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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

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

December 27, 2023

Introit (*Ps. 92:1-5; antiphon: John 20:31*)



These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the | Son of God*

And that by believing you may have life | in his name.

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*

to sing praise to your name, O | Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*

And your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp,*

To the melody | of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

How great are your works | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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And that by believing you may have life | in his name.

Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed in the doctrine of Your blessed apostle and evangelist John, may come to the light of everlasting life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

 (*Ps. 119:105, 103; 45:1a,c*)

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

How sweet are your words | to my taste,*
Sweeter than honey | to my mouth!

My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;*
My tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

ORDER OF VESPERS LSB 229

Opening Hymn LSB 517

vv. 1, 8, 3

Opening Versicles, Common Ascrip-
tion of Praise* LSB 229

Introit*—*See Propers*

Office Hymn LSB 523

First Reading..... Revelation 1:1-6

Gradual—*See Propers*

Epistle 1 John 1:1–2:2

Gospel* John 21:20–25

Common Responsory LSB 230

Sermon *Vicar Jacob Garrison*

Canticle* LSB 231-232

Kyrie* LSB 233

Lord’s Prayer* LSB 233

Collects* LSB 233

Prayers* LSB 233

Benedicamus* LSB 234

Benediction* LSB 234

Closing Hymn **LSB 505**

v. 1

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 517 vv. 1, 8, 3..... By All
Your Saints in Warfare

OFFICE HYMN

LSB 523 O Word of God
Incarnate

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 505 Triune God, Be
Thou Our Stay

Sing stanza 1, once

First Reading: Revelation 1:1–6

¹The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and 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 blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Epistle: 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and

the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

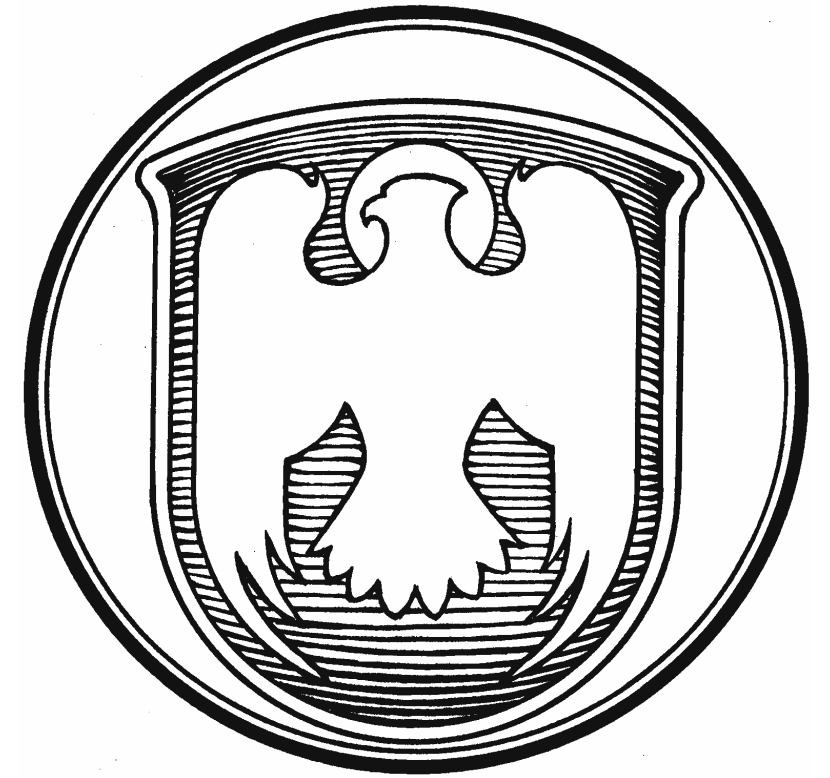
Holy Gospel: John 21:20-25

²⁰Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who had been reclining at table close to him and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” ²¹When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” ²²Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” ²³So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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