

**Introit**

If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,\*  
 O Lord, | who could stand?  
 But with you there is for- | giveness,\*  
 that you | may be feared.  
 Out | of the depths\*  
 I cry to you, | O LORD!  
 O Lord, | hear my voice!\*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!  
 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,\*  
 and with him is plentiful re- | demption.  
 And he will redeem | Israel\*  
 from all his in- | iquities.

**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.**

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**Old Testament Reading***Micah 6:6–8***What Does the LORD Require?**

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
 and bow myself before God on high?  
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
 with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

## Psalm

*Psalm 116:12–19; antiphon: v. 13*



- <sup>12</sup>What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?
- <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD,
- <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people.
- <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.
- <sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am your | servant;\*  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have | loosed my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup>I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people,
- <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house | of the LORD,\*  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:3–11*

### Thanksgiving and Prayer

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with

the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## Verse of the Day

*Psalm 147:3*

Alleluia. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:21–35*

### The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.**”

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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