

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.

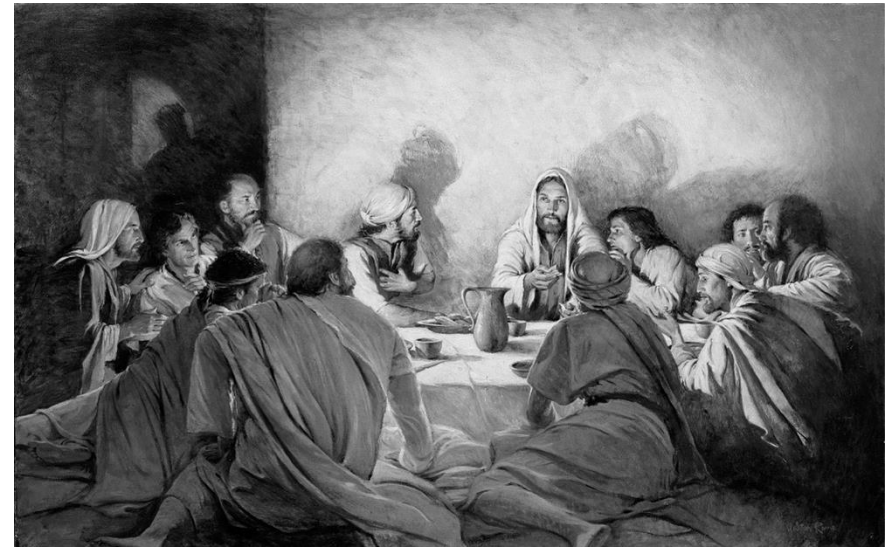
To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Invocavit

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; 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, our Father, 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.



Midweek Lenten Vespers
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“Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.” St. Luke 22:24

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Jesus I Will Ponder Now”</i>	TLH 140
<i>Stand</i>		
The Opening Versicles		TLH p. 41
The Gloria Patri	<i>(Omit Hallelujah)</i>	TLH p. 41
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<i>Sit</i>		
The Lection		James 1:2-15 St. Luke 22:24-32
The Response	<i>(After each reading)</i>	TLH p. 42
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The Sermon	<i>The One Who Serves</i>	
The Recitation of the Small Catechism		The Lord’s Prayer
The Offering		
The Office Hymn	<i>“Lamb of God Pure and Holy”</i>	TLH 146
<i>Stand</i>		
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The Salutation		TLH p. 45
The Collect for the Day		Back Cover
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The Benedicamus		TLH p. 45
The Benediction		TLH p. 45
Silent Prayer		

James 1:2-15

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹ Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, ¹⁰ but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. ¹¹ For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. ¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth

to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

St. Luke 22:24-32

²⁴ Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵ And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ ²⁶ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. ²⁸ But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” ³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

Psalm 16

Psalm Tone IV

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P: PRE- **SERVE** - || - | me, | O | God, | -

C: For in | You | I | put | my | trust.

P: || O my soul, you have said to the Lord, “You | are | my | Lord, | -

C: My goodness is noth- | ing | a- | part | from | You.”

P: || As for the saints who are on the earth, “They are the ex- | cel- | lent
| ones, | -

C: In whom | is | all | my | de- | light.”

P: || Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after an- | o- | ther |
god; | -

C: Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up |
their | names | on | my | lips.

P: || O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance | and | my | cup; | -

C: You | — | main- | tain | my | lot.

P: || The lines have fallen to me in | pleas- | ant | pla- | ces;

C: Yes, I have a | good | in- | her- | i- | tance.

P: || I will bless the Lord who has giv- | en | me | coun- | sel;

C: My heart also instructs me | in | the | night | sea- | sons.

P: || I have set the Lord al- | ways | be- | fore | me;

C: Because He is at my right hand | I | shall | not | be | moved.

P: || Therefore my heart is glad, and my glo- | ry | re- | joi- | ces;

C: My flesh al- | so | will | rest | in | hope.

P: || For You will not leave my | soul | in | She- | ol,

C: Nor will You allow Your Holy One | to | see | cor- | rup- |
tion.

P: || You will show me the | path | of | life; | -

C: In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are
plea- | sures | for- | ev- | er- | more.

ALL: 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.

P: || Preserve | me, | O | God, | -

C: For in | You | I | put | my | trust.

TLH 140 “Jesus I Will Ponder Now”

Sigismund von Birken, 1653

1. Jesus, I will ponder now
On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Thy suff’ring, pain, and death,
That I may not perish.
2. Make me see Thy great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Thy crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails, did wound Thee,
How for man Thou diedst, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned Thee.
3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Thy Passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This indeed the cause hath been
Of Thy crucifixion.
4. Grant that I Thy Passion view
With repentant grieving
Nor Thee crucify anew
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev’ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God’s only Son
Suffered without measure?
5. If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm,
Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee
And Thy holy Passion.
If His Son so loveth me,
God must have compassion.
6. Grant that I may willingly
Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee,
Peace mid pain and losses.

May I give Thee love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heaven above
Sing Thy praise forever. Amen.

TLH 142 “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

Paul Gerhardt, 1648

1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of all men bearing;
And laden with the sins of Earth,
None else the burden sharing!
Goes patient on, grow weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer;
Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery, and saith,
“Willing all this I suffer.”
2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great Friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
“Go forth, My Son,” the Father saith,
“And free men from the fear of death,
From guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Thy Passion men shall share
The fruit of Thy salvation.”
3. “Yea, Father, yea, most willingly
I’ll bear what Thou commandest;
My will conforms to Thy decree,
I do what Thou demandest.”
O wondrous Love, what hast Thou done!
The Father offers up His Son!
The Son, content, descendeth!
O Love, how strong Thou art to save!
Thou beddest Him within the grave
Whose word the mountains rendeth.
4. From morn till eve my theme shall be
Thy mercy’s wondrous measure;
To sacrifice myself for Thee
Shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be
A current flowing ceaselessly,
Thy constant praise outpouring.
I’ll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all Thou hast done for me,
Thy gracious love adoring.

5. Of death I am no more afraid,
New life from Thee is flowing;
Thy cross affords me cooling shade
When noonday's sun is glowing.
When by my grief I am opprest,
On Thee my weary soul shall rest
Serenely as on pillows.
Thou art my Anchor when by woe
My bark is driven to and fro
On trouble's surging billows.

6. And when Thy glory I shall see
And taste Thy kingdom's pleasure,
Thy blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure.
When I appear before Thy throne,
Thy righteousness shall be my crown,—
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought
As Thine own bride, I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside Thee. Amen.

TLH 146 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

1. Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

2. Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

3. Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus! Amen.