

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Wednesday in the Week of Judica (Lent 5): Passion Week
April 6, 2022**

**Order of Service: Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 109
Propers: *Treasury of Daily Prayer***

Opening Prayers

In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 our mouths, O Lord, to bless Your holy name. Cleanse our hearts from all vain, foolish, and wandering thoughts; enlighten our understanding, enkindle our affections, that we may recite this divine office with attention and devotion, and so may be fit to be heard before the Presence of Your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Versicles

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

† Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Praise be to You, O Christ, King of eter - nal glo - ry.

Invitatory and Venite

Christ, for our sakes, has endured temptation and suffering.

O come, let us worship Him.

O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.

O come, let worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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Office Hymn: 298, *Sing, My Tongue, How Glorious Battle, sts. 5-8*

Thirty years among us dwelling, His appointed time fulfilled,
Born for this, He meets His Passion, For that this He freely willed,
On the cross the Lamb is lifted Where His life-blood shall be spilled.

Faithful cross! Above all other, One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thy peer may be!
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron! Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Thou alone wast counted worthy This world's ransom to uphold;
For a shipwrecked race preparing Harbor, like the ark of old;
With the sacred blood anointed From the smitten Lamb that rolled.

To the Trinity be glory Everlasting, as is meet;
Equal to the Father, equal To the Son and Paraclete:
O Thou Three in One, Whose praises All created things repeat.

Psalm 130

Tone 2



Antiphon

Out of the `depths I have cried/ to `You, O *LORD*;

Psalm

² Lord, `hear my *voice*!/ Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my `supplications.

³ If You, LORD, should mark `iniquities,/ O Lord, `who could *stand*?

⁴ But there is for `givenness with You,/ That `You may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, `my *soul* waits,/ And in His `word I do hope.

⁶ My soul `waits for the Lord/ More than those who watch `for the morning;
Yes, `more than those/ who watch `for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, `hope in the LORD;/ For with the LORD `there is mercy,
And `with *Him*/ is abun`dant redemption.

⁸ And He shall re`deem Israel/ From all his `iniquities.

Antiphon

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Weekly Bible Verse Recitation: *Matthew 18:19*

[Jesus said to Peter as the representative of all the apostles:] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. *Matthew 18:19*

Weekly Catechism Recitation: *The Office of the Keys*

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is the special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners, but to retain the sins of the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

The evangelist writes, *John 20:22-23*: Jesus breathed on His disciples and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; And if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

First Lection: Exodus 4:1-18

Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’”

2 So the LORD said to him, “What *is* that in your hand?”

He said, “A rod.”

3 And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. **4** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), **5** “that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

6 Furthermore the LORD said to him, “Now put your hand in your bosom.” And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous, like snow. **7** And He said, “Put your hand in your bosom again.” So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his *other* flesh. **8** “Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. **9** And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from []the river and pour *it* on the dry *land*. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry *land*.”

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and [**b**]slow of tongue.”

11 So the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the LORD? **12** Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

13 But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send.”

14 So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: “Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. **15** Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. **16** So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. **17** And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs.”

18 So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, “Please let me go and return to my brethren who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive.”

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Wednesday Cantic: *Exultavit Cor Meum (Song of Hannah) – 1 Samuel 12*

Tone 7



Antiphon

You will show me `the path of life;/ In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures `forevermore.

Cantic

† My heart rejoices `in the *LORD*;/ My horn is exalt`ed in the *LORD*.

I smile at `my enemies,/ Because I rejoice in `Your salvation.

²“No one is holy like the *LORD*, For there is `none besides You,/ Nor is there any `rock like our God.

³“Talk no more so `very proudly;/ Let no arrogance `come from your mouth, For the *LORD* is the `God of knowledge;/ And by Him `actions are weighed.

⁴“The bows of the mighty `men are broken,/ And those who stumbled are `girded with strength.

⁶“The *LORD* kills `and makes alive;/ He brings down to the grave `and *brings* up.

⁷The *LORD* makes `poor and makes rich;/ He brings `low and lifts up.

⁸He raises the `poor from the dust/ And lifts the beggar `from the ash heap, To set them `among princes/ And make them inherit the `throne of glory.

For the pillars of the `earth are the *LORD*'s,/ And He has set the `world upon them.

⁹He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be si`lent in darkness./ For by strength no `man shall prevail.

¹⁰The adversaries of the *LORD* shall be brok`en in pieces;/ From heaven He will thun`der against them.

The *LORD* will judge the `ends of the earth./ He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of `His anointed.”

Antiphon

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Second Lection: *St. Mark 15:1-15*

Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led *Him* away, and delivered *Him* to Pilate. **2** Then Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

He answered and said to him, “*It is as you say.*”

3 And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing. **4** Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, “Do You answer nothing? See how many things [[a](#)]they testify against You!” **5** But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

6 Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. **7** And there was one named Barabbas, *who was* chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. **8** Then the multitude, [[b](#)]crying aloud, began to ask *him to do* just as he had always done for them. **9** But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” **10** For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. **12** Pilate answered and said to them again, “What then do you want me to do *with Him* whom you call the King of the Jews?”

13 So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!”

14 Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?”

But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!”

15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged *Him*, to be crucified.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

Hymn: 292, *O Dearest Jesus, sts. 1-5*

O dearest Jesus,
what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence
should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast
Thou to make confession –
What dark transgression?

They crown Thy head with thorns,
they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings
to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink,
they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

Whence come these sorrows,
whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which
Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath,
the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

What punishment
so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd does for
sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt
His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

The sinless Son of God
must die in sadness;
The sinful child of
man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life
and is acquitted –
God is committed.

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.
That we may rejoice and be glad.

Morning Canticle: *The Benedictus*

Antiphon

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Canticle

†“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He has visited and redeemed His people
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us; in the house of servant David;

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies; and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers; and to remember His holy covenant
To perform the oath which He swore to our father Abraham; that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him; all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you will go before the face of
the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited
us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into
the way of peace.

Antiphon

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father...

I believe in God the Father Almighty...

Prayers

For the Week of Judica (Lent 5): The Week of the Passion

We beseech You, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in both body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

For the Day from the Treasury of Daily Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You released many from their bondage to sin, death, and the devil as the healer of the nations. But when it came time to release You, the crowd chose a murderer instead. Through our co-crucifixion with You in the waters of our Baptism, may we continually be released from our sins as we confess You to be our everlasting King; in Your holy Name we pray. Amen.

For Various Needs

O Lord, merciful and holy Bridegroom; we grieve the fall of Your Church. It is our fault that the beauty of Your Bride is no longer recognized. Therefore we pray You: give and increase in us faith, love, and hope in You; root out of us all sins and vice, all strife, all disbelief, all error and heresy; rebuke the erring, convert the unbelievers, bring the rebellious again to the unity of the Christian Church and show them the light of Your truth. Protect our shepherd from all danger of body and soul. Bless all pastors and those who administer in the Church in the building of Your congregation; grant them success in all things. Equip Your whole Church with the power and proof of the holy faith. Stand by Your witnesses among the nations and further the course of Your Gospel in all the world. Fill all government with the fear of You and let their ruling serve to foster and preserve peace. Have mercy on our people and country. Let the youth be brought up in discipline and in a right knowledge of You, so that they may recognize Your law and the way of Your salvation. Give constancy and loyalty to all pious teachers. Comfort all the troubled and sorrowful. Impart health of body and soul to the sick. Grant to all pregnant women, according to Your mercy, a happy result in their childbearing. To the needy give bodily and spiritually according to Your good pleasure. Let those who travel be commended to the protection of Your holy angels. And be a strong help to all who need You. For the sake of Your wounds, O Jesus. Amen.

Collect for the Morning

O everlasting Jesus, who in the early morning gave Yourself to be reviled and scoffed at by Your enemies, visit us at this hour, we pray, with Your grace and mercy that throughout the day we may find peace and joy in all that serves to Your praise and glory, You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit †
be with us all. Amen.