

Lauds – Holy Week Vigil

Opening Prayer

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Psalm 57 - Miserere mei, Deus

Antiphon: **In the shadow of your wings | I take refuge *
Lord, have | mercy on me.**

- ¹ Be merciful to me, O | God, be merciful, *
for I have taken ref-|uge in you;
in the shadow of your wings will | I take refuge *
until this time of trouble | has gone by.
- ² I will call upon you, the | Most High God, *
the God who main-|tains my cause.
- ³ You will send from heaven and save me;
you will confound those who tram-|ple upon me; *
you will send forth your love | and your faithfulness.
- ⁴ I lie in the midst of lions that de-|vour the people; *
their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue | a sharp sword.
- ⁵ They have laid a net for my feet, and I | am bowed low; *
they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into | it themselves.
- ⁶ Exalt yourself above the heav-|ens, O God, *
and your glory over | all the earth.
- ⁷ My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my | heart is fixed; *
I will sing | and make melody.
- ⁸ Wake up, my spirit; awake, | lute and harp; *
I myself will wa-|ken the dawn.
- ⁹ I will confess you among the peo-|ples, O Lord; *
I will sing praise to you a-|mong the nations.
- ¹⁰ For your loving-kindness is greater | than the heavens, *
and your faithfulness reaches | to the clouds.
- ¹¹ Exalt yourself above the heav-|ens, O God, *
and your glory over | all the earth.

Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Reading – Hosea 14:1-3, 5-9

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God; your iniquity was the cause of your downfall. Provide yourself with words and come back to the Lord. Say to him, ‘Take all iniquity away, so that we may have happiness again and offer you our words of praise.’

I will heal their disloyalty, I will love them with all my heart, for my anger has turned from them. I will fall like a dew on Israel. They shall bloom like a lily, and thrust out roots like a poplar, their shoots will spread far; they will have the beauty of the olive, and the fragrance of Lebanon. They will come back to live in my shade; they will grow corn that flourishes, they will cultivate vines as renowned as the wine of Helbon. What has Ephraim to do with idols any more, when it is I who hear his prayer and care for him? I am like a cypress, ever green, all your fruitfulness comes from me.

Pause for silent reflection.

Benedictus

Blessed 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 Saviour,*
born of the house of his servant 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 that 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 call 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.**

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Responsory

Lord, you have delivered us by your sacrifice:

Help us to live by your new and eternal covenant.

We accept this new day as your gift to us:

Let us follow you in newness of life.

Through the blood and water flowing from your side.

Pour out the light of the Spirit upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

Concluding Prayer

Lord God,
your food was to do the will of your Father.
Make us attentive this day to the call of the Spirit,
and give us the strength to respond to him in humility,
for you are our help
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with us through this day,
and with all those we love. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.