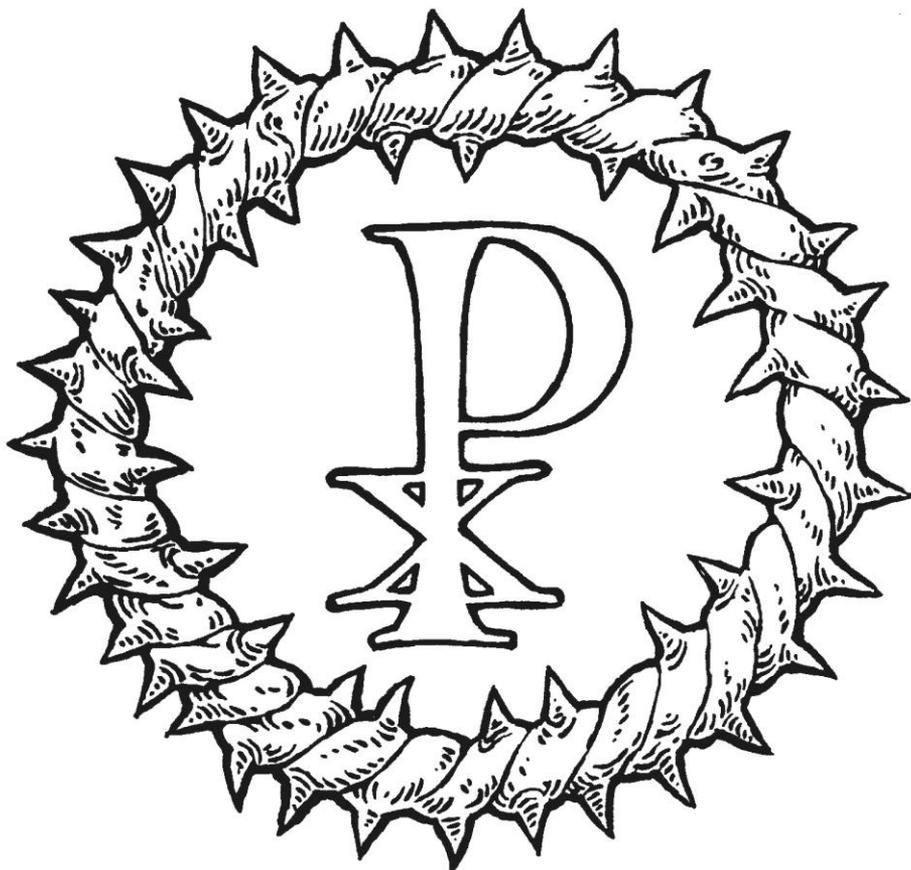


# Fourth Wednesday in Lent

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### Vespers

#### OPENING HYMN

*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

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- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
    Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
    And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
    Jesus sinners doth receive.
  
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
    Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
    Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
    Jesus sinners doth receive.
  
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
    No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
    Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
    Jesus sinners doth receive.
  
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee  
    With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
    Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
    Jesus sinners doth receive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

*Stand*

O Lord, open my lips, Psalm 51:15  
**And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**Make haste to help me, O Lord.** Psalm 70:1

**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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

**PSALM 51** - *responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against You, You only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You may be justified in Your words  
and blameless in Your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

<sup>6</sup> **Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,  
and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
and sinners will return to You.

<sup>14</sup> **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
<sup>16</sup> **For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**  
<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.  
<sup>18</sup> **Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;**  
<sup>19</sup> then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings  
and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on Your altar.  
**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.**

*Sit*

**OFFICE HYMN**      *Our Father, Who from Heaven Above* 766

1      Our Father, who from heav'n above  
             Bids all of us to live in love  
As members of one family  
             And pray to You in unity,  
Teach us no thoughtless words to say  
             But from our inmost hearts to pray.

2      Your name be hallowed, Help us Lord,  
             In purity to keep Your Word,  
That to the glory of Your name  
             We walk before You free from blame.  
Let no false teaching us pervert;  
             All poor deluded souls convert.

3      Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain  
             And Your eternal righteous reign.  
The Holy Ghost enrich our day  
             With gifts attendant on our way.

Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage;  
Preserve Your Church from age to age.

4 Your gracious will on earth be done  
As it is done before Your throne,  
That patiently we may obey  
Throughout our lives all that You say,  
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill  
That sets itself against Your will

5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
And let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;  
In plague and famine, spare our life,  
That we in honest peace may live,  
To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
That they may trouble us no more;  
We, too, will gladly those forgive  
Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community  
To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,  
Where our grim foe and all his horde  
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.  
Help us resist, help us to stand  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,  
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death,  
And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release,  
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe  
That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

## **First Reading**

## **2 Samuel 12:1-15a**

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, <sup>6</sup>and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup>And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and

have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ <sup>11</sup>Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die.” <sup>15</sup>Then Nathan went to his house.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Second Reading**

**Luke 7:36-50**

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked [Jesus] to eat with him, and He went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup>And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that He was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup>and standing behind Him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed His feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, He would have known who and

what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”<sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.”<sup>41</sup> “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.”<sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?”<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And He said to him, “You have judged rightly.”<sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.”<sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss My feet.”<sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with ointment.”<sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”<sup>48</sup> And He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”<sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?”<sup>50</sup> And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

O Lord, have mercy on us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

**RESPONSORY - Lent**

Psalm 51:14; 59:1; 141:8

Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Holm**

*Stand*

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

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

**MAGNIFICAT – Song of Mary**

Luke 1:46-55

**My Soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior; for He has regarded the lowliness of His hand-maiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. 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.**

**Kyrie**

Mark 10:47

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and  
ever. Amen.**

O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**And let my cry come to You.**

## **COLLECTS**

### **Thanksgiving for Protection from Evil**

O eternal and merciful God, I give eternal thanks to You that so far You have guarded me from countless evils and provided me with the protection of Your holy angels. Your gracious acts by which You have protected me from evil are even more numerous than the acts by which You give good things to me. Whenever I see others suffer evils of body and soul, I acknowledge Your kind mercy toward me. If, indeed, I am free from such cares and evils, I owe this only to Your goodness.

Most How great is the power of the devil. How great is his deceitfulness. Every time that wicked spirit, our powerfully cunning enemy, has tried to condemn me, I have been able to flee his net and find safety behind the shield of Your kindness and the protection of the angels. Can anyone count the traps of the devil? Who can count the times You have protected us from his traps? When I sleep, Your providential eye watches over me to prevent that hellish enemy, who walks around like a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8), from surprising me with his traps and powers. When Satan attacks me with his temptations by day, the strength of Your right hand comforts me in the kindest way and prevents that deceitful tempter from enticing me into his snares. When a countless army of evils threatens me, the camps of Your angels (Psalm 34:7) surround me like a wall of fire (Zechariah 2:5).

Even the most trifling and insignificant creature threatens me with various dangers. How great and boundless is Your kindness that You keep me safe from them. My soul and body are inclined to fall into sin. Because this is so, kindest Father, You rule my soul by Your Spirit, my body by an angelic shield. You command Your angels to guard me wherever I go and to support me with their hands so my feet are not dashed against a stone (Psalm 91:11–12). Because of Your mercy, I am not destroyed. New dangers surround me every day, therefore Your mercies are new to me every morning (Lamentations 3:22–23). You do not slumber or sleep, O faithful and watchful Keeper of soul and body (Psalm 121:4). Your grace is the shade at my right hand that keeps the scorching midday rays of open and harsh persecution from striking me down and guards me from the calamities and hidden ambushes of the night (Psalm 121:6). You watch over my coming in, direct my going forth, and govern my going out (Psalm 121:8). For this kindness, I will sing praise eternally to You and to Your name.

**Amen.**

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

Psalm 103:1

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**Amen.**