

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



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 The Psalter, p. 113

*Sit*

**The Lection** Revelation 2:1-7

St. John 8:42-51

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

**The Responsory** ASBH2 p. 29-30

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

**The Sermon** *He Shall Never See Death*

*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 Cantic** “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

The Apostles’ Creed (pages 13-15) & Questions 282-287 (Part IV, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Secondly, What Baptism Gives or Profits, pages 128-130).

### Announcements

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

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*TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal*

## Revelation 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> 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: <sup>2</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> and thou hast patience and didst bear for My name’s sake, and hast not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have *this* against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> 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

<sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> Why do ye not understand My speech? *Even* because ye cannot hear My word. <sup>44</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> But because I say the truth, ye believe Me not. <sup>46</sup> Which of you convicteth Me of sin? If I say truth, why do ye not believe Me? <sup>47</sup> He that is of God heareth the words of God: for this cause ye hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.” <sup>48</sup> The Jews answered and said unto Him, “Say we not well that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a demon?” <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, “I have not a demon; but I honor My Father, and ye dishonor Me. <sup>50</sup> But I seek not Mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. <sup>51</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, ‘If a man keep My word, he shall never see death.’”

## Psalm 86

Psalm Tone IV

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P: IN **THE** - || day of my trouble I will call | up- | on | You, | -  
For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.

C: || Bow down Your ear, | O | Lord, | hear | me;  
For I | am | poor | and | need- | y.

P: || Preserve my life, for | I | am | ho- | ly;  
You are my God; Save Your ser- | vant | who | trusts | in | You!

C: || Be merciful to | me, | O | Lord, | -  
For I cry | to | You | all | day | long.

P: || Rejoice the soul | of | Your | ser- | vant,  
For to You, O Lord, | I | lift | up | my | soul.

C: || For You, Lord, are good, and ready | to | for- | give, | -  
And abundant in mercy to all those | who | call | up- | on | You.

P: || Give ear, O Lord, | to | my | *pray-er*; • | -  
And attend to the voice of | my | sup- | pli- | ca- | tions.

C: || In the day of my trouble I will | call | up- | on | You,  
For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.

P: || Among the gods there is none like | You, | O | Lord; | -  
Nor are there an- | y | works | like | Your | works.

C: || All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before |  
You, | O | Lord, | -  
And shall | glo- | ri- | fy | Your | name.

P: || For You are great, and do | won- | drous | things; | -  
You | a- | lone | are | — | God.

C: || Teach me Your way, O *Lord*; (+) I will walk | in | Your |  
truth; | -

Unite my | heart | to | fear | Your | name.

P: || I will praise You, O Lord my God, with | all | my | heart, | -  
And I will glorify Your | name | for- | ev- | er- | more.

C: || For great is Your mercy | to- | ward | me, | -  
And You have delivered my soul from | the | depths | of | She- |  
ol.

P: || O God, the proud have ris- | en | a- | gainst | me,

And a mob of violent men have sought my life, and have not |  
set | You | be- | fore | them.

C: || But You, O Lord, are a God full of compas- | sion, | and | gra- |  
cious,

Longsuffering and abundant | in | mer- | cy | and | truth.

P: || Oh, turn to me, and have | mer- | cy | on | me!

Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son | of | Your  
| maid- | ser- | vant.

C: || Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and |  
be | a- | shamed, | -

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, | -  
For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.