

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!**

Benedicamus:

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Benediction:

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

Lenten Final Hymn “Lord, Thee I Love” #708

A Guide to Vespers During Lent

7:00 P.M.

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*Ipsae autem vulneratus est propter iniquitates nostras
adtritus est propter scelera nostra*
“He was wounded for our iniquities, bruised for our crimes”
Wednesday of the Week of Laetare

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[We rise]

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Entr. Hymn "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" #611

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[We are seated]

The Psalmody

The Antiphon: The Lord has heard my plea: *

The Lord accepts my prayer.

Psalm 51:1-9

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: **according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.**

² Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, **and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I acknowledge my transgressions: **and my sin is ever before me.**

⁴ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: **that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.**

⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; **and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

⁶ Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: **and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness; **that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.**

⁹ Hide thy face from my sins, **and blot out all mine iniquities.**
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.

[A time of brief meditation]

Psalm 51:10-19

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; **and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; **and take not thy holy spirit from me.**

¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; **and uphold me with thy free spirit.**

¹³ Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; **and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: **and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.**

¹⁵ O Lord, open thou my lips; **and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

¹⁶ For thou desirest not sacrifice; **else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.**

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: **a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**

¹⁸ Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: **build thou the walls of Jerusalem.**

¹⁹ Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: **then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.**

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,
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[A time of brief meditation]

The Antiphon: The Lord has heard my plea: *
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Office Hymn "When in the Hour of Deepest Need" #615

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The First Reading Ephesians 2.1-10

[*Dead in Sins*]

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God!**

The Second Reading Matthew 22.(1-10), 11-14

[*The Wedding Garment*]

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God!**

The Passion History According to the Four Gospels, Pt. 4
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The Sermon *Lenten Parables*

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

The Canticle is divided as follows (spoken):

C = Congregation

I = Pulpit Side

II = Lectern Side

[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 Laetare: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we beseech Thee that we, who do worthily deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**