

Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, O Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Oculi

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for the Season of Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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Midweek Lenten Vespers
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“Which of you convicts Me of sin?”
St. John 8:46

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Holy”</i>	TLH 169
<i>Stand</i>		
The Opening Versicles		TLH p. 41
The Gloria Patri	<i>(Omit Hallelujah)</i>	TLH p. 41
The Psalmody	Psalm 86	The Psalter, p. 113
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lection		Revelation 2:1-7 St. John 8:42-51
The Response	<i>(After each reading)</i>	TLH p. 42
The Responsory		INSERT
The Hymn	<i>“Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee”</i>	TLH 173
The Sermon	<i>I Tell the Truth</i>	
The Recitation of the Catechism		The Lord’s Prayer
The Office Hymn	<i>“On My Heart Imprint Thine Image”</i>	TLH 179
<i>Stand</i>		
The Versicle		TLH p. 43
The Canticle	<i>“The Magnificat”</i>	TLH p. 43
The Litany		INSERT
The Salutation		TLH p. 45
The Collect for the Day		Back Cover
The Collect for Lent		Back Cover
Other Collects	<i>(if necessary)</i>	
The Collect for Peace		TLH p. 45
The Litany Collect		INSERT
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 45
The Benediction		TLH p. 45
Silent Prayer		

*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.

Revelation 2:1-7

¹ “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: ² “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; ³ and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. ⁴ Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. ⁶ But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.””

St. John 8:42-51

⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would

love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.” ⁴⁸ Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰ And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

Psalm 86

Psalm Tone IV Flex



P: IN **THE** - || day of my trouble I will call | up- | on | You, | -

C: For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.

P: || Bow down Your ear, | O | Lord, | hear | me;

C: For I | am | poor | and | need- | y.

P: || Preserve my life, for | I | am | ho- | ly;

C: You are my God; Save Your ser- | vant | who | trusts | in | You!

P: || Be merciful to | me, | O | Lord, | -

C: For I cry | to | You | all | day | long.

P: || Rejoice the soul | of | Your | ser- | vant,

C: For to You, O Lord, | I | lift | up | my | soul.

P: || For You, Lord, are good, and ready | to | for- | give, | -

C: And abundant in mercy to all those | who | call | up- | on | You.

P: || Give ear, O Lord, | to | my | *pray-er*; • | -

C: And attend to the voice of | my | sup- | pli- | ca- | tions.

P: || In the day of my trouble I will | call | up- | on | You,

C: For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.

P: || Among the gods there is none like | You, | O | Lord; | -

C: Nor are there an- | y | works | like | Your | works.

P: || All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before | You, | O | Lord, | -

C: And shall | glo- | ri- | fy | Your | name.

P: || For You are great, and do | won- | drous | things; | -

C: You | a- | lone | are | — | God.

P: || Teach me Your way, O *Lord*; (+) I will walk | in | Your | truth; | -

C: Unite my | heart | to | fear | Your | name.

P: || I will praise You, O Lord my God, with | all | my | heart, | -

C: And I will glorify Your | name | for- | ev- | er- | more.

P: || For great is Your mercy | to- | ward | me, | -

C: And You have delivered my soul from | the | depths | of | She- | ol.

P: || O God, the proud have ris- | en | a- | gainst | me,

C: And a mob of violent men have sought my life, and have not

| set | You | be- | fore | them.

P: || But You, O Lord, are a God full of compas- | sion, | and | gra- | cious,

C: Longsuffering and abundant | in | mer- | cy | and | truth.

P: || Oh, turn to me, and have | mer- | cy | on | me!

C: Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son | of | Your | maid- | ser- | vant.

P: || Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and | be | a- | shamed, | -

C: Because You, Lord, have helped me | and | com- | fort- | ed | me.

ALL: GLO- RY - || be to the Father, and | to | the | Son: | -

And | to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT - || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be:

World | with- | out | end. | A- | men.

P: || In the day of my trouble I will call | up- | on | You, | -

C: For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.

TLH 169 “Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Holy”

Michal Grodzki, about 1550

1. Jesus Christ, our Lord most holy,
Lamb of God so pure and lowly,
Blameless, blameless, on the cross art offered,
Sinless, sinless, for our sins hast suffered.
2. Weep now, all ye wretched creatures,
As ye view His gracious features.
Jesus, Jesus, on the cross is dying,
Nature, nature, in dark gloom is sighing.
3. Christ, His last word having spoken,
Bows His head as life is broken.
Mournful, mournful, stands His mother weeping,
Loved ones, loved ones, silent watch are keeping.
4. The great veil was torn asunder,
Earth did quake mid roars of thunder,
Boulders, boulders, into bits were breaking;
Sainted, sainted, dead from death were waking.
5. As His side with spear was riven,
Blood and water forth were given.
Jesus, Jesus, sinners’ only Savior,
Mercy, mercy, grant to us forever. Amen.

TLH 173 “Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee”

Christoph Fischer, 1597

1. Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee
That Thou hast died to set us free;
Made righteous thro’ Thy precious blood,
We now are reconciled to God.
2. By virtue of Thy wounds we pray,
True God and Man, be Thou our Stay,
Our Comfort when we yield our breath,
Our Rescue from eternal death.
3. Defend us, Lord, from sin and shame;
Help us by Thine almighty name
To bear our crosses patiently,
Consoled by Thy great agony,
4. And thus the full assurance gain
That Thou to us wilt true remain
And not forsake us in our strife
Until we enter into life. Amen.

TLH 179 “On My Heart Imprint Thine Image”

Thomas Kingo, 1689

1. On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no pow’r Thee to efface.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s Foundation,
And my Glory and Salvation. Amen.