

# *Holy Thursday*

OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER

ENTRANCE

*All STAND as the ministers enter*

VERSE

*All make the SIGN OF THE CROSS*

Presider O God, † come to my assistance.

ALL **Lord, make haste to help me.**

— *All BOW at the waist* —

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

— *All stand upright* —

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HYMN SUNG BY THE CANTORS

*Verbum supernum prodiens*  
TALLIS CANON

*The word of God proceeding forth, Yet leaving not his Father's side,  
And going to his work on earth Had reached at length life's eventide.*

*Soon by his own false friend betrayed, Giv'n to his foes, to death went he;  
His own true self, in form of bread, Christ gave his friends their life to be.*

*The manger, Christ their equal made; That upper room their souls' repast;  
The cross, their ransom dearly paid, And heav'n their high reward at last.*

*All praise and thanks to thee ascend For evermore, blest One in Three.  
O grant us life that shall not end In our true native land with thee.*

PSALM 80

Antiphon sung by the Cantors: *Look, O Lord, and see my suffering.  
Come quickly to my aid.*

Reader *O shepherd of Israel, hear us,*  
North you who lead Joseph's flock,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne,  
upon Ephraim, Benjamin, Manasseh.

South O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

North Lord God of hosts, how long  
will you frown on your people's plea?  
You have fed them with tears for their bread,  
an abundance of tears for their drink.

South You have made us the taunt of our neighbors,  
our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

North You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
Before it you cleared the ground;  
it took root and spread through the land.

South The mountains were covered with its shadow,  
the cedars of God with its boughs.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

North Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field.

South God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.  
People have burnt it with fire and destroyed it.  
May they perish at the frown of your face.

North May your hand be on the one you have chosen,  
the one you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

South God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

The Cantors repeat the Antiphon.

PSALM PRAYER

STAND

### CANTICLE OF ISAIAH

Antiphon sung by the Cantors: *God is my Savior; I trust, I shall not fear.*

Cantors *I give you thanks, O Lord; though you have been angry with me,  
your anger has abated, and you have consoled me.*

*God indeed is my Savior; I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the Lord;  
he has been my Savior.*

*With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation,  
and say on that day:*

*Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name;  
among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.*

*Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement;  
let this be known throughout all the earth.*

*Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

The Cantors repeat the Antiphon.

PRAYER

STAND

### PSALM 81

Antiphon sung by the Cantors: *The Lord has fed us with finest wheat;  
he has filled us with honey from the rock.*

Reader *Ring out your joy to God our strength,*  
North shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

South Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute,  
blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
when the moon is full, on our feast.

North For this is Israel's law,  
a command of the God of Jacob.  
God imposed it as a rule on Joseph,  
when he went out against the land of Egypt.

South A voice I did not know said to me:  
"I freed your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were freed from the load.  
You called in distress and I saved you.

North I answered, concealed in the storm cloud,  
at the waters of Meribah I tested you.  
Listen, O people, to my warning,  
O Israel, if only you would heed!

South Let there be no worship of a foreign god among you,  
I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you from the land of Egypt.  
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

North But my people did not heed my voice  
and Israel would not obey,  
So I left them in their stubbornness of heart  
to follow their own designs.

South O that my people would heed me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!  
At once I would subdue their foes,  
turn my hand against their enemies.

North The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet  
and their subjection would last forever.  
But Israel I would feed with finest wheat  
and fill them with honey from the rock."

The Cantors repeat the Antiphon.

PSALM PRAYER

*STAND*

*ALL ARE SEATED*

*Reading*  
Hebrews 2:9-10

## Responsory

PLEASE KNEEL

Cantors: *Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem.*  
For our sake, Christ was obedient even unto death.

## Canticle of Zechariah

PLEASE STAND

The Cantors sing the antiphon: *I have longed to eat this meal with you before I suffer.*

The Presider and Cantors chant the Canticle.

*All make the SIGN OF THE CROSS as the Canticle begins*

† *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
God has come to his people and set them free.  
God has raised us for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
God promised to show mercy to our ancestors  
and to remember the holy covenant.  
This was the oath God swore to Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in God's sight all the days of our life.  
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 God's people knowledge of salvation  
By the forgiveness of their sins.  
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 BOW at the waist —  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*  
— All stand upright —  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Cantors repeat the antiphon.

*Intercessions*

**All respond: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lord's Prayer*

*Collect of the Day*

*Blessing and Dismissal*

Presider The Lord be with you.

ALL **And with your spirit.**

Presider May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL **Amen.**

Presider Go in peace.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**