

## 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!*

# Vespers

## 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 ✠ 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.

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

## Psalmody

### Antiphon

*Psalm 110*

**P** He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth

**C** and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

**The LORD sends forth from Zion**

**your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

Your people will offer themselves freely

on the day of your power, in holy garments;

**from the womb of the morning,**

**the dew of your youth will be yours.**

The LORD has sworn

and will not change his mind,

**“You are a priest forever**

**after the order of Melchizedek.”**

The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

**He will execute judgment among the nations,**

**filling them with corpses;**

he will shatter chiefs

over the wide earth.

**He will drink from the brook by the way;**

**therefore he will lift up his head.**

### Antiphon

**P** He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth

**C** and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

*Sit*

Office Hymn: 624 “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

## Readings

**Old Testament Reading:** Deuteronomy 16:1-8

**New Testament Reading:** 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

*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.

## Homily

*St. Melito of Sardis*

*Stand*

## Canticle

### Antiphon

**P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

### Magnificat

**C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior; for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his ̎ seed forever.

## 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 Spiritual Renewal)*

**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 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.

**C** Amen.