

Prayer

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy 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

The congregation bows as the pastor extends his hands and says:

P The Lord be with you.

The pastor bows as the congregation extends their hands and says:

C **And with your spirit.**

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.**

Additional Collect (Collect for Faithfulness)

P Lord God, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts that You have cleansed that thereby we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness and be comforted in life and death; through the same 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.**

Matins

Holy Thursday

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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 mouth,

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.

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Additional Psalm: Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

**I believed, even when I spoke:
“I am greatly afflicted”;**

I said in my alarm,
“All mankind are liars.”

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

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and 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!

Sit

Office Hymn: 445 “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

Readings

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

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:34-66

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 5:1-14

After each reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory—Holy Thursday

P But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

C **The blood of Jesus, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

P For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **The blood of Jesus, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

P Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

C **The blood of Jesus, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

Catechetical Instruction

C.F.W. Walther

(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.

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.