

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.

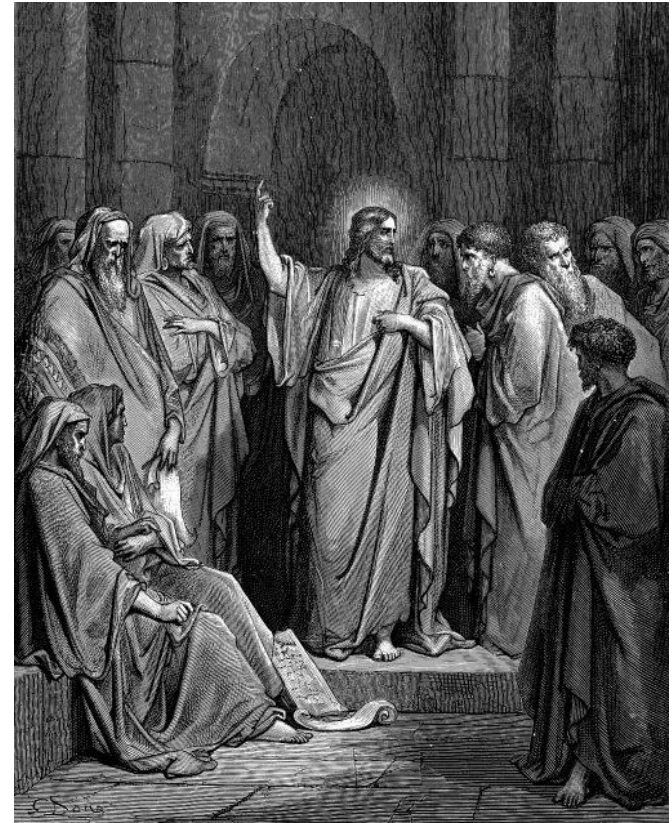
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We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for the Season 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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“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.” St. Matthew 10:34

Psalm 27



P: THE **LORD** - || is my light and my salvation; Whom | shall | I | fear?

C: The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall | I | **be** - | a- | fraid?

P: || When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my ene- | mies | and | foes,

C: They | stum- | **bled** - | and | fell.

P: || Though an army may encamp against me, my heart | shall | not | fear;

C: Though war should rise against me, in this I will | be | **con-** - | fi- | dent.

P: || One thing I have desired of the Lord, that | will | I | seek:

C: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire | in | **His** - | tem- | ple.

P: || For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His | pa- | vi- | lion;

C: In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high | up- | **on** - | a | rock.

P: || And now my head shall be lifted *up* (+) above my enemies all | a- | round | me;

C: Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing prais- | es | **to** - | the | Lord.

P: || Hear, O Lord, when I cry | with | my | voice!

C: Have mercy also upon me, | and | **ans-** - | wer | me.

P: || When You said, | “Seek | My | face,” *

C: My heart said to You, “Your face, | Lord, | **I** - | will | seek.”

P: || Do not hide Your face from *me*; (+) Do not turn Your servant away | in | an- | ger; *

C: You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of | my | **sal-** - | va- | tion.

P: || When my father and my mother | for- | sake | me,

C: Then the Lord will | take | **care** - | of | me.

P: || Teach me Your | way, | O | Lord,

C: And lead me in a smooth path, because of | my | **en-** - | e- | mies.



P: || Do not deliver me to the will of my ad- | ver- | sa- | ries;

C: For false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe | out | **vi-** - | o- | lence.

P: || I would | have | lost | heart,

C: Unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land | of | **the** - | liv- | ing.

P: || Wait on the Lord; Be of good cour-*age*, (+) and He shall streng- | then | your | heart;

C: Wait, I | say, | **on** - | the | Lord!

P: || The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom | shall | I | fear?

C: The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall | I | **be** - | a- | fraid?

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, | - *

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, | - *

Psalm Tone VIII

Flex



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.

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


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

The Responary

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.

Detailed description: This system contains two systems of music for the Soprano part. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are "For - ev - er, O Lord, Thy Word is set - tled in heav'n." The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are "Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet, and a light un-to my path." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and some moving lines in the bass clef.

C:



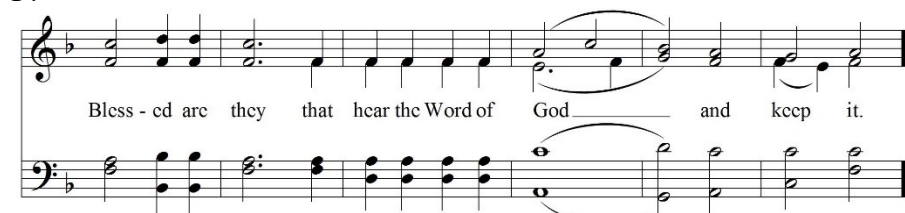
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and the place where Thine hon - or — dwell - eth.

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P:



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