

# Midweek Lenten Vespers

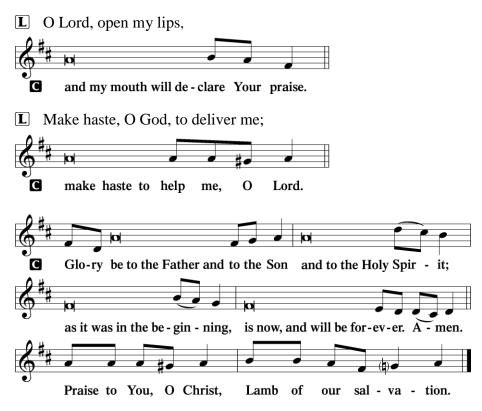


February 21, 2024

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

### 440 JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW (stanzas 1-3)

### **Lent Versicles**



# PSALMODY

Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted";

I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**440** JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW (stanzas 4-6)

# **READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE** Mark 14:12-31

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

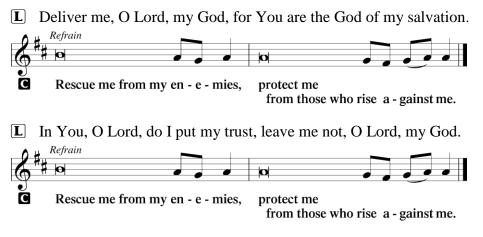
And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

### **Responsory** (Lent)



**L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.



#### SERMON





## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### COLLECTS

**P** The Lord be with you.



### **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

■ O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **C** Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS

**P** Let us bless the Lord.



#### BENEDICTION

**P** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



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# Lenten Midweek Services

Dinners to be served each week - 5:15 p 28 February, Lenten Midweek 3 - 6:30 p 6 March, Lenten Midweek 4 - 6:30 p 13 March, Lenten Midweek 5 - 6:30 p 20 March, Lenten Midweek 6 - 6:30 p

#### Holy Week

24 March, Palm Sunday - 930 a 28 March, Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p 29 March, Good Friday Tenebrae - 6:30 p 31 March, Easter - 6:30 & 9:30 a Easter breakfast to follow the Sunrise service