

Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band

Rev. 14 : 4
 Salvete, flores martyrum
 Aurelius C. Prudentius, 1418, cento
 Tr., Henry W. Baker, 1875, alt.

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Das walt' Gott Vater
 Daniel Vetter, 1718

1 Sweet flow'r - ets of the mar - tyr band, Plucked
 2 First vic - tims for th' in - car - nate Lord, A
 3 Ah, what a - vailed King Her - od's wrath? He

by the ty - rant's ruth - less hand Up - on the thresh - old
 ten - der flock to feel the sword; Be - side the ver - y
 could not stop the Sav - ior's path. A - lone, while oth - ers

of the morn, Like rose - buds by a tem - pest torn;
 al - tar, gay, With palm and crown, ye seemed to play.
 mur - dered lay, In safe - ty Christ is borne a - way. A - men.

4 O Lord, the Virgin-born, to Thee
 Eternal praise and glory be,
 Whom with the Father we adore
 And Holy Ghost forevermore.

The Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

December 28, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Divine Service for Catechesis

Hymn of Invocation "What Child is This" 370

Introit spoken responsively with Pastor
 Antiphon (Rev. 7:14b)

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
 They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the
 Lamb.

Psalm (Ps. 31:1, 3, 5)

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; *
 in your righteousness de- | liver 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 be- | ginning, *
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen. (Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:15-17

Gradual spoken together with Pastor (Ps. 71:4a, 5a, 6, 8)

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the | wicked.*
 For you, O Lord, | are my hope.

Upon you have I leaned from be- | fore my birth; *
 you are he who took me from my | mother's womb.

My mouth is filled | with your praise, *
 and with your glory | all the day.

Epistle Revelation 14:1-5

Alleluia Verse (Ps. 116:15)

Alleluia. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
 Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 2:13-18

Hymn of the Day "Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band" insert

Distribution Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" 725

Hymn to Depart "Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness" 371