

Lenten Vespers

March 24, 2021

Opening Versicles

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PSALM (Responsively)

Psalm 25:1–7

¹ To You, O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

² **O my God, in You trust;**

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

³ Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know Your ways, O Lord;**

teach me Your paths.

⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

for You are the God of my salvation;

for You I wait all the day long.

⁶ **Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,**

for they have been from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to Your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

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

OFFICE HYMN

“O Light Whose Splendor”

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OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 53:1–3

¹ Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For 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.

³ He 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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1–7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all, ⁷ which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:28–38

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What

have You done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷ Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in Him."

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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C **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.

C **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

Offerings placed in plates at entrance.

+ PRAYER +

Kneel/Stand

KYRIE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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COLLECTS

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- G** **And let my cry come to You.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God, Your kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world. Instead of force, You reign by grace; instead of corruption, You reign by the truth; instead of favoritism, You reign by serving all. Help us not to fall into the ways of the kingdoms of this world, but to welcome Your gracious reign in our lives; 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

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

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