Your mercy, **☑** hear our prayer.

**The Service of the Sacrament**

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

**The Preface - Agnus Dei** (pp. 160-163)

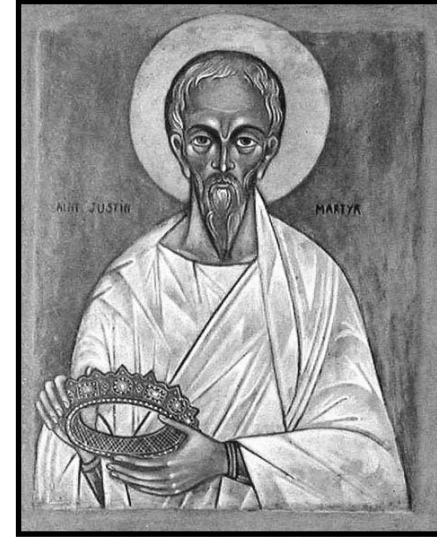
**The Distribution**

**The Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** (p. 165)

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

# The Commemoration of St. Justin, Martyr

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*Born at the beginning of the second century, Justin was raised in a pagan family. He was a student of philosophy who converted to the Christian faith and became a teacher in Ephesus and Rome. He writes that his conversion came as he observed the steadfast faith of Ephesian martyrs and through an elderly Christian whom he met along the shore of the sea.*

*Justin probably wrote much more than we have preserved, but three extant works show his intellect, his never completely abandoned Platonic philosophical education, and his inclination toward apologetics — that is, an intellectual defense of the Faith: “First Apology,” “Second Apology,” and “Dialogue with Trypho.”*

*Justin was living in Rome when the cynic philosopher Crescens stirred up trouble for the Christians. After refusing to make pagan sacrifices, Justin was arrested, tried and executed, along with six other believers. The official Roman court proceedings of his trial before Rusticius, a Roman prelate, document his confession of faith. The account of his martyrdom became a source of great encouragement to the early Christian community.*

*Much of what we know of early liturgical practice comes from Justin. Through his testimony, we know that the historic liturgy still used in the Holy Christian Church to this day follows the basic ordo already used in the second century.*

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## **DIVINE SERVICE 1, PAGE 151**

### **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. 151)**

#### **The Service of the Word**

##### **The Introit**

*Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

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

**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.**

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;**

**you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

**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.**

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### **The Kyrie (p. 152-53)**

### **The Gloria in Excelsis (p. 154)**

### **The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 156)**

Heavenly Father, in the midst of our sufferings for the sake of Christ grant us grace to follow the example of all Your beloved saints who were martyred for the faith, including Justin, whom we commemorate today, that we also may look to the One who suffered and was crucified on our behalf, and cling steadfastly to Him alone with the willingness to suffer all, even death, rather than abandon the faith we have been given; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **The First Reading**

*Rev. 2:9-11*

<sup>9</sup>“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

### **The Gradual**

*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,**

**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

### **The Epistle**

*1 Cor. 1:18-25*

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.