



HOLY THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER

THE LITURGIES OF
HOLY WEEK



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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,
Blessèd Trinity in One;
Love and Mercy, Grace together,
Ransom and preserve us all. Amen.

Cantor, then *All*

Antiphon 2: God *is* my savior; * I trust in him and shall not *fear*.



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 confident 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*.

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

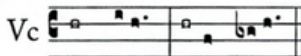
as it was in the *beginning*, is now, * and will be for ever. *Amen*.

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.



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.

All

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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.



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