



HOLY WEEK VESPERS

Wednesday
Evening

HOLY WEEK GATHERINGS

Join us as we reflect upon the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Monday

Vespers
6:30pm | Auditorium

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Thursday

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Creative Arts Night
7:15pm | Lower Level

Friday

Good Friday Services
4pm or 6pm | Auditorium

Saturday

Vespers
6:30pm | Auditorium

Sunday

Easter Services
9am or 10:30am | Auditorium

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

SONG | ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will. And if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost, you looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross. And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place, you bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace!

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see. The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.

Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose. And let my soul forever be my only boast is you.

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¹ Adapted from, *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*; Gibson

READING OF THE LAW

Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven....You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.... Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven... Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you... So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matt. 5:20, 48; 6:1, 33; 7:12

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, help us to consider the way, the new and living way, in which a fallen creature can approach you with acceptance. May we behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. May we contemplate the dignity of his person, the perfection of his sacrifice, and the efficacy of his intercession, who is the Great High Priest over the house of God. And may we feel the distance between you and us done away, and rejoice that now, in Christ Jesus, we, who at one time were afar off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Amen.

- William Jay

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Ezek. 37:23

ATHANASIAN CREED, PT. 3

Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the catholic faith. Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith: that we worship one God in Trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confounding their persons nor dividing the essence.

But it is necessary for eternal salvation that one also believe in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully.

Now this is the true faith: that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man, equally. He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is man from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely man, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.

Although he is God and man, yet Christ is not two, but one. He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh, but by God's taking humanity to himself. He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person.

For just as one man is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and man. He suffered for our salvation; he descended to hell; he arose from the dead on the third day; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith: that one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully.

SONG | DOXOLOGY

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

SCRIPTURE READING

This reading gives us the
description of what Jesus did
on Wednesday of Holy Week.

Matt. 26:6-16

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

By the sacred griefs that
wept over the grave where
Lazarus slept;

By the boding tears that
flowed over Salem's loved
abode;

By the anguished sigh that
told treachery lurked within
Thy fold;

From Thy seat above the sky,
Hear our penitential cry! Amen.

– Robert Grant

SONG | Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity. In our longing in our darkness now the light of life has come. Look to Christ who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come be hold the wondrous mystery he the perfect Son of Man. In his living in his suffering neither trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man. Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold. Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured love untold.

Come be hold the wondrous mystery slain by death the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain him praise the Lord he is alive. What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thess. 5:23-24

FOR FURTHER MEDITATION

Snappy Quote

But when our wickedness had reached its height, and it had been clearly shown that its reward, punishment and death, was impending over us; and when the time had come which God had before appointed for manifesting His own kindness and power, how the one love of God, through exceeding regard for men, did not regard us with hatred, nor thrust us away, nor remembered our iniquity against us, but showed great long-suffering, and bore with us, He Himself took on Him the burden of our iniquities, He gave His own Son as a ransom for us, the holy One for transgressors, the blameless One for the wicked, the righteous One for the unrighteous, the incorruptible One for the corruptible, the immortal One for them that are mortal.

For what other thing was capable of covering our sins than His righteousness? By what other one was it possible that we, the wicked and ungodly, could be justified, than by the only Son of God? O sweet exchange! O unsearchable operation! O benefits surpassing all expectation!

– Epistle of Mathetes to Diognetus

Westminster Catechism

Q. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

