

Additional Collect (Collect for Spiritual Renewal)

P Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness; 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.

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

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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.

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

Psalmody

Antiphon

Psalm 77

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.

I cry aloud to God,

aloud to God, and he will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

When I remember God, I moan;

when I meditate, my spirit faints.

You hold my eyelids open;

I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I consider the days of old,

the years long ago.

I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search:

"Will the Lord spurn forever,

and never again be favorable?

Has his steadfast love forever ceased?

Are his promises at an end for all time?

Has God forgotten to be gracious?

Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"

Then I said, "I will appeal to this,

to the years of the right hand of the Most High."

I will remember the deeds of the LORD;

yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

I will ponder all your work,

and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is great like our God?

You are the God who works wonders;

you have made known your might among the peoples.

You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you,
they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder;
your arrows flashed on every side.

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;

your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was through the sea,

your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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: 596 “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

Readings

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

New Testament Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

After each reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory—Lent

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Homily

St. Basil the Great

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 Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.