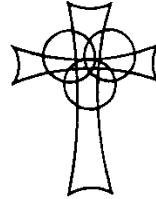


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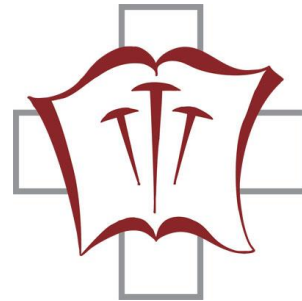
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✠ **The Office of Noonday Prayer** ✠

✠ *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 16; antiphon: verse 10

- P** ^{Ant.}For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.
- C** ²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

- P** ³As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
- C** ⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**
- P** ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- C** ⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**
- P** ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- C** ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- P** ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- C** ¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**
- P** ¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- C** ^{Ant.}**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 452

“O Perfect Life of Love”

- 1 **O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.**
- 2 **No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.**
- 3 **No pain that we can share
But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care
Have pierced that tender heart.**

- 4 And on His thorn-crowned head
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That He might make us whole.**
- 5 In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.**
- 6 In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not mine own.**
- 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought.**

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The First Reading

Daniel 6:1-24

¹It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; ²and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

⁶Then these presidents and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

¹⁰When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

¹¹Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹²Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

¹⁴Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. ¹⁵Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

¹⁶Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!”

¹⁷And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” ²¹Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Matthew 27:57-66

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

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

The Responsory for Holy Saturday:

- P** Our Shepherd, the Source of the water of life, has died.
The sun was darkened when He passed away.
C **Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name.**
- P** He has destroyed the barricades of hell
and overthrown the sovereignty of the devil.
C **Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name.**
- P** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
C **Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name.**

The Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 456

“Were You There”

- 1** **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh . . .
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**
- 2** **Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh . . .
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

- 3** Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
 tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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The Sermon

The Antiphon:

from Philippians 2:8-9

- P** Christ, for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.
 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name
 that is above every name.

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.
O God, Creator of heaven and earth, grant that as the crucified body of Your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with Him the coming of the third day, and rise with Him to newness of life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

- P** Grant, O Lord, that as we have been baptized into the death of Your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and by drowning the Old Adam within us with all sins and evil desires through repentance we too may be buried with Him, that through the gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection; for the sake of His merits, who died and rose again for us, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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.**

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 456

“Were You There”

- 4** **Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?**
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh . . .
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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