

Holy Gospel

John 13:16-38

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest [Jesus] by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people” . . .

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Apostles’ Creed (p. 192)

Homily

Offerings are not gathered during Service. While Pastor Messer prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther’s “Christian Questions . . .” on pp. 329-330). If you wish to leave an offering, you may do so by placing it in the plate by the door as you depart after Service.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Preface - Agnus Dei (pp. 194-199)

Distribution (*Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS*)

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction (pp. 199-202)

(NOTE: The Nunc Dimittis ends with the word “Israel,” as the Gloria Patri is omitted)

The Congregation Departs in Silence

Soli Deo Gloria!

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(Upon entering 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)

Note: All elements of the Divine Liturgy are spoken, not chanted or sung, during our Daily Holy Week Services. The Gloria Patri (usually found within the Introit), the Gloria in Excelsis, the Alleluia and Verse, the Offertory, and all Hymns are Omitted.

Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

Introit *Ps. 102:1, 3-4, 12; antiphon: Phil. 2:10, 8b, 11b*

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

[He became] obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

[Therefore he] is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear my prayer, O LORD;
let my cry come to you!

**For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.**

My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;
I forget to eat my bread.

**But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.**

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Kyrie (p. 186)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:11-63:7

¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. ^{63:1}Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save."

²Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress?

³"I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. ⁴For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. ⁵I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. ⁶I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Gradual

Ps. 69:17, 1-2a

Hide not your face from your servant; for I am in distress;
make haste to answer me.

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5b-7

^{5b}To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.