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Vespers

Vespers (LW, pp. 224-35), meaning “evening” (from the Latin *vespera*), was originally known as lucernarium, as candles or lamps were lit in the course of its liturgy. Vespers was originally part of the night office, but by the time of Saint Benedict, it was transferred to the early evening or late afternoon. In structure, Vespers is very similar to Matins as both services provide for the praise of God in psalmody, hymns, and canticles, the opportunity for the reading and proclamation of God’s Word, and space for the prayers of the faithful.

“As human beings learn to talk by listening to others around them, so liturgical prayer must be learned by listening to the “Our Father,” to the Word addressed to us, and to the company of the family of God among whom we live. Where that lively and life-giving Word is received in the heart of faith, the prayer that is “conversation with God” happens.”— Dr. Ken Korby

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 5, 2023



Introit (*Ps. 102:1, 3-4, 12; antiphon: Phil. 2:10, 8b, 11b*)

At the name of Jesus every | knee should bow,*
in heaven and on earth and un- | der the earth.
[He became] obedient to the point of death, even death | on a cross.*
[Therefore he] is Lord, to the glory of God the | Father.
Hear my prayer, | O LORD;*
let my cry | come to you!
For my days pass a- | way like smoke,*
and my bones burn like a | furnace.
My heart is struck down like grass and has | withered;*
I forget to | eat my bread.
But you, O LORD, are enthroned for- | ever;*
you are remembered throughout all gener- | ations.
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in heaven and on earth and un- | der the earth.
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[Therefore he] is Lord, to the glory of God the | Father.

Collect of the Day

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*Ps. 69:17, 1-2a*)

Hide not your face from your | servant; for I am | in distress;*
make haste to | answer me.
Save me, O God! For the waters have come up | to my neck.*
I sink in deep mire, where there is no | foothold.

Tract (*Ps. 102:1-2, 13*)

Hear my prayer, | O LORD;*
let my cry | come to you!
Do not hide your face from me in the day of | my distress!*
Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day | when I call!
You will arise and have pity on | Zion;*
it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

ORDER OF VESPERS

LSB 229

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn LSB 426

Opening Versicles*

Lent Ascription of Praise* ... LSB 229

Introit*—*See Propers*

Office Hymn LSB 440

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament Isaiah 62:11—63:7

Gradual*—*See Propers*

Epistle.....Revelation 1:5b-7

Tract*—*See Propers*

Gospel...John 13:16-38

Lent Responsory.....LSB 231

Sermon *Vicar Noah Kerstein*

Canticle*... **LSB 434**

Kyrie* LSB 233

The Litany..... LSB 288

Benedicamus* LSB 234

Benediction* LSB 234

Closing Hymn.....LSB 451

Announcements

Postlude

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 426.....When I Survey
the Wondrous Cross

OFFICE HYMN

LSB 440.....Jesus, I Will
Ponder Now

CANTICLE

LSB 434 ..Lamb of God, Pure
and Holy

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 451.....Stricken,
Smitten, and Afflicted

Epistle: Revelation 1: 5b – 7

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:11—63:7

¹¹Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.”¹² And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.^{63:1} Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? “It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.”² Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? ³“I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.”⁴ For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come.⁵ I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me.⁶ I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”⁷ I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Holy Gospel: John 13:16–38

¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke.²³ One of his disciples,

whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus,²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?”²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.”²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.”³⁷ Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”³⁸ Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

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