

Holy Thursday Morning Prayer

Presider: O Lord, open my lips. *(Stand)*

All: *And my mouth will proclaim your praise.*

Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 99 (100)

Presider: Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted
and suffered for us.

All: – *Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted
and suffered for us.*

Presider: Rejoice in the Lord, all the earth,
and serve him with joy.
Exult as you enter his presence.

All: – *Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted
and suffered for us.*

Presider: Know that the Lord is God.
He made us and we are his
– his people, the sheep of his flock.

All: – *Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted
and suffered for us.*

Presider: Cry out his praises as you enter his gates,
fill his courtyards with songs.
Proclaim him and bless his name;
for the Lord is our delight.
His mercy lasts forever,
his faithfulness through all the ages.

All: – *Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted
and suffered for us.*

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.

Hymn

Gift of Finest Wheat

Chorus

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat,
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

Chorus

2.

With joyful lips we sing to You,
Our praise and gratitude,
That You should count us worthy Lord,
To share this heavenly food.

Chorus

3.

The mystery of Your presence Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell;
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

Chorus

Psalm 79 (80) (Sit)

Lord, tend your vine

Presider: Look, Lord, see my distress: answer me quickly.

Tabernacle Side:

Shepherd of Israel, listen –

you who take Joseph as your flock.

Shine out before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh –

you who are enthroned upon the cherubim.

Awaken your power and come to us,

come to us and save us.

Paschal Candle Side:

Bring us back, O God:

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Lord God of hosts –

how long will your anger endure

against the prayers of your people?

You have given us tears for our bread,

abundance of tears for us to drink.

Tabernacle Side:

You have made us a mockery among our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh at us.

Bring us back, O God of hosts:

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

planted it, and drove out the nations.

Paschal Candle Side:

You cleared the ground all about it,

made firm its roots; and it filled the land.

Its shade covered mountains,

its boughs shaded the cedars of God;

its leaves spread as far as the sea,

its shoots as far as the River.

So why did you destroy its wall,

so that anyone could pluck its fruit,

whoever was passing by?

Tabernacle Side:

The wild boar of the forest broke it,

every wild beast could graze off it.

Turn back, O God of hosts,

look down from heaven and tend this vine.

Protect the vine, for your right hand planted it;

and the son of man, whom you made strong.

The vine is burnt and dug up;

and they too will perish when they see you rebuke them.

Paschal Candle Side:

Stretch out your hand over your chosen one
over the son of man, whom you made strong –
and we will not forsake you, and you will give us life;
and we will call on your name.
Bring us back, Lord God of hosts:
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

All:

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.

All: Look, Lord, see my distress: answer me quickly.

Canticle

Isaiah 12

The rejoicing of a redeemed people

Presider: Behold, God is my salvation. I shall trust him, I shall not fear.

TS: I will praise you, Lord, for when you were angry with me
you calmed your rage and turned again to console me.
Behold, God is my salvation:
I will be confident, I will not fear;
for the Lord is my strength and my joy,
he has become my savior.

PS: And you will rejoice as you draw water
from the wells of salvation.
And then you will say:
“Praise the Lord and call upon his name.
Tell the peoples what he has done,
remember always the greatness of his name.

TS: Sing to the Lord, for he has done great things:
let this be known throughout the world.
Cry out with joy and gladness, you who dwell in Zion.
Great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

All: 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.

All: Behold, God is my salvation. I shall trust him, I shall not fear.

Psalm 80 (81)

Solemn renewal of the covenant

*Presider: The Lord has fed us with richest wheat and given us honey
from the rock to our heart's content.*

PS: Shout with joy to God our helper,
rejoice in the God of Jacob.
Take up the song, sound the timbrel,
play on the lyre and the harp.
At the start of the month, sound the trumpet,
at the full moon, at our festival.

TS: For this is the law for Israel,
the decree of the God of Jacob.
He gave it to Joseph, for a witness,
when he went out of the land of Egypt;
with words that had never been heard:
“I freed his back from burdens;
his hands were freed from heavy loads.

PS: In your tribulation you called on me and I freed you,
I heard you from the heart of the storm,
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
Listen, my people, and I will put my case –
Israel, if you would only hear me!

TS: You shall not have any strange god,
you shall not worship the gods of foreigners.
For I am the Lord, your God,
who led you out of the land of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I shall fill it.

PS: But my people did not hear my voice:
Israel did not turn to me.
So I let them go on in the hardness of their hearts,
and follow their own counsels.
If my people had heard me,
if only they had walked in my ways –

TS: I would swiftly have crushed their enemies,
stretched my hand over those who persecuted them.
The enemies of the Lord would be overcome with weakness,
Israel's would be the good fortune, for ever:
I would feed them full of richest wheat
and give them honey from the rock,
to their heart's content.

All: 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.

*All: The Lord has fed us with richest wheat and given us honey from
the rock to our heart's content.*

Short reading

Hebrews 2:9-10

We have seen Jesus crowned with glory and splendor because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his children into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation.

Short Responsory

You have redeemed us, Lord, with your blood.
– *You have redeemed us, Lord, with your blood.*
From every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
– *You have redeemed us, Lord, with your blood.*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
– *You have redeemed us, Lord, with your blood.*

The Messiah and his forerunner

Presider: I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer.

PS Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

TS Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

PS This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

TS You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

PS In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All Glory 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.

All: I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer.

Prayers and Intercessions

Presider: Christ is the eternal High Priest, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and sent to proclaim release for captives.
Humbly we pray to him:

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Presider: You went up to Jerusalem to undergo the Passion and thus enter into glory: lead your Church safely through to your eternal Paschal feast.

All – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Presider: It was by your will that, as you hung on the cross, your side was pierced by the soldier's lance – we too are wounded: heal us.

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Presider: By your decree, the cross has become the tree of life: give its fruit to all who are reborn in baptism.

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Presider: Hanging from that tree you pardoned the penitent thief: we too are sinners: pardon us.

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

All: 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.

Presider:

O God, it is right for us to love you and delight in you. Pour gifts upon us from your inexhaustible store of grace.

In your Son's death you made us hope for what we believe will come: in his resurrection, make us arrive where we are destined to be. He lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Presider:

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm; and may he lead us to eternal life.

All: AMEN

