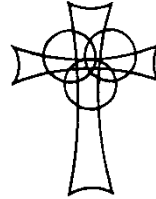


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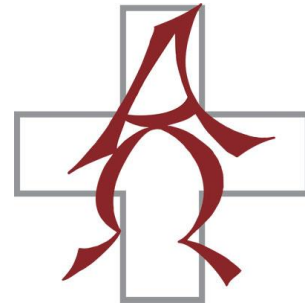
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✠ **The Office of Vespers** ✠

✠ *Jesus, Mercy* ✠



The Opening Versicles:

P O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

The Psalmody

Psalm 22:1-21; antiphon: verse 1

P ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
C ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

- P** ³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- C** ⁴**In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- P** ⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- C** ⁶**But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**
- P** ⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- C** ⁸**“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**
- P** ⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
- C** ¹⁰**On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.**
- P** ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- C** ¹²**Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**
- P** ¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- C** ¹⁴**I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;**
- P** my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
- C** ¹⁵**my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.**
- P** ¹⁶For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
- C** ¹⁷**I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;**
- P** ¹⁸they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- C** ¹⁹**But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**

- P** ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
- C** ²¹**Save me from the mouth of the lion!**
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

- P** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 425

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- 1** When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2** Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3** See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4** Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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The First Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

^{52:13}Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

^{53:1}Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and

acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

John 19:17-30

¹⁷[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman,

behold, your son!”²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Responary for Good Friday:

- P** He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.
- C** **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

- P** He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
yet He opened not His mouth.
- C** **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

- P** He poured out His soul to death
and was numbered among the transgressors.
- C** **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

The Hymn

The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 174

“Throned upon the Awe-full Tree”

- 1** **Throned upon the awe-full tree,
King of grief, I watch with Thee.
Darkness veils Thine anguished face;
None its lines of woe can trace,
None can tell what pangs unknown
Hold Thee silent and alone.**

- 2** **Silent thro’ those three dread hours,
Wrestling with the evil pow’rs.
Left alone with human sin,
Gloom around Thee and within,
Till th’_appointed time is nigh,
Till the Lamb of God may die.**

- 3 Hark the cry that peals aloud
Upward thro' the whelming cloud!
Thou, the Father's only Son,
Thou, His own Anointed One,
Thou dost ask Him, Can it be?
"Why hast Thou forsaken Me?"**
- 4 Lord, should fear and anguish roll
Darkly o'er my sinful soul,
Thou, who once wast thus bereft
That Thine own might ne'er be left,
Teach me by that bitter cry
In the gloom to know Thee nigh.**

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The Sermon

"God's Eyes"

The Antiphon:

from Philippians 2:8

P Christ, for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.

The Canticle Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 434

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"
A Paraphrase of the Canticle: Agnus Dei

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

**3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

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The Prayers

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer:

C 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.

The Versicle:

P O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

The Collects of the Day:

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Hear us, O merciful Lord Jesus Christ, and remember now the hour in which You commended Your blessed spirit into the hands of Your heavenly Father; and so assist us by Your most precious death that, being dead to the world, we may live only for You, and that at the hour of our departing from this mortal life we may be received into Your everlasting kingdom, there to reign with You, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Collect of Intercession:

- P** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for Your love's sake.
- C** Amen.

The Collect for Peace:

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, 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 from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

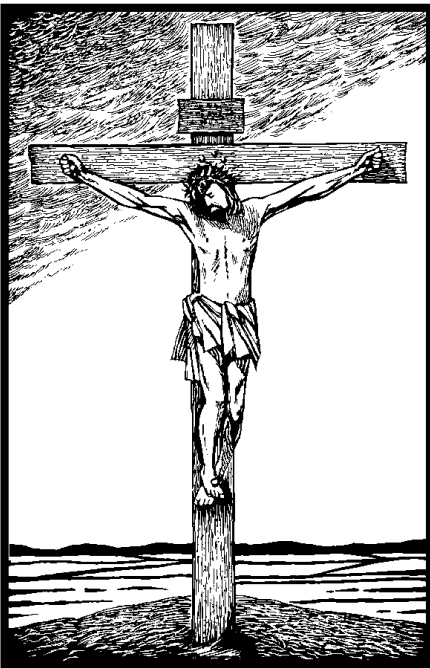
- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

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**Soul of Christ, sanctify me,
Body of Christ, save me,
Blood of Christ, inebriate me,
Water from the side of Christ, wash me,
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me:
hide me within Your wounds
and never let me be separated from you.
From the wicked enemy defend me,
in the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to You,
so that with Your saints I may praise You
forever and ever. Amen.**