

A Guide to Vespers During Lent

7:00 P.M.

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*Ipsē autē vulneratus est propter iniquitates nostras
adtritū est propter scelera nostra*
“He was wounded for our iniquities, bruised for our crimes”
Wednesday of the Week of Oculi

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[We rise] **Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution** p. 185

Entr. Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #436
[stanzas 1-3]

The Office of Vespers p. 229

[The Liturgy is spoken during Lent]

[We are seated] **The Psalmody**

The Antiphon: The Lord has heard my plea: **The Lord accepts my prayer.**

Psalm 6.1-10

- O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger: neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.
- Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: **O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.**
- My soul is also sore vexed: **but Thou, O Lord, how long?**
- Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: **Oh, save me for Thy mercy's sake.**
- For in death there is no remembrance of Thee: **in the grave, who shall give Thee thanks?**
- I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim: **I water my couch with my tears.**
- Mine eyes are consumed because of grief: **it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.**
- Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: **for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.**
- The Lord hath heard my supplication: **The Lord will receive my prayer.**
- Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: **let them return and be ashamed suddenly.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Silent meditation

Psalm 11.1-7

- In the Lord put I my trust: **how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?**
- For, lo, the wicked bend their bow; they make ready their arrow upon the string: **that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.**
- If the foundations be destroyed: **what can the righteous do?**
- The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: **His eyes behold, His eyelids try the souls of men.**
- The Lord trieth the righteous: **but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth.**
- Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: **this shall be the portion of their cup.**
- For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: **His countenance doth behold the upright.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
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Silent meditation

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Office Hymn "When I Survey (2nd Tune) #426

The Readings from Holy Scripture p. 230

The First Reading Proverbs 30.5-9
[A shield to those who take refuge in Him]
O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God!**

The Second Reading Philippians 4.10-20
[God provides]
O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God!**

The Passion History According to the Four Gospels Pt. 3

The Responsory for Lent p. 231

The Sermon *Lenten Parables*

[We rise] **The Canticle for Vespers** p. 231

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise]

Voluntary "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" #422

The Prayers p. 233
Kyrie, Our Father

The Collect for Oculi: We beseech Thee, almighty and merciful Father, to look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

The Collect for Lent: O merciful and everlasting God, who hast not spared Thine only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen!**

The Collect for Peace: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

Collect for Peace, Benedicamus, Benediction p. 234

Lenten Final Hymn "Lord, Thee I Love" #708