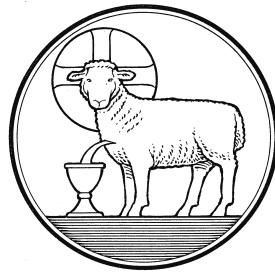


The Office of Vespers



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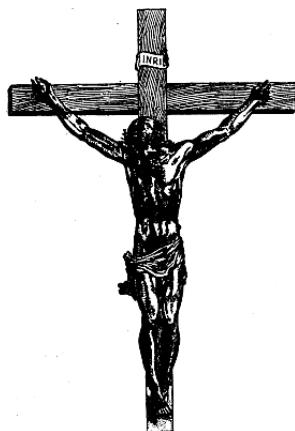
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PREPARATION FOR VESPERS

Theme: *It is the Lord's Passover*

Prayer: *Gracious Lord, open my heart to joyfully receive Jesus in Word and Supper. Let his gracious presence dwell in me and drive out all sin from me. Forgive, comfort, and deliver me from all harm and danger to body and soul. Amen.*



VESPERS

THE VERSICLES

L: Make † haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

(The Gloria Patri is omitted. We are unworthy of his name.)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE PSALMS

PSALM 111 - *It may be spoken*



I will extol the Lord / with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in / the assembly.

Great are the / works of the Lord;
they are ponders by all / who delight in them.

Glorious and majes-/ tic are his deeds,
and his righteousness en-/ dures forever.

He has caused his wonders to / be remembered;
the Lord is gracious / and compassionate.

He provides food for / those who fear him;
he remembers his cove-/ nant forever.

He has shown his people the / power of his works,
giving them the lands of / other nations.

The works of his hands are / faithful and just;
all his precepts / are trustworthy.

They are steadfast for e-/ ver and ever,
done in faithfulness / and uprightness.

He provided redemption / for his people;

he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and / awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good / understanding.

(*The Gloria Patri is omitted. We are unworthy of his name.*)

THE READING AND MEDITATION

L: A reading from Exodus 12:1-14

God saved Israel from death by a sacrifice and a meal. This was the beginning of Israel as a nation, even as the sacrifice of our Lord is the beginning of our life. And we celebrate that life by eating the Supper.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to you, O Lord.

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians 11:20-31

The Corinthians would eat a feast before the Service, get drunk, and refuse to share with the poor. And so Paul commands them to examine their behavior, fix it, and rightly proclaim the Lord's death in the Sacrament.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to you, O Lord.

L: A reading from the Gospel of St. John 13:1-15

A Christian serves even as Christ served. Only those cleansed by Jesus share in the blessings he won.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to you, O Lord.

THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

Christian Worship #135 - It may be omitted

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Sermon

1 Corinthians 11:20-31

A Fast from the Feast?

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JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

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THE CANTICLE

L: "My flesh is food indeed,"

C: "And my blood is drink indeed."

THE MAGNIFICAT - *It may be spoken*

C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-

joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor

on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions

will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great

things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on

those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the

proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y
 from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.
 He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich
 he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the
 help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his
 prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,
 to A - bra-ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

THE PRAYERS

L: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

L: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

L: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

L: O Christ,

C: Hear us.

L: God the Father in heaven,

C: Have mercy.

L: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy.

L: God the Holy Spirit,

C: Have mercy.

L: Be gracious to us.

C: Spare us, good Lord.

L: Be gracious to us.

C: Help us, good Lord.

L: From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; from lightning and tempest from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

L: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit the Comforter:

C: Help us, good Lord.

L: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C: Help us, good Lord.

L: We poor sinners implore you

C: To hear us, O Lord.

L: To rule and govern your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors of your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have

erred and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into your harvest; and to accompany your Word with your grace and Spirit:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

L: To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

L: To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country your protection in every time of need; to direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our leaders and all our people; to watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to grant to all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

L: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: We implore you to hear us.

L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy.

L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy.

L: Christ the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world

C: Grant us your peace.

L: O Christ,

C: Hear us.

L: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

L: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

L: O Lord,

C: Have mercy. Amen

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver † us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: Hear my prayer, O Lord.

C: And let my cry come before you.

L: Let us pray:

O Lord God, who has left us a memorial of Your Passion in a wonderful Sacrament: grant, we beseech You, that we may so receive this Sacrament of Your Body and Blood; that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that we, being defended by you from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: Amen.

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

Christian Worship #127 - It may be omitted

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Prayer: *Thank you, Lord God, for graciously coming to me in your Holy Word to forgive, comfort, protect me from all harm and danger, and scatter the darkness of my sinful heart. Let me remain in you just as you are in me.*