

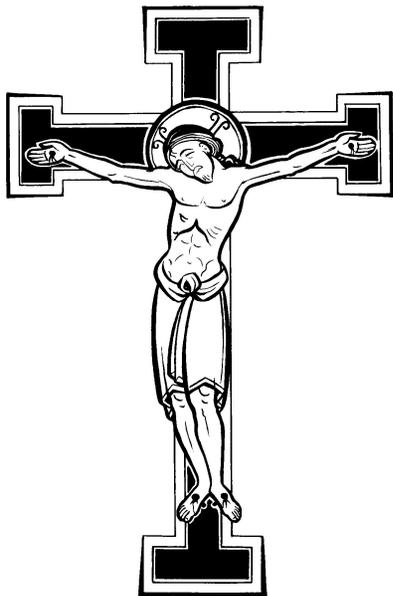
Benedicamus

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.

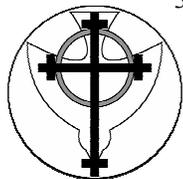
Soli Deo Gloria!



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Holy Thursday

9 April Anno † Domini 2009

The Order of Matins

(As you enter the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

Preparatory Prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Service Note

During Holy Week, the order of Matins will be spoken responsively, rather than sung. For your convenience, everything is printed in the bulletin.

(There are no bells this morning; all stand when the pastor stands to begin Service)

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

Psalmody

Antiphon for Holy Week

- 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.

C 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 worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

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

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.

Antiphon for Holy Week

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Psalm 116:12-19 (antiphon: v. 17)

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

**What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the LORD,

**I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have
loosed my bonds.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the 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.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

Prayer

Kyrie Eleison ~ *Lord, have mercy*

P Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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

P Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
They 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.

Salutation and Collects

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray:

Collect of the Day

P O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

C Amen.

and thirsty for grace. Although one may appear in a rough apron while another in velvet and satin, adorned with gold and pearls, when they depart, all take with them that for which they hunger and thirst: Christ's blood and righteousness as their beauty and glorious dress. No one receives a better food and better drink than the other. All receive the same Jesus, and with Him, the same righteousness.

P Now the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, unto life everlasting.

C Amen.

Stand

Canticle

Te Deum Laudamus ~ We Praise You, O God

C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory. 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: The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

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 humbles Yourself to be born of a virgin. When You had overcome 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.

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.

Office Hymn: 531 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" (stanza 3)

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,

There forever to abide;

All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee,

Seated at Thy Father's side.

There for sinners Thou art pleading;

There Thou doest our place prepare,

Ever for us interceding

Till in glory we appear.

Readings

The Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:34-66

³⁴To crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth, ³⁵to deny a man justice in the presence of the Most High, ³⁶to subvert a man in his lawsuit, the Lord does not approve.

³⁷Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? ³⁸Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? ³⁹Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins?

⁴⁰Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD! ⁴¹Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven: ⁴²"We have transgressed and rebelled, and you have not forgiven.

⁴³"You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us, killing without pity; ⁴⁴you have wrapped yourself with a cloud so that no prayer can pass through. ⁴⁵You have made us scum and garbage among the peoples.

⁴⁶"All our enemies open their mouths against us; ⁴⁷panic and pitfall have come upon us, devastation and destruction; ⁴⁸my eyes flow with rivers of tears because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

⁴⁹"My eyes will flow without ceasing, without respite, ⁵⁰until the LORD from heaven looks down and sees; ⁵¹my eyes cause me grief at the fate of all the daughters of my city.

⁵²"I have been hunted like a bird by those who were my enemies without cause; ⁵³they flung me alive into the pit and cast stones on me; ⁵⁴water closed over my head; I said, 'I am lost.'

⁵⁵"I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit; ⁵⁶you heard my plea, 'Do not close your ear to my cry for help!' ⁵⁷You came near when I called on you; you said, 'Do not fear!'

⁵⁸"You have taken up my cause, O Lord; you have redeemed my life. ⁵⁹You have seen the wrong done to me, O LORD; judge my cause.

⁶⁰You have seen all their vengeance, all their plots against me.

⁶¹"You have heard their taunts, O LORD, all their plots against me.
⁶²The lips and thoughts of my assailants are against me all the day long.
⁶³Behold their sitting and their rising; I am the object of their taunts.

⁶⁴"You will repay them, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.
⁶⁵You will give them dullness of heart; your curse will be on them.
⁶⁶You will pursue them in anger and destroy them from under your heavens, O LORD."

Silence for meditation upon God's Word

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 5:1-14

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Silence for meditation upon God's Word

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Responsory

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

The Writing (instruction)

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P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The apostle [Paul] wishes to say: Consider, beloved Christians, that when you receive the blessed cup and the blessed bread, each one partakes of the body and blood of Christ; they are both common to all of you. You come into body-and-blood fellowship with one another. For just as many grains become one bread, so in the Holy Supper, you, though you are many, become one Body, one mass, because you are partakers of the one bread and with it one and the same body and blood of Christ.

Because of the presence and participation of the body of Christ, the Holy Supper is a meal of the most intimate fellowship and, therefore, at the same time, the highest love-meal. Just as fervent love is demanded, so fervent love is delivered. We all come together, as children of the same family, to the table of our common, heavenly Father. As great as the distinction between communicants in civic life may be, in the Holy Supper all distinctions evaporate. We are all the same, in that we each eat the same earthly and heavenly bread and drink the same earthly and heavenly drink. In this Meal, the subject and his king, the slave and his master, the beggar and the rich, the child and the old man, the wife and the husband, the simple and the learned, truly all communicants stand as the same poor sinners and beggars, hungry