

Order of Vespers

Stand

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

PSALMODY

Psalm 22

P: Lord, be not far from me, for trouble is near

C: and there is none to help

P: they open wide their mouths at me

C: like a roaring lion.

P: I am poured out like water,

C: and all my bones are out of joint.

P: My heart is like wax

C: it is melted within my chest

P: my mouth is dried up like a potsherd

C: and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth

P: for evildoers surround me

C: they have pierced my hands and feet

P: I can count all my bones
C: they stare and gloat over me.

P: they divide my garments among them
C: and cast lots for my clothing

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Be not far from me, for trouble is near
C: and there is none to help

Sit

HYMN: #447 (stanzas 1-3; 13-15)

FIRST READING – *Isaiah 55:1-5*

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of
Israel,
for he has glorified you.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING –

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God, ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who

conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING –

John 19:28-34

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

SERMON

Stand

HYMN “My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord.” # 934

OFFERING

+ PRAYERS +

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTS

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: **And let my cry come to You.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, during your earthly ministry you healed all manner of infirmity and illness. We ask you to remember _____. If it be your will, mercifully grant physical healing. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, Your Son's chalice is filled with the streams of living water that flow from His spear-pierced side. Grant us a thirst for His Sacrament, that having tasted His blood, which is true drink, we may be filled with His unending life and never perish; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

HYMN: “Behold the Man”

Behold the man before you:
The One who would restore you
Stands silent in your stead.
He waits for His conviction—
Your rightful crucifixion.
He bows His holy, weary head.

Hands, feet, and shoulders bleeding,
To God the Father pleading
For your own heart and soul.
Come, sinner, watch in wonder:
His body laden under
The ransom of your sin in whole.

Exposed and bare, He covers
Your shame with grace that hovers
Upon you night and day.
His final breath expended—
The reign of death upended.
His verdict kills the devil’s sway.

Continued ...

Behold your God, here buried:
Your sin and sorrows carried
Into the earthen tomb.
But wait with expectation:
The Lord of your salvation
Will rescue you from graven doom.

Christ, God and man, is living!
His risen body giving
Proof that our Savior won.
Your hands will raise to bless Him,
Your lips will e'er confess Him:
The born and dead and risen One!

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