

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 Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins upon the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Additional Collect (Collect for Control of the Tongue)

P We pray You, O Lord, to keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking deceit, that as Your holy angels continuously sing praises to You in heaven, so may we at all times glorify You on earth; 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

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!

Matins

Holy Wednesday

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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 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you,

and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”

and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly

offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

surely in the rush of great waters,

they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Sit

Office Hymn: 610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Readings

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

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:1-33

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:1-16

After each reading:

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

Responsory—Lent

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.

Catechetical Instruction

Large Catechism I:37-40

(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.

Prayer

Kyrie and Lord’s Prayer

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

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.