

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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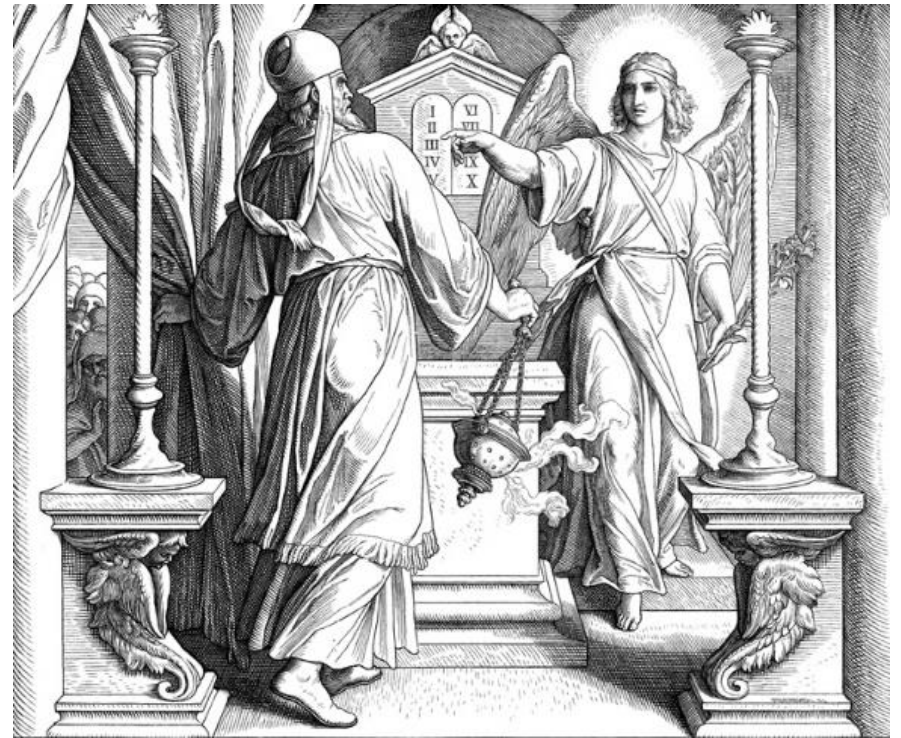
Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 Ad te levavi

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

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Midweek Advent Vespers
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“Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.”

St. Luke 1:13

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn “Glad Hosanna! David’s Son” INSERT

Stand

The Opening Versicles ASBH2 p. 27

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

The Psalmody Psalm 143 INSERT

Sit

The Lection Colossians 1:12-23

St. Luke 1:1-25

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

The Responsory ASBH2 p. 29-30

The Hymn “When Sinners See Their Lost Condition” TLH 65

The Sermon *He Had Seen a Vision*

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

Stand

The Office Hymn “Savior of the Heathen, Come” Δ ASBH 1

The Versicle ASBH2 p. 30

The Canticle “The Magnificat” ASBH2 p. 31

The Litany (*All may kneel*) ASBH2 p. 44-46

The Collect Ad te levavi ASBH p. 45

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

The Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 321-333 (Part VI. The Sacrament of the Altar, What the Lord’s Supper Is, pages 141-145).

Announcements

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

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

Colossians 1:12-23

¹²Giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; ¹³who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love; ¹⁴in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins: ¹⁵who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in Him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through Him, and unto Him; ¹⁷and He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. ¹⁹For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in Him should all the fulness dwell; ²⁰and through Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens. ²¹And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, ²²yet now hath He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unreprouable before him: ²³if so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and stedfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all creation under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister.

St. Luke 1:1-25

¹Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, ²even as they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, ³it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou wast instructed.

⁵There was in the days of Herod, king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abijah: and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

⁸Now it came to pass, while he executed the priest’s office before God in the order of his course, ⁹according to the custom of the priest’s office, his lot was to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said unto him, “Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. ¹⁴And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. ¹⁶And many of the children of Israel shall he turn unto the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he shall go before His face in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to walk in the wisdom of the just; to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for Him.” ¹⁸And Zacharias said unto the angel, “Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.” ¹⁹And the angel answering said unto him, “I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings. ²⁰And behold, thou shalt be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because thou believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.” ²¹And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they marvelled while he tarried in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: and he continued making signs unto them, and remained dumb. ²³And it came to pass, when the days of his ministration were fulfilled, he departed unto his house.

²⁴And after these days Elisabeth his wife conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵“Thus hath the Lord done unto me in the days wherein He looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men.”

Season
Glad Hosanna! David's Son

Benjamin Schmolck, 1712

Tr., Emanuel Cronenwett, 1880

Saxony

Andreas Hammerschmidt, 1658

1. Glad Ho - san - na! Da - vid's Son
2. Glad Ho - san - na! wel - come Thou!
3. Glad Ho - san - na! King of Kings,
4. Glad Ho - san - na! hon - ored Guest,

Comes to Zi - on; come, a - dore Him;
We go forth with praise to meet Thee.
Prince of Peace, He - ro vic - to - rious!
We too are Thy sub - jects roy - al,

O set up the re - gal throne,
Wait - ing hearts in hom - age now
Thy a - chieve - ment for us brings
Cho - sen by Thee to be blest:

Raise a thou - sand arch - es o'er Him;
Lay we at Thy feet to greet Thee;
Spoils of war - fare rich and glo - rious,
May we e'er to Thee prove loy - al,

Strew the palm, pre - pare His way,
En - ter Thou our por - tals, Lord,
Thy do - min - ion will en - dure,
And Thy scep - ter ne'er dis - own;

This is high re - cep - tion day.
Wel - comed by us and a - dored.
And Thy realm a - lone stand sure.
In us, Lord, rule Thou a - lone! A - men.

5. Glad Hosanna! Nazarene,
For Thy meekness we adore Thee.
Though a servant's humble mien
Would conceal Thine inner glory
Zion doth still know and own
Thee as God's and David's Son.

6. Glad Hosanna! help, good Lord;
Grand success and grace, we pray Thee.
May we all with one accord
With an upright heart obey Thee.
Thou wilt everyone receive
Who will hear Thee and believe.

7. Glad Hosanna! let us here
O'er low Olivet attend Thee,
Till we shall for aye revere
Thee on high; O thither wend we.
There's our heav'nly Bethphage;
High Hosanna there to Thee!

8. Glad Hosanna! we accord
Thee our welcome, and implore Thee.
Come, Thou blessed of the Lord!
Joyous hearts are open for Thee
Glad Hosanna! art Thou near?
Hallelujah! Thou art here!

Psalm 143

Psalm Tone VI

Flex



Antiphon HEAR MY || prayer, O LORD, give ear to my sup- | pli- | ca- | tions: *

In Thy faithfulness answer me, and in | Thy | **right-** | eous- | ness.

2 || And enter not into judgment with | Thy | ser- | vant: *

For in Thy sight shall no man living be | jus- | **ti-** | fi- | ed.

3 || For the enemy hath persecuted my *soul*; (+) He hath smitten my life down | to | the | ground; *

He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that | have | **been** | long | dead.

4 || Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed | with- | in | me; *

My heart within me | is | **des-** | o- | late.

5 || I remember the days of *old*; (+) I meditate on | all | Thy | works; *

I muse on the | work | **of** | Thy | hands.

6 || I stretch forth my hands | un- | to | Thee: *

My soul thirsteth after Thee, as | a | **thirs-** | ty | land.

Selah.

7 || Hear me speedily, O *LORD*: (+) my spir- | it | fail- | eth: *

Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down | in- | **to** | the | pit.

8 || Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morn -*ing*; (+) For in Thee | do | I | trust: *

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; For I lift up my | soul | **un-** | to | Thee.

9 || Deliver me, O LORD, from mine | en- | e- | mies: *

I flee unto | Thee | **to** | hide | me.

10 || Teach me to do Thy *will*; (+) for Thou | art | my | God: *

Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land | of | **up-** | right- | ness.

11 || Quicken me, O LORD, for | Thy | Name's | sake: *

For Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul | out | **of** | trou- | ble.

12 || And of Thy mercy cut off mine | en- | e- | mies, *

And destroy all them that afflict my soul: For I | am | **Thy** |

ser- | vant.

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.

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