

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## Vespers

Vespers (LSB, pp. 229-234), 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*

## Monday in Holy Week

March 25, 2024

**Introit** (*Ps. 35:3, 11-12, 22; antiphon: Ps. 35:1-2*)



Contend, O LORD, with those who con- | tend with me;\*  
fight against those who fight a- | gainst me!  
Take hold of shield and | buckler\*  
and rise | for my help!  
Draw the spear and javelin against my pur- | suers!\*  
Say to my soul, “I am your sal- | vation!”  
Malicious witnesses | rise up;\*  
they ask me of things that I | do not know.  
They repay me e- | vil for good;\*  
my soul | is bereft.  
You have seen, O LORD; be not | silent!\*  
O Lord, be not | far from me!  
Contend, O LORD, with those who con- | tend with me;\*  
fight against those who fight a- | gainst me!  
Take hold of shield and | buckler\*  
and rise | for my help!

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual

 (*Ps. 35:23, 3*)

Awake and rouse yourself for my vindi- | cation,\*  
for my cause, my God | and my Lord!  
Draw the spear and javelin against my pur- | suers!\*  
Say to my soul, “I am your sal- | vation!”

### Tract

 (*Ps. 103:10; 79:8-9*)

He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.  
Do not remember against us our former in- | iquities;\*  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are  
brought | very low.  
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of | your name;\*  
deliver us, and atone for our sins, for | your name’s sake!

## ORDER OF VESPERS

LSB 229

**Opening Hymn** .....LSB 430

Opening Versicles\*

+omit *Gloria Patri*

Lent Ascription of Praise\* ... LSB 229

Introit\*—*See Propers*

**Office Hymn** .....LSB 434

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament ..... Isaiah 50:5-10

Gradual\*—*See Propers*

Epistle .....1 Peter 2:21-24

Tract\*—*See Propers*

Gospel... .....John 12:1-43

Lent Responsory .....LSB 231

Sermon..... *Vicar Jacob Garrison*

Canticle\* .....LSB 231

+omit *Gloria Patri*

Kyrie\* ..... LSB 233

Lord’s Prayer\* ..... LSB 233

Collects\* ..... LSB 233

Prayers\* ..... LSB 233

Benedicamus\* ..... LSB 234

Benediction\* ..... LSB 234

**Closing Hymn** ..... LSB 451

\*Please Stand

## OPENING HYMN

**LSB 430** .....My Song Is Love  
Unknown

## OFFICE HYMN

**LSB 434** ..... Lamb of God,  
Pure and Holy

## CLOSING HYMN

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

### Old Testament: Isaiah 50:5–10

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

### Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21–24

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

### Holy Gospel: John 12:1–43

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at the table. <sup>3</sup>Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” <sup>9</sup>When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.” <sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and

Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. <sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” <sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” <sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.



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Order of Vespers

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