

### **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, 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 Invocavit**

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

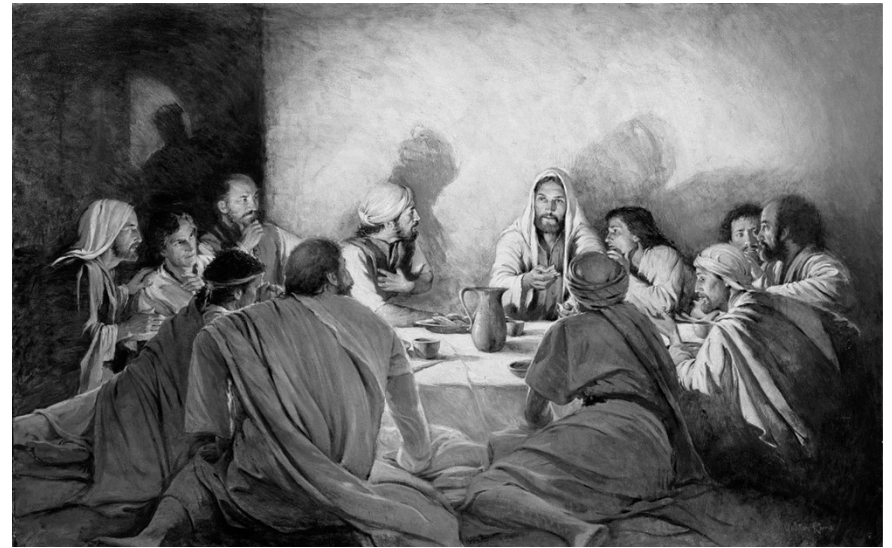
### **Collect for the Season of Lent**

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.

### **Collect for Wednesday in Ember Week**

Mercifully hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty 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.

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Midweek Lenten Vespers  
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*“Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.” St. Luke 22:24*

## The Office of Vespers

### The Ringing of the Bell

#### Silent Prayer

#### The Hymn

*"Jesus I Will Ponder Now"*

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*Stand*

#### The Opening Versicles

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*(Omit Hallelujah)*

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Psalm 37

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#### The Hymn

*"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"*

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#### The Sermon

*I Bestow Upon You a Kingdom*

#### The Office Hymn

*"Lamb of God Pure and Holy"*

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*Stand*

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*"The Magnificat"*

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#### Silent Prayer

#### Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Questions 248-259 (Creation, pages 91-92).

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

## James 1:2-15

<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. <sup>9</sup> Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup> but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth

to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

## St. Luke 22:24-32

<sup>24</sup> Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. <sup>25</sup> And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.'" <sup>26</sup> But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. <sup>28</sup> But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. <sup>29</sup> And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, <sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." <sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

## Psalm 16

Psalm Tone IV Flex



P: PRE- SERVE - || - | me, | O | God, | -  
C: For in | You | I | put | my | trust.

P: || O my soul, you have said to the Lord, “You | are | my | Lord, | -  
C: My goodness is noth- | ing | a- | part | from | You.”

P: || As for the saints who are on the earth, “They are the ex- | cel- | lent | ones, | -

C: In whom | is | all | my | de- | light.”

P: || Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after an- | o- | ther | god; | -

C: Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up | their | names | on | my | lips.

P: || O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance | and | my | cup; | -

C: You | — | main- | tain | my | lot.

P: || The lines have fallen to me in | pleas- | ant | pla- | ces;

C: Yes, I have a | good | in- | her- | i- | tance.

P: || I will bless the Lord who has giv- | en | me | coun- | sel;

C: My heart also instructs me | in | the | night | sea- | sons.

P: || I have set the Lord al- | ways | be- | fore | me;

C: Because He is at my right hand | I | shall | not | be | moved.

P: || Therefore my heart is glad, and my glo- | ry | re- | joi- | ces;

C: My flesh al- | so | will | rest | in | hope.

P: || For You will not leave my | soul | in | She- | ol,

C: Nor will You allow Your Holy One | to | see | cor- | rup- | tion.

P: || You will show me the | path | of | life; | -

C: In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are plea- | sures | for- | ev- | er- | more.

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: || Preserve | me, | O | God, | -

C: For in | You | I | put | my | trust.

## Psalm 37

Psalm Tone VIII Flex



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: || For evildoers shall be cut | off; | - \*

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, | - \*

Psalm Tone VIII

Flex



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: || For those blessed by Him shall inherit the | earth, | - \*

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.

P: || The law of his God is in his | heart; | - \*

C: None of | his | steps | shall | slide.

P: || The wicked watches the | right- | eous, \*

C: And | seeks | to | slay | him.

P: || The Lord will not leave him in his | hand, | - \*

C: Nor condemn him | when | he | is | judged.

P: || Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, (+) and He shall exalt you 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: || Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no | more; | - \*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

## Psalm 70

Psalm Tone IV

Flex



P: MAKE HASTE, - || O God, | to | de- | *liv-er* • | me! \*

C: Make haste | to | help | me, | O | Lord!

P: || Let them be ashamed and confounded who | seek | my | life; | - \*

C: Let them be turned back and confused | who | de- | sire | my | hurt.

P: || Let them be turned back because of their | shame, | who | say, | - \*

C: “A- | — | ha, | a- | — | ha!”

P: || Let all those who seek You rejoice and be | glad | in | You; | - \*

C: And let those who love Your salvation say continually, “Let | God | be | mag- | ni- | fied!”

P: || But I am poor and need -y; (+) Make haste to | me, | O | God! | - \*

C: You are my help and my deliverer; O | Lord, | do | not | de- | lay.

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: \*

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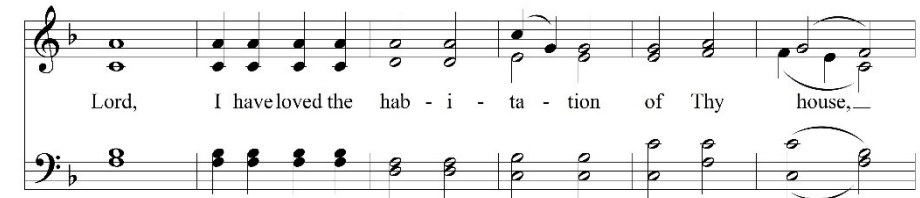
C: Make haste | to | help | me, | O | Lord!

## The Responsoy

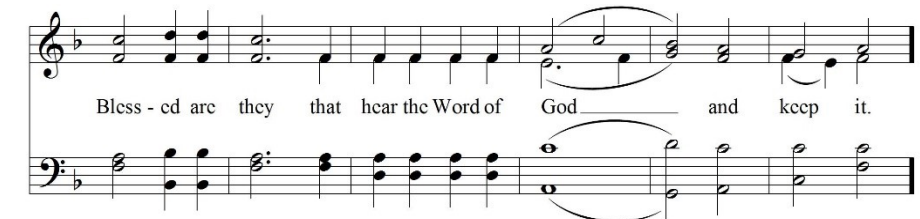
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C:



P:



C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or — dwell - eth.

P:

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or — dwell - eth.