

The Entombment of Christ by Caravaggio 1602

Holy Tuesday March 26, 2024

Compline LSB 253

Office Hymn ""Jesus And Shall it Ever be True" (LW 393, vv 1,2,4,5,6)

Jesus! and shall it ever be A mortal man ashamed of Thee? Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise, Whose glories shine through endless days?

Ashamed of Jesus? Sooner far Let evening blush to own a star. He sheds the beams of light divine O'er this benighted soul of mine.

Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend On whom my hopes of heaven depend? No; when I blush, be this my shame, That I no more revere His name.

Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may When I've no guilt to wash away, No tear to wipe, no joy to crave, No fears to quell, no soul to save.

Till then – nor is the boasting vain – Till then I boast a Savior slain. And oh, may this my portion be, That Christ is not ashamed of me!

First Reading Romans 1:13-17

I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Second Reading John 7:37-52

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

Evening Hymn "Abide with Me"