

Lenten Vespers

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Opening Versicles

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PSALM (Responsively)

Psalm 27:11–14

¹¹ Teach me Your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD*
in the land of the living!

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

**Glorify be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

OFFICE HYMN

“O Blessed Light, O Trinity”

LSB 890

OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 24:13–46

¹³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁴ “Bring out of the camp the one who cursed, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. ¹⁵ And speak to the people of Israel, saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. ¹⁶ Whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

¹² And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing by me said to me, "Brother Saul, receive your sight." And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. ¹⁴ And he said, "The God of our fathers appointed you to know His will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from His mouth; ¹⁵ for you will be a witness for Him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:57–68

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?"

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

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SERMON

+ CANTICLE +

Stand

ANTIPHON

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MAGNIFICAT (Responsively)

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- ☩ My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**
- I** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- II** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
- II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- II** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- I** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- ☩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

Offerings placed in plates at entrance.

+ PRAYER +

Kneel/Stand

KYRIE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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COLLECTS

- I** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- ☩ And let my cry come to You.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Lord God, in You we find the truth about our world and our lives. Spare us from the ravages of false witness. And when we fall, lift us up again and lead us to Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

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.

G Amen.

Stand

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

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HYMN

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

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