

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 the 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 convicteth me of sin?”
St. John 8:46

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn "Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Holy" TLH 169

Stand

The Opening Versicles ASBH2 p. 27

The Gloria Patri (*Omit Hallelujah*) ASBH2 p. 27-28

The Psalmody Psalm 86 INSERT

Sit

The Lection Revelation 2:1-7

St. John 8:42-51

The Response (*After each reading*) ASBH2 p. 28

Stand

The Responsory ASBH2 p. 29-30

Sit

The Hymn "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image" TLH 179

The Sermon *If God Were Your Father*

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

Stand

The Office Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ASBH 22

The Versicle ASBH2 p. 30

The Canticle "The Magnificat" ASBH2 p. 31

The Litany (*All may kneel*) ASBH2 p. 44-48

The Collect for Oculi ASBH p. 72

The Collect for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 66

Other Collects (*if necessary*)

The Collect for Peace ASBH2 p. 35

The Litany Collect (*Collect #3*) ASBH2 p. 47

The Benedicamus ASBH2 p. 36

The Benediction ASBH2 p. 36

Silent Prayer

Recitation of the Catechism

How One Should Be Taught to Pray (pages 27-29) & Questions 159-167
(Part II. The Creed. The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 89-92).

Announcements

ASBH2=The Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2023 Prayer Office Supplement.

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Revelation 2:1-7

¹ To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, He that walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks: ² I know thy works, and thy toil and patience, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst try them that call themselves apostles, and they are not, and didst find them false; ³ and thou hast patience and didst bear for My name's sake, and hast not grown weary. ⁴ But I have *this* against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. ⁵ Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to thee, and will move thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent. ⁶ But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

St. John 8:42-51

⁴² Jesus said unto them, "If God were your Father, ye would love Me: for I came forth and am come from God; for neither have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why do ye not understand My speech? *Even* because ye cannot hear My word. ⁴⁴ Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. He was a

murderer from the beginning, and standeth not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof. ⁴⁵ But because I say the truth, ye believe Me not. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicteth Me of sin? If I say truth, why do ye not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He that is of God heareth the words of God: for this cause ye hear *them* not, because ye are not of God." ⁴⁸ The Jews answered and said unto Him, "Say we not well that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I have not a demon; but I honor My Father, and ye dishonor Me. ⁵⁰ But I seek not Mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. ⁵¹ Verily, verily, I say unto you, 'If a man keep My word, he shall never see death.'"

Psalm 86

Psalm Tone IV Flex



Antiphon IN **THE** || day of my trouble I will call | up- | on | Thee: | - *

For | Thou | wilt | an- | swer | me.

¹ || Bow down Thine ear, | O | LORD, | hear | me: *

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

² || Preserve my soul; for | I | am | ho- | ly: *

O Thou my God, save Thy servant | that | trust- | eth | in | Thee.

³ || Be merciful unto | me, | O | LORD: | - *

For I cry | un- | to | Thee | dai- | ly.

⁴ || Rejoice the soul | of | Thy | ser- | vant: *

For unto Thee, O LORD, do | I | lift | up | my | soul.

⁵ || For Thou, LORD, art good, and ready | to | for- | give; | - *

And plenteous in mercy unto all them | that | call | up- | on | Thee.

⁶ || Give ear, O LORD, un- | to | my | *prayer*; | - *

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

⁷ || In the day of my trouble I will call | up- | on | Thee: | - *

For | Thou | wilt | an- | swer | me.

⁸ || Among the gods there is none like unto | Thee, | O | LORD; | - *

Neither are there any works | like | un- | to | Thy | works.

⁹ || All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before | Thee, | O | LORD; | - *

And shall | glo- | ri- | fy | Thy | Name.

¹⁰ || For Thou art great, and doest | won- | drous | things: | - *

Thou | art | — | God | a- | lone.

¹¹ || Teach me Thy way, O *LORD*; (+) I will walk | in | Thy | truth: | - *

Unite my | heart | to | fear | Thy | Name.

¹² || I will praise Thee, O LORD my God, with | all | my | heart: | - *

And I will glorify Thy | Name | for- | ev- | er- | more.

¹³ || For great is Thy mercy | to- | ward | me: | - *

And Thou hast delivered my soul | from | the | low- | est | hell.

¹⁴ || O God, the proud are ris- | en | a- | gainst | me, *

And the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul;
And have not | set | Thee | be- | fore | them.

¹⁵ || But Thou, O LORD, art a God full of compas- | sion, | and | gra- | cious, *

Longsuffering, and plenteous | in | mer- | cy | and | truth.

¹⁶ || O turn unto me, and have mer- | cy | up- | on | me; *

Give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the | son | of | Thine | hand- | maid.

¹⁷ || Show me a token for *good*; (+) That they which hate me may see it, and | be | a- | sham- | ed: *

Because Thou, LORD, hast holpen me, | and | com- | fort- | ed | me.

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.

Antiphon || In the day of my trouble I will call | up- | on | Thee: | - *

For | Thou | wilt | an- | swer | me.