

# The Service of Matins

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## INVOCATION

**[M]** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup>

**[C]** Amen.

## MORNING SENTENCES

**[M]** In the morning, O LORD, You hear my voice;

**[C]** In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

*Psalm 5:3*

**[M]** My mouth is filled with your praise,

**[C]** and with your glory all the day.

*Psalm 71:8*

**[M]** O LORD, open my lips,

**[C]** and my mouth will declare your praise.

*Psalm 51:15*

**[C]** 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

*The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord* | **CW 135 (1-3)**

## READING — Holy Thursday

*John 13:1-15*

<sup>1</sup> Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father

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<sup>1</sup> The Sign of the Cross (☩) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism, "In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'"



had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

**[M]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** Praise be to you, O Christ!

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalms 37:1-7*

**[M]** Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

**[C]** For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

**[M]** Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**[C]** dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

**[M]** Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**[C]** Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

**[M]** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

**[C]** and your justice as the noonday.

**M** Be still before the LORD

**C** and wait patiently for him;

## CONFESSIOAL READING

*Large Catechism, V:39-44*

<sup>39]</sup> In conclusion, since we have now the true understanding and doctrine of the Sacrament, there is indeed need of some admonition and exhortation, that men may not let so great a treasure which is daily administered and distributed among Christians pass by unheeded, that is, that those who would be Christians make ready to receive this venerable Sacrament often. <sup>40]</sup> For we see that men seem weary and lazy with respect to it; and there is a great multitude of such as hear the Gospel, and, because the nonsense of the Pope has been abolished, and we are freed from his laws and coercion, go one, two, three years, or even longer without the Sacrament, as though they were such strong Christians that they have no need of it; <sup>41]</sup> and some allow themselves to be prevented and deterred by the pretense that we have taught that no one should approach it except those who feel hunger and thirst, which urge them to it. Some pretend that it is a matter of liberty and not necessary, and that it is sufficient to believe without it; and thus for the most part they go so far that they become quite brutish, and finally despise both the Sacrament and the Word of God.

<sup>42]</sup> Now, it is true, as we have said, that no one should by any means be coerced or compelled, lest we institute a new murdering of souls. Nevertheless, it must be known that such people as deprive themselves of, and withdraw from, the Sacrament so long a time are not to be considered Christians. For Christ has not instituted it to be treated as a show, but has commanded His Christians to eat and drink it, and thereby remember Him.

<sup>43]</sup> And, indeed, those who are true Christians and esteem the Sacrament precious and holy will urge and impel themselves unto it. Yet that the simple-minded and the weak who also would like to be Christians be the more incited to consider the cause and need which ought to impel them, we will treat somewhat of this point. <sup>44]</sup> For as in other matters pertaining to faith, love, and patience, it is not enough to teach and instruct only, but there is need also of daily exhortation, so here also there is need of continuing to preach that men may not become weary and disgusted, since we know and feel how the devil always opposes this and every Christian exercise, and drives and deters therefrom as much as he can.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

- C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- M** O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## **MORNING PRAYER**

- M** O God, you taught us by your holy apostle that we are buried with Christ by Baptism into death, that just as he was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also should walk in newness of life. Grant that we may walk in the grace of our baptisms, so that the old Adam in us may be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, together with all sins and evil lusts, and that again a new person may daily come forth and rise, who shall live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, your well-beloved Son, our Savior.
- C** Amen.

## **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

- C** I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

- M** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God!