

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 convicts 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 TLH p. 41

The Gloria Patri (Omit Hallelujah) TLH p. 41

The Psalmody Psalm 86 The Psalter, p. 113
Psalm 37 The Psalter, p. 48

Sit

The Lection Revelation 2:1-7
St. John 8:42-51

The Response (After each reading) TLH p. 42

The Responsory INSERT

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

The Sermon *He Who Is of God Hears God’s Word*

The Office Hymn “On My Heart Imprint Thine Image” TLH 179

Stand

The Versicle TLH p. 43

The Canticle “The Magnificat” TLH p. 43

The Litany INSERT

The Salutation TLH p. 45

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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 Table of Duties & Questions 296-302 (The Work of Christ, pages 97-98).

*—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.”””

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.”

St. John 8:42-51

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

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.

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 | 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: || 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.

Psalm Tone VIII

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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.

The Responsory

P:

For - ev - er, O Lord, Thy Word is set - tled in heav'n.
Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet, and a light un-to my path.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

P:

Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

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.