

Jeremiah 31:15-17

¹⁵ Thus says the LORD: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted for her children, because they are no more." ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD: "Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; For your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy." ¹⁷ There is hope in your future, says the LORD, that your children shall come back to their own border.

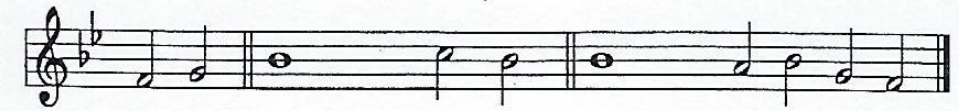
Revelation 14:1-5

¹ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. ³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God

and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

St. Matthew 2:13-18

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

DECEMBER 28—FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS (RED)**Introit.**

Ant. OUT OF || the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine | **ene-** | mies:

that thou mightest still the enemy and | the | a- | veng- | er.

Psalm. || O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all | the | earth:

who hast set thy glory a- | bove | the | heav- | ens.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O God, whose praise the martyred Innocents confessed, not by speaking, but by dying: destroy in us all wickedness, that our life may proclaim the faith in word and deed, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Revelation 14:1-5. Gospel. Matthew 2:13-18.

Gradual.

|| Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the | fow- | lers:
the snare is broken, and we | are | es- | cap- | ed.

|| Our help is in the name of the | Lord | - :

who made | heav- | en | and | earth.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the | Lord | - :

praise the name of the Lord. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Psalm 124—*Nisi quia Dominus*

Psalm Tone III



OUR **HELP** - || is in the | name | of | **the** - | Lord, *
Who made heav- | en | and | **earth.** -
|| 1 —If it had not been the Lord who | was | on | **our** - | side, || *
Let Isra- | el | now | **say** -
|| 2 —If it had not been the Lord who | was | on | **our** - | side, *
When men rose up | a- | gainst | **us,** -
|| 3 Then they would have swal- | lowed | us | **a-** - | live, *
When their wrath was kindled | a- | gainst | **us;** -
|| 4 Then the waters would have | o- | ver- | **whelmed** - | us, *
The stream would have gone o- | ver | our | **soul;** -
|| 5 Then the | swol- | len | **wa-** - | ters *
Would have gone o- | ver | our | **soul.** || -
|| 6 Bless- | ed | be | **the** - | Lord, *
Who has not given us as prey | to | their | **teeth.** -
|| 7 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare | of | the |
fowl- - | ers; *
The snare is broken, and we | have | es- | **caped.** -
|| 8 Our help is in the | name | of | **the** - | Lord, *
Who made heav- | en | and | **earth.** -
GLO- **RY** - || be to the Father, | and | to | **the** - | Son: *
and to the | Ho- | ly | **Ghost;** -
AS **IT** - || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and | ev- | er |
shall - | be: *
world without | end. | A- | **men.** -
Antiphon: || Our help is in the | name | of | **the** - | Lord, *
Who made heav- | en | and | **earth.** -

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
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Festival of the Holy Innocents

72. Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band

Aurelius C. Prudentius, †413, cento
Tr., Henry W. Baker, 1875, alt.

Daniel Vetter, 1713

1. Sweet flow'r - ets of the
2. First vic - tims for th' in -
3. Ah, what a - vailed King
Δ4. O Lord, the Vir - gin -

mar - tyr band, Plucked by the ty - rant's
car - nate Lord, A ten - der flock to
Her - od's wrath? He could not stop the
born, to Thee E - ter - nal praise and

ruth - less hand Up - on the thresh - old
feel the sword; Be - side the ver - y
Sav - ior's path. A - lone, while oth - ers
glo - ry be, Whom with the Fa - ther

of the morn, Like rose - buds by a
al - tar, gay, With palm and crown, ye
mur - dered lay, In safe - ty Christ is
we a - dore And Ho - ly Ghost for -

tem - pest torn;
seemed to play.
borne a - way.
ev - er - more. A - men.