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MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS)

PSALMODY

PSALM 22

- P** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?
- C** O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;
and in the night season, and am not silent.
- P** But You are holy,
enthroned in the praises of Israel.
- C** Our fathers trusted in You;
they trusted, and You delivered them.
- P** They cried to You, and were delivered;
they trusted in You, and were not ashamed.
- C** But I am a worm, and no man;
a reproach of men, and despised by the people.
- P** All those who see Me ridicule Me;
they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
- C** "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"
- P** But You are He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.
- C** I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother's womb You have been My God.
- P** Be not far from Me, for trouble is near;
for there is none to help.
- C** Many bulls have surrounded Me;
strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.
- P** They gape at Me with their mouths,
like a raging and roaring lion.
- C** I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me.
- P** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.
- C** For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet;
- P** I can count all My bones.
They look and stare at Me.

- C** They divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.
- P** But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
- C** Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog.
- P** Save Me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen!
You have answered Me.
- C** I will declare Your name to My brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
- P** You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
- C** For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from Him;
but when He cried to Him, He heard.
- P** My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
- C** The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
Let your heart live forever!
- P** All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.
- C** For the kingdom is the LORD's,
and He rules over the nations.
- P** All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;
all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.
- C** A posterity shall serve Him.
It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,
- P** they will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
that He has done this.

LECTION

READING

John 18:1 – 19:42

Jesus went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are

you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said." And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!" One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

"But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.

Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and

about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.''" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON

CANTICLE

BENEDICTUS

- P** God spared not His own Son:
C But delivered Him up for us all.
- P** And they set over His head His accusation written:
C Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.
- P** Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,
for He has visited and redeemed His people,
C and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of His servant David,
P as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
who have been since the world began,
C that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
P to perform the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember His holy covenant,
C the oath that He swore to our father Abraham:
to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear,
P in holiness and righteousness before Him
all the days of our life.
C And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;
for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
P to give knowledge of salvation to His people
by the remission of their sins,
C through the tender mercy of our God,
with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
P to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- P** And they set over His head His accusation written:
C Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

PRAYERS

PSALM 51

- P** Christ, for our sake, became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- P** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
- C** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- P** For I acknowledge my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- C** Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—
that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.
- P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- C** Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** Make me hear joy and gladness,
that the bones You have broken may rejoice.

- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- P** Do not cast me away from Your presence,
and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
- P** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners shall be converted to You.
- C** Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- P** O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
- C** For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;
You do not delight in burnt offering.
- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—
these, O God, You will not despise.
- C** Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;
build the walls of Jerusalem.
- P** Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.
- P** Christ, for our sake, became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

KYRIE

- P** O Lord,
C have mercy upon us.
- P** O Christ,
C have mercy upon us.
- P** O Lord,
C have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, who has willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross that You might remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for Our Lord's Passion, that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

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