

We therefore pray You to help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious ✠ blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify You. And we (*bow*) worship Your name forever (*cease bowing*).

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, (*bow head*) have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us (*cease bowing head*), as our trust is in You. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be ✠ confounded.

Prayer

Kyrie and Lord's Prayer

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Our Father . . .

Salutation and Collects

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

Collect of the Day

P 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Collect (Collect for Humility)

P O God, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke Your wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

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.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Matins

Good Friday

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(All stand when the pastor stands to begin prayer)

Opening Versicles

The sign of the cross may be made with the thumb over your mouth where indicated:

P O Lord, open my ✠ lips,

C and my ✠ mouth will declare Your praise.

The full sign of the cross may be made where indicated:

P Make haste, O God, to deliver ✠ me;

C make haste to help ✠ me, O Lord.

The Gloria Patri is omitted during Passiontide.

C Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalmody

Antiphon

P Christ became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

C O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in His hand; the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land. O come, let us (*bow*) worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker (*cease bowing*).

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Antiphon

P Christ became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Additional Psalm: Psalm 31

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily!

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.

**I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen
my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,**
and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.

**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.**

For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;

**my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.**

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,

**and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.**

I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

**For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—**

as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

**Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**

O LORD, let me not be put to shame,
for I call upon you;

**let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go silently to Sheol.**

Let the lying lips be mute,
which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

**Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you**

and worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind!

**In the cover of your presence you hide them
from the plots of men;**

you store them in your shelter
from the strife of tongues.

**Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.**

I had said in my alarm,

“I am cut off from your sight.”

**But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
when I cried to you for help.**

Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

**Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!**

Sit

Office Hymn: 798 “The God of Abraham Praise”

Readings

(Readings are those appointed for today in The Treasury of Daily Prayer)

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 4:1-22

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 6:1-20

After each reading: **P** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory—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 with the transgressors.

C He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Catechetical Instruction

Athanasius of Alexandria

(Our Catechetical Instruction is today’s Writing in The Treasury of Daily Prayer)

Stand

Canticle

Te Deum

C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now (*bow*) worships You, the Father everlasting (*cease bowing*).

To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

(Bow) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory (*cease bowing*). The glorious company of the apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You. The noble army of martyrs praise You. The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You.

You are the king of glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father. When You took upon Yourself to deliver ✠ man, You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin. When You overcame the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that You will come to be our judge.