

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, 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.

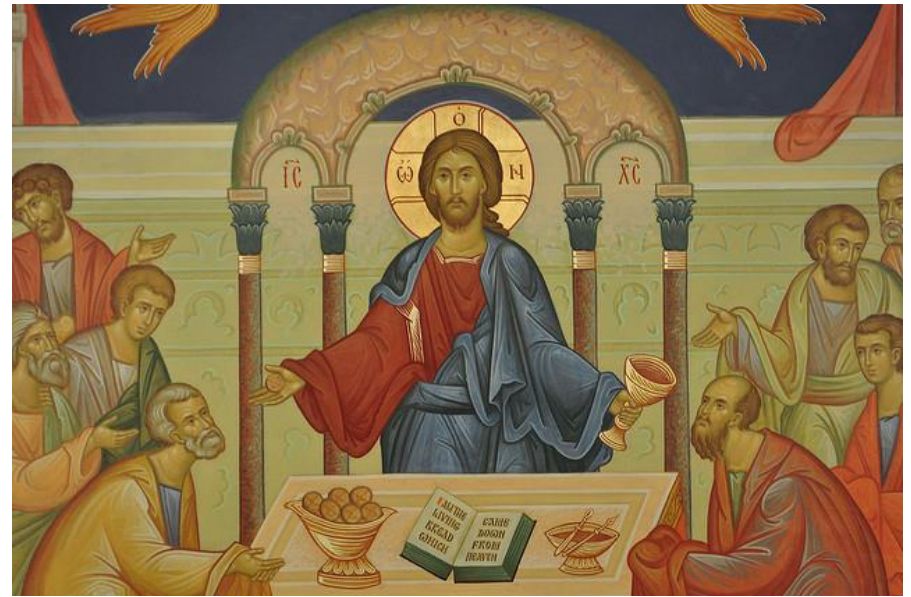
Collect for Laetare

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; 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
April 2nd, 2025

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“I Am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: yea and the bread which I will give is My flesh, for the life of the world.” St. John 6:51

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” TLH 149

Stand

The Opening Versicles ASBH2 p. 27

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

The Psalmody Psalm 139, Tone VI INSERT

Sit

The Lection 2 Peter 1:2-11

St. John 6:36-51

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

Stand

The Responsory ASBH2 p. 29-30

Sit

The Hymn “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” TLH 154

The Sermon *This Is the Will of My Father*

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

Stand

The Office Hymn “Christ, the Life of All the Living” ASBH 23

The Versicle ASBH2 p. 30

The Canticle “The Magnificat” ASBH2 p. 31

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

The Collect for Laetare ASBH p. 73

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

Christian Questions with Their Answers (pages 34-38) & Questions 171-183 (Part II. The Creed. The Third Article. Of Sanctification. Of the Holy Ghost, pages 94-98).

Announcements

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

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

2 Peter 1:2-11

² Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that called us by His own glory and virtue; ⁴ whereby He hath granted unto us His precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust. ⁵ Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in *your* virtue knowledge; ⁶ and in *your* knowledge self-control; and in *your* self-control patience; and in *your* patience godliness; ⁷ and in *your* godliness brotherly kindness; and in *your* brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. ¹⁰ Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: ¹¹ for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

St. John 6:36-51

³⁶ “But I said unto you, that ye have seen Me, and yet believe not. ³⁷ All that which the Father giveth Me shall come unto Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. ³⁸ For I am come down from heaven, not to do

Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. ³⁹ And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that of all that which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on Him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” ⁴¹ The Jews therefore murmured concerning Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down out of heaven.” ⁴² And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how doth He now say, ‘I am come down out of heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus answered and said unto them, “Murmur not among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No man can come to Me, except the Father that sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up in the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Every one that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, cometh unto Me. ⁴⁶ Not that any man hath seen the Father, save He that is from God, He hath seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, ‘He that believeth hath eternal life.’ ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which cometh down out of heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: yea and the bread which I will give is My flesh, for the life of the world.”

Psalm 139

Psalm Tone VI

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Antiphon O LORD, || Thou hast searched me, | and | known | me. *

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my | thought | **a-** | far | off.

3 || Thou compassest my path and my | ly- | ing | down, *

And art acquainted | with | **all** | my | ways.

4 || For there is not a word | in | my | tongue, *

But, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it | al- | **to-** | geth- | er.

5 || Thou hast beset me behind | and | be- | fore, *

And laid Thine | hand | **up-** | on | me.

6 || Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful | for | me; *

It is high, I cannot at- | tain | **un-** | to | it.

7 || Whither shall I go from | Thy | Spir- | it? *

Or whither shall I flee | from | **Thy** | pre- | sence?

8 || If I ascend up into heaven, | Thou | art | there: *

If I make my bed in hell, be- | hold, | **Thou** | art | there.

9 || If I take the wings of | the | morn- | ing, *

And dwell in the uttermost | parts | **of** | the | sea;

10 || Even there shall Thy | hand | lead | me, *

And Thy right | hand | **shall** | hold | me.

11 || If I say, "Surely the darkness shall | cov- | er | me;" *

Even the night shall be | light | **a-** | bout | me.

12 || Yea, the darkness hideth not from *Thee*; (+) But the night shineth | as | the | day: *

The darkness and the light are both | a- | **like** | to | *Thee*.

13 || For Thou hast possess- | ed | my | reins: *

Thou hast covered me in | my | **moth-** | er's | womb.

14 || I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonder- | ful- | ly | made: *

Marvellous are Thy works; And that my soul | know- | **eth** | right | well.

15 || My substance was not hid from *Thee*, (+) when I was made | in | sec- | ret, *

And curiously wrought in the lowest | parts | **of** | the | earth.

16 || Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being | un- | per- | fect; *

And in Thy book all my mem- | bers | **were** | writ- | ten,

|| Which in continuance were | fash- | ion- | ed, *

When as yet there | was | **none** | of | them.

17 || How precious also are Thy thoughts unto | me, | O | God! *

How great is | the | **sum** | of | them!

18 || If I should count them, they are more in number | than | the | sand: *

When I awake, I | am | **still** | with | *Thee*.

19 || Surely Thou wilt slay the wick- | ed, | O | God: *

Depart from me therefore, | ye | **blood-** | y | men.

20 || For they speak against Thee | wick- | ed- | ly, *

And Thine enemies take | Thy | **Name** | in | vain.

21 || Do not I hate them, O LORD, | that | hate | *Thee*? *

And am not I grieved with those that rise | up | **a-** | gainst | *Thee*?

22 || I hate them with per- | fect | hat- | red: *

I count them | mine | **en-** | e- | mies.

23 || Search me, O God, and | know | my | heart: *

Try me, | and | **know** | my | thoughts:

24 || And see if there be any wicked | way | in | me, *

And lead me in the way | ev- | **er-** | last- | ing.

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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