

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.

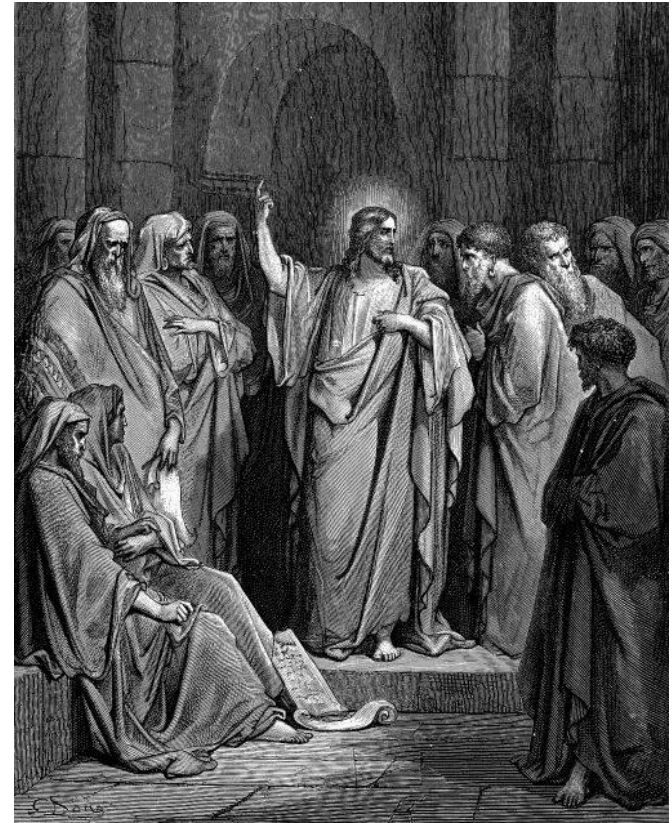
Collect for Judica

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both 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
March 20th, 2024

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“Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.”

St. Matthew 10:34

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn “Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke” TLH 177
Stand

The Opening Versicles

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

The Psalmody Psalm 27, Tone VI The Psalter, p. 36

Sit
The Lection 1 Corinthians 1:21-31
St. Matthew 10:32-42

The Response (After each reading) ASBH2 p. 28

The Responsory ASBH2 p. 29-30

The Hymn “Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing” TLH 144

The Sermon *I Came Not to Send Peace*
An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.

Stand

The Office Hymn “Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God” ASBH 24

The Versicle ASBH2 p. 30

The Canticle “The Magnificat” ASBH2 p. 31

The Litany (All may kneel) ASBH2 p. 44-48

The Collect for Judica (Passion Sunday) ASBH p. 74

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 Sacrament of the Altar (pages 25-26) & Questions 312-319 (Part V, The Office of the Keys, and Confession. How the Unlearned Should Be Taught to Confess, pages 138-140).

Announcements

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

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

1 Corinthians 1:21-31

²¹ For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe. ²² Seeing that Jews ask for signs, and Greeks seek after wisdom: ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, unto Jews a stumblingblock, and unto Gentiles foolishness; ²⁴ but unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For behold your calling, brethren, that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: ²⁷ but God chose the foolish things of the world, that He might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that He might put to shame the things that are strong; ²⁸ and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, *yea* and the things that are not, that He might bring to nought the things that are: ²⁹ that no flesh should glory before God. ³⁰ But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption: ³¹ that, according as it is written, “He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

St. Matthew 10:32-42

³² “Every one therefore who shall confess Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whosoever shall deny Me before men, Him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven. ³⁴ Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law: ³⁶ and a man’s foes *shall be* they of his own household. ³⁷ He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And he that doth not take his cross and follow after Me, is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it. ⁴⁰ He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me. ⁴¹ He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴² And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.”

Psalm 27



P: THE **LORD** - || is my light and my salvation; Whom | shall | I | fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall | I | **be** - | a- |
fraid?

C: || When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my ene- | mies
| and | foes,
They | stum- | **bled** - | and | fell.

P: || Though an army may encamp against me, my heart | shall | not | fear;
Though war should rise against me, in this I will | be |
con- - | fi- | dent.

C: || One thing I have desired of the Lord, that | will | I | seek:
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;
In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set
me high | up- | **on** - | a | rock.

C: || And now my head shall be lifted *up* (+) above my enemies all | a- |
round | me;
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!
Have mercy also upon me, | and | **ans**- - | wer | me.

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

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

C: || When my father and my mother | for- | sake | me,
Then the Lord will | take | **care** - | of | me.

P: || Teach me Your | way, | O | Lord,
And lead me in a smooth path, because of | my | **en**- - | e- | mies.



C: || Do not deliver me to the will of my ad- | ver- | sa- | ries;
For false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe | out
| **vi**- - | o- | lence.

P: || I would | have | lost | heart,
Unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in
the land | of | **the** - | liv- | ing.

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

P: || The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom | shall | I | fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall | I | **be** - | a- |
fraid?