



HOLY THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER

THE LITURGIES OF
HOLY WEEK



CATHEDRAL OF
SAINT PETER

SERVING THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON SINCE 1853

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*Presider**O God, ✠ come to my assistance.**All***Lord, make haste to help me.****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.****HYMN**

See the reed, the gall so bitter,
 See the nails and cruel spear,
 As they pierce Christ's sacred Body,
 Blood and water flowed in streams,
 Which would cleanse the whole creation,
 Giving life to all and each.

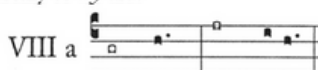
Faithful Cross beyond all others,
 Noble tree of priceless worth,
 Never forest was productive
 Of such blossom, leaf or seed.
 Honored wood, and nails more honored
 Christ as burden to sustain.

Bend your branches, tree exalted,
 Make your trunk a gentle bed,
 Change the hard and rigid nature
 Of the strength you raise on high,

To receive the holy members
 Of your dying Lord and King.
 You alone were chosen worthy
 Love's oblation to uphold,
 For the Lamb bedewed your fibers
 With the Blood divine he shed.
 You revealed the sinner's haven
 In a world condemned to die.

Equal glory be for ever
 To the Father and the Son,
 To the Holy Spirit also,
 Blessed Trinity in One;
 Love and Mercy, Grace together,
 Ransom and preserve us all. Amen.

Antiphon 1: Look, O Lord, and see my *suffering*.^{*}
Come quickly to *my* aid.



Lord, come, take care of your vineyard
Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20)

The mountains were covered with its
shadow,* the cedars of God with its
boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,*

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

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Cantor, then *All*

Antiphon 2:

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Canticle (Isaiah 12:1-6)

Joy of God's ransomed people

If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink (John 7: 37)

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 confi-
dent and *unafraid*.

My strength and courage *is* the
Lord, * and 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*.

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

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

All

Antiphon 2:

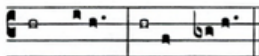
God *is* my savior; * I trust in him and shall not *fear*.

Cantor, then *All*

Antiphon 3:

The Lord has fed us with the *finest* wheat; * he has filled us with
honey *from* the rock.

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Psalm 81

Solemn renewal of the Covenant

See that no one among you has a faithless heart (Hebrews 3:12)

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

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.

For this is *Israel's* law, * a command of
the *God* of Jacob.

He imposed it as a rule *on* Joseph, *
when he went out against the *land*
of Egypt.

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.

I answered, concealed in *the* storm
cloud, * at the waters of Meribah I
tested you.

Listen, my people, to *my* warning, * O
Israel, if only *you* would heed!

Let there be no foreign god *among* you,
* no worship of an *alien* god.

I am the Lord your God, † who
brought you from the land *of* Egypt. *
Open wide your mouth and I will fill

it.

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.

O that my people *would* heed me, * that
Israel would walk *in* my ways!

At once I would subdue *their* foes, *
turn my hands *against* their enemies.

The Lord's enemies would cringe at
their feet * and their subjection would
last for ever.

But Israel I would feed with *finest*
wheat * and fill them with honey *from*
the rock."

Glory to the Father, and to *the* Son, *
and to the *Holy* Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, *is* now, * and
will be for ever. Amen.

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READING

Hebrews 2: 9-10

We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, that through God's
gracious will he might taste death for the sake of all men. Indeed, it was fitting that when
bringing many sons to glory God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should
make their leader in the work of salvation perfect through suffering.

REFLECTION

RESPONSORY

By your *own* blood, Lord, * you brought us back *to* God.

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From every tribe, and tongue, and *people* and nation,

— you brought us back *to* God.

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

— By your *own* blood, Lord, * you brought us back *to* God.

Cantor, then *All*Antiphon: I have longed to *eat* this meal * with you before *I* suffer.

Benedictus

Blessed \times 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the *beginning*, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

*All*Antiphon: I have longed to *eat* this meal * with you before *I* suffer.

INTERCESSIONS

The Father anointed Christ with the Holy Spirit to proclaim forgiveness to those in bondage.

Let us humbly call upon the eternal priest:

— *Lord, have mercy on us.*

You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory, bring your Church to the Passover feast of heaven.

— *Lord, have mercy on us.*

You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance, heal our wounds.

— *Lord, have mercy on us.*

You made the cross the tree of life, give its fruit to those reborn in baptism.

— *Lord, have mercy on us.*

On the cross you forgave the repentant thief, forgive us our sins.

— *Lord, have mercy on us.*

The Lord's Prayer



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