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.

Prayers after Any Office

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.

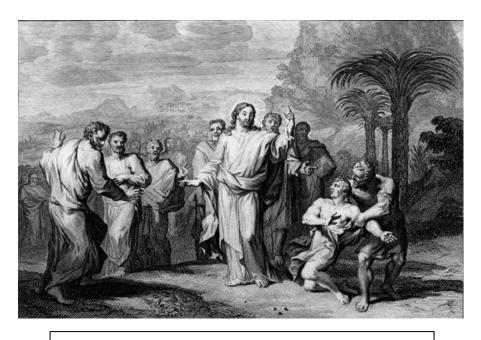
Collect for Reminiscere

O God, Who seest that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 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 the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Scripture quotations are from the New King James edition, copyright © 1979, 1980, 1982 Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved.



Midweek Lenten Vespers March 16th, 2022

Sts. Peter & Paul Ev. Luth. Church, U.A.C. A Parish Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America

215 N. Main St., Ste. 1-D Simpsonville, SC 29681 (864) 412-6330 www.spplc.org

Pastor Jerald P Dulas

(864) 832-9005 (home) pastor@spplc.org

Deacon Floyd P Smithey, Jr.

(865) 232-7109 (cell) deacon@spplc.org

"Often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

St. Mark 9:22

The Office of Vespers

| The Ringing of the B Silent Prayer | ell | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The Hymn | "O Christ, Thou Lamb of Go | od" TLH 147 |
| Stand | • | |
| The Opening Versicle | es | TLH p. 41 |
| The Gloria Patri | (Omit Hallelujah) | TLH p. 41 |
| The Psalmody | Psalm 25 (<i>Tone 2</i>) | The Psalter, p. 31 |
| | Psalm 37 | The Psalter, p. 48 |
| Sit | | |
| The Lection | | James 5:13-20 |
| | | St. Mark 9:17-29 |
| The Response | (After each reading) | TLH p. 42 |
| The Responsory | | INSERT |
| The Hymn " | Lord Jesus, Thou art Going For | <i>th</i> " TLH 150 |
| The Sermon | Jesus Rebuked the Unclean Spirit | |
| The Office Hymn | "The Royal Banners Forwar | <i>d Go</i> " Δ TLH 168 |
| Stand | | |
| The Versicle | | TLH p. 43 |
| The Canticle | "The Magnificat" | TLH p. 43 |
| The Litany | | INSERT |
| The Salutation | | TLH p. 45 |
| The Collect for Reminiscere | | Back Cover |
| The Collect for the Season of Lent | | Back Cover |
| Other Collects (if necessary) | | |
| The Collect for Peace | | TLH p. 45 |
| The Litany Collect | | INSERT |
| The Benedicamus | | TLH p. 45 |
| The Benediction | | TLH p. 45 |
| Silent Prayer | | |

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar & Questions 270-285 (God the Father Preserves Me, pages 94-95).

 Δ —Indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. ¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

St. Mark 9:17-29

¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." ¹⁹ He

answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" ²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

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

Psalm 25



P: THE SE- || cret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him, * C: And He will show them | His | cov-e- · | nant.

P: || To You, O | Lord, | - *

C: I lift | up | my | soul.

P: || O my God, I trust in | You; | - *

C: Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph | o- | ver | me.

P: || Indeed, let no one who waits on You be a- | shamed; | - *

C: Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously | with- | out | cause.

P: || Show me Your ways, O | Lord; | - *

C: Teach | me | Your | paths.

P: || Lead me in Your truth and | teach | me, *

C: For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait | all | the | day.

P: || Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-| *kind-ness-* · | es, *

C: For they are | from | of | old.

P: || Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my trans- | gres- | sions; *

C: According to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' | sake, | O | Lord.

P: \parallel Good and upright is the \mid Lord; \mid - *

C: Therefore He teaches sinners | in | the | way.

P: || The humble He guides in | just- | ice, *

C: And the humble He teach- | es | His | way.

P: \parallel All the paths of the Lord are mercy and \mid truth, \mid - *

C: To such as keep His covenant and His tes- | ti- | mo- | nies.

P: || For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my in- | *i-qui-* · | ty, * C: For | it | is | great.

P: || Who is the man that fears the | Lord? | - *

C: Him shall He teach in the way | He | choos- | es.

P: || He himself shall dwell in pros-| per-i- · | ty, *

C: And his descendants shall inher- | it | the | earth.

P: || The secret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him, *

C: And He will show them | His | $cov-e-\cdot$ | nant.

P: || My eyes are ever toward the | Lord, | - *

C: For He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy | on | me, *

C: For I am desolate and | af- | flict- | ed.

P: || The troubles of my heart have en- | larged; | - *

C: Bring me out of my | dis- | tress- | es!

P: || Look on my affliction and my | pain, | - *

C: And forgive | all | my | sins.

P: || Consider my enemies, for they are | ma- | ny; *

C: And they hate me with cru- | el | hat- | red.

P: || Keep my soul, and de- | liv-er · | me; *

C: Let me not be ashamed, for I put my | trust | in | You.

P: || Let integrity and uprightness pre- | serve | me, *

C: For I | wait | for | You.

P: || Redeem Israel, O | God, | - *

C: Out of all | their | trou- | bles!

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 ever | shall | be: * World without | end. | A- | men.

P: || The secret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him, * C: And He will show them | His | cov-e- · | nant.

Psalm 37



P: COM- MIT || your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

P: || Do not fret because of evil- | do- | ers, *

C: Nor be envious of the workers | of | in- | i-qui- | ty.

P: || For they shall soon be cut down like the | grass, | - *

C: And wither | as | the | green | herb.

P: || Trust in the Lord, and do | good; | - *

C: Dwell in the land, and feed on | His | faith- | ful- | ness.

P: || Delight yourself also in the | Lord, | - *

C: He shall give you the de- | sires | of | your | heart.

P: || Commit your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

P: || He shall bring forth your righteousness as the | light, | - *

C: And your justice | as | the | noon- | day.

P: || Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently | for | Him; *

C: Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wick- | ed | schemes | to | pass.

P: || Cease from anger, and forsake | wrath; | - *

C: Do not fret—it on- | ly | caus- | es | harm.

P: \parallel For evildoers shall be cut \mid off; \mid - *

C: But those who wait on the Lord, they shall in- | her- | it | the | earth.

P: || For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no | more; | - *

C: Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it | shall | be | no | more.

P: || But the meek shall inherit the | earth, | - *

C: And shall delight themselves in the a- | bun- | dance | of | peace.

P: || The wicked plots against the | just, | - *

C: And gnashes at | him | with | his | teeth.

P: || The Lord laughs | at | him, *

C: For He sees that his | day | is | com- | ing.

P: || The wicked have drawn the | sword | - *

C: And | have | bent | their | bow,

P: || To cast down the poor and | need- | y, *

C: To slay those who are of | up- | right | con- | duct.

P: || Their sword shall enter their own | heart, | - *

C: And their bows | shall | be | brok- | en.

P: || A little that a righteous man | has | - *

C: Is better than the riches of | man- | y | wick- | ed.

P: || For the arms of the wicked shall be | bro- | ken, *

C: But the Lord up- | holds | the | right- | eous.

P: || The Lord knows the days of the | up- | right, *

C: And their inheritance shall | be | for- | ev- | er.

P: || They shall not be ashamed in the evil | time, | - *

C: And in the days of famine they shall | be | sat- | is- | fied.

P: || But the wicked shall per -ish; (+) And the enemies of the Lord, like the splendor of the | mea- | dows, *

C: Shall vanish. Into smoke they shall | van- | ish | a- | way.

P: || The wicked borrows and does not re- | pay, | - *

C: But the righteous shows | mer- | cy | and | gives.

P: \parallel For those blessed by Him shall inherit the \mid earth, \mid - *

C: But those cursed by Him | shall | be | cut | off.

P: || The steps of a good man are ordered by the | Lord, | - *

C: And He de- | lights | in | his | way.

P: || Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast | down; | - *

C: For the Lord upholds | him | with | His | hand.

P: || I have been young, and now am | old; | - *

C: Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descen- | dants | beg- | ging | bread.

P: || He is ever merciful, and | lends; | - *

C: And his de- | scen- | dants | are | blessed.

P: || Depart from evil, and do | good; | - *

C: And dwell | for- | ev- | er- | more.

P: || For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; They are preserved for- | ev- | er, *

C: But the descendants of the wicked | shall | be | cut | off.

P: || The righteous shall inherit the | land, | - *

C: And dwell in | it | for- | ev- | er.

P: || The mouth of the righteous speaks | wis- | dom, *

C: And his tongue | talks | of | just- | ice.



to inherit the | land; | - *

C: When the wicked are cut off, | you | shall | see | it.

P: || I have seen the wicked in great | pow- | er, *

C: And spreading himself like a | na- | tive | green | tree.

P: \parallel Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no \mid more; \mid - *

C: Indeed I sought him, but he | could | not | be | found.

P: \parallel Mark the blameless man, and observe the \mid up- \mid right; *

C: For the future of | that | man | is | peace.

P: \parallel But the transgressors shall be destroyed to- \mid geth- \mid er; *

C: The future of the wicked | shall | be | cut | off.

P: \parallel But the salvation of the righteous is from the \mid Lord; \mid - *

C: He is their strength in the | time | of | trou- | ble.

P: || And the Lord shall help them and de- | liv-er • | them; *

C: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because | they | trust | in | Him.

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 ever | shall | be: * World with- | out | end. | A- | men.

P: || Commit your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

The Responsory



