

**The Order of Vespers (Lent)**  
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P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**C: 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.**

**Psalm: # 91, p. 143**

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, *He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and from the noisome pestilence.*

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy shield and buckler.*

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor for the arrow that flieth by day;*

6 *Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.*

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but it shall not come nigh thee.*

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;*

Psa. 91.10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation. *Gloria Patri...*

**C: 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.**

**Reading: Luke 23.1-12**

1 And the whole multitude of them arose,

and led him unto Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.

3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean.

7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

8 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long *season*, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.**

**Hymn # 144**

**1. Jesus, grant that balm and healing**

In Thy holy wounds I find,  
Every hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning  
Keep me ere its first beginning.

2. Should some lust or sharp temptation  
Prove too strong for flesh and blood,  
Let me think upon Thy Passion,  
And the breach is soon made good.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"  
That the Tempter flee confounded.

3. If the world my heart entices  
On the broad and easy road  
With its mirth and luring voices,  
Let me think upon the load  
Thou didst carry and endure  
That I flee all thoughts impure,  
Banishing each wild emotion,  
Calm and blest in my devotion.

4. Every wound that pains or grieves me,  
By Thy stripes, Lord is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet  
Every bitter cup I meet;  
For Thy all-atoning Passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.

5. O my God, my Rock and Tower,  
Grant that in Thy death I trust,  
Knowing Death has lost his power  
Since Thou trod'st him in the dust.  
Savior, let Thine agony  
Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die, be my Protection,  
Light and Life and Resurrection. Amen.

*Sermon*

P: Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense:

**C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**C: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**

**A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.**

**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.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray:

*Several collects are prayed, concluding with the Collect for Peace. After each, the Amen is sung or said.*

**C: Amen.**

**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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

**Doxology # 644**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.