

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 Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



Midweek Lenten Vespers
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*“And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire
and into the waters, to destroy him: but if Thou
canst do anything, have compassion on us, and
help us.” St. Mark 9:22*

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn *“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”* TLH 147

Stand

The Opening Versicles ASBH2 p. 27

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

The Psalmody Psalm 25, Tone II The Psalter, p. 31

Sit

The Lection James 5:13-20

St. Mark 9:17-29

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

The Responsory ASBH2 p. 29-30

The Hymn *“Lord Jesus, Thou art Going Forth”* TLH 150

The Sermon *Help Thou Mine Unbelief*

Stand

The Office Hymn *“O Faithful God, We Worship Thee”* ASBH 21

The Versicle ASBH2 p. 30

The Canticle *“The Magnificat”* ASBH2 p. 31

The Litany ASBH2 p. 44-48

The Collect for Reminiscere ASBH p. 71

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

The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 269-270
(Part IV, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Introduction, page 125).

Announcements

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

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is any 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 shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. ¹⁶ Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. ¹⁹ My brethren, if any among you err from the truth, and one convert him; ²⁰ let him know, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.

St. Mark 9:17-29

¹⁷ And one of the multitude answered Him, “Teacher, I brought unto Thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit; ¹⁸ and wheresoever it taketh him, it dasheth him down: and he foameth, and grindeth his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to Thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able.”

¹⁹ And He answereth them and saith, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him unto Me.” ²⁰ And they brought him unto Him: and when he saw Him, straightway the spirit tare him grievously; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. ²¹ And He asked his father, “How long time is it since this hath come unto him?” And he said, “From a child. ²² And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him: but if Thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.” ²³ And Jesus said unto him, “If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth.” ²⁴ Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said, “I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.” ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, “Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.” ²⁶ And having cried out, and torn him much, he came out: and *the boy* became as one dead; insomuch that the more part said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose. ²⁸ And when He was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “*How is it* that we could not cast it out?” ²⁹ And He said unto them, “This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer.”

Psalm 25

Psalm Tone II

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

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

I lift | up | my | soul.

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

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

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

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

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

Teach | me | Your | paths.

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

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, *

For they are | from | of | old.

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

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

P: || Good and upright is the | Lord; | - *

Therefore He teaches sinners | in | the | way.

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

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

P: || All the paths of the Lord are mercy and | truth, | - *

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

C: || For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my in- | *i-qui- •* | ty, *

For | it | is | great.

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

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

C: || He himself shall dwell in pros- | *per-i- •* | ty, *

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

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

And He will show them | His | *cov-e- •* | nant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And forgive | all | my | sins.

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

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

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

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

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

For I | wait | for | You.

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

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, *

And He will show them | His | *cov-e- •* | nant.