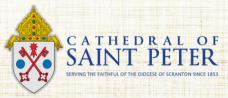


HOLY THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER

HOLY WEEK





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O God, K come to my assistance.

AII

Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory 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.

HYMN

See the reed, the gall so bitter,
See the nails and cruel spear,
As they pierce Christ's sacred Body,
Blood and water flowed in streams,
Which would cleanse the whole creation,
Giving life to all and each.

Faithful Cross beyond all others, Noble tree of priceless worth, Never forest was productive Of such blossom, leaf or seed. Honored wood, and nails more honored Christ as burden to sustain.

Bend your branches, tree exalted, Make your trunk a gentle bed, Change the hard and rigid nature Of the strength you raise on high, To receive the holy members
Of your dying Lord and King.
You alone were chosen worthy
Love's oblation to uphold,
For the Lamb bedewed your fibers
With the Blood divine he shed.
You revealed the sinner's haven
In a world condemned to die.

Equal glory be for ever
To the Father and the Son,
To the Holy Spirit also,
Blessèd Trinity in One;
Love and Mercy, Grace together,
Ransom and preserve us all. Amen.

PSALMODY SIT

Cantor, then All

Antiphon 1:

Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. *
Come quickly to my aid.



Psalm 80

Lord, come, take care of your vineyard

Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20)

Shepherd of Israel, hear us, * you who lead Joseph's flock, shine forth from your cherubim throne * upon Ephraim, Benjamin, Manasseh.

O Lord, rouse up your might, * O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, bring us back; * let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Lord God of hosts, how long * will you frown on your people's plea?

You have fed them with tears for their bread, * an abundance of tears for their drink.

You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, * our enemies laugh us to scorn.

God of hosts, bring us back; * let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; * to plant it you drove out the nations.

Before it you cleared the *ground*; * it took root and spread through *the*

The mountains were covered with its shadow, * the cedars of God with its boughs.

It stretched out its branches to the sea, *

to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its malls? * It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the *for*est, * devoured by the beasts of *the* field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, * look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, * the vine your right hand has planted.

Men have burnt it with fire and destroyed it. * May they perish at the frown of your face.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, * the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again: *
give us life that we may call upon
your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; * let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:

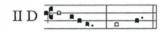
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forever. Amen.

AII

Antiphon 1: Look, O Lord, and see my *suffering*. *
Come quickly to *my* aid.

Antiphon 2:

God is my savior; * I trust in him and shall not fear.



Canticle (Isaiah 12:1-6)
Joy of God's ransomed people
If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink (John 7: 37)

I give you thanks, O Lord; * though you have been angry with me, your anger has abated, * and you have consoled me.

God indeed is my savior; * I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and courage is the Lord, * and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water * at the fountain of salvation,

and say on that day: * Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, * proclaim how exalted is his

Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; * let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, † for great in your midst * is the Holy One of Israel.

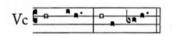
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy *Spir*it:
as it was in the begin*ning*, is now, * and
will be for ever. Amen.

AII

Antiphon 2: God is my savior; * I trust in him and shall not fear.

Cantor, then All

Antiphon 3: The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat; * he has filled us with honey from the rock.



Psalm 81
Solemn renewal of the Covenant
See that no one among you has a faithless heart (Hebrews 3:12)

R ing out your joy to God our strength, * shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound *the* timbrel, *
the sweet-sounding harp *and* the lute,
blow the trumpet at the *new* moon, *

when the moon is full, on our feast.

For this is Israel's law, * a command of the God of Jacob.

He imposed it as a rule on Joseph, *
when he went out against the land
of Egypt.

A voice I did not know said to me: * "I freed your shoulder from the burden; your hands were freed from the load. *

You called in distress and I saved you.

I answered, concealed in the storm cloud, * at the waters of Meribah I tested you.

Listen, my people, to my warning, * O Israel, if only you would heed!

Let there be no foreign god among you, * no worship of an alien god.

I am the Lord your God, † who brought you from the land of Egypt. * Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

But my people did not heed my voice * and Israel would not obey,

so I left them in their stubbornness of heart * to follow their own designs.

O that my people would heed me, * that Israel would walk in my ways!

At once I would subdue *their* foes, * turn my hands against their enemies.

The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet * and their subjection would last for ever.

But Israel I would feed with finest wheat * and fill them with honey from the rock."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

AII

Antiphon 3: The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat; * he has filled us with honey from the rock.

READING Hebrews 2: 9-10

We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, that through God's gracious will he might taste death for the sake of all men. Indeed, it was fitting that when bringing many sons to glory God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make their leader in the work of salvation perfect through suffering.

REFLECTION

RESPONSORY

By your own blood, Lord, * you brought us back to God.

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From every tribe, and tongue, and people and nation,

- you brought us back to God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

- By your own blood, Lord, * you brought us back to God.

Cantor, then All

Antiphon:

I have longed to eat this meal * with you before I suffer.



Blessed he be the Lord, the God of Israel; * he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a *mighty* savior, * born of the house of his ser*vant* David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old † that he would save us *from* our enemies, * from the hands of all *who* hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: * to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear, †
holy and righteous in his sight *
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

AII

Antiphon: I have longed to eat this meal * with you before I suffer.

INTERCESSIONS

The Father anointed Christ with the Holy Spirit to proclaim forgiveness to those in bondage. Let us humbly call upon the eternal priest:

Lord, have mercy on us.

You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory, bring your Church to the Passover feast of heaven.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance, heal our wounds.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

You made the cross the tree of life, give its fruit to those reborn in baptism.

- Lord, have mercy on us.

On the cross you forgave the repentant thief, forgive us our sins.

Lord, have mercy on us.

The Lord's Prayer



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