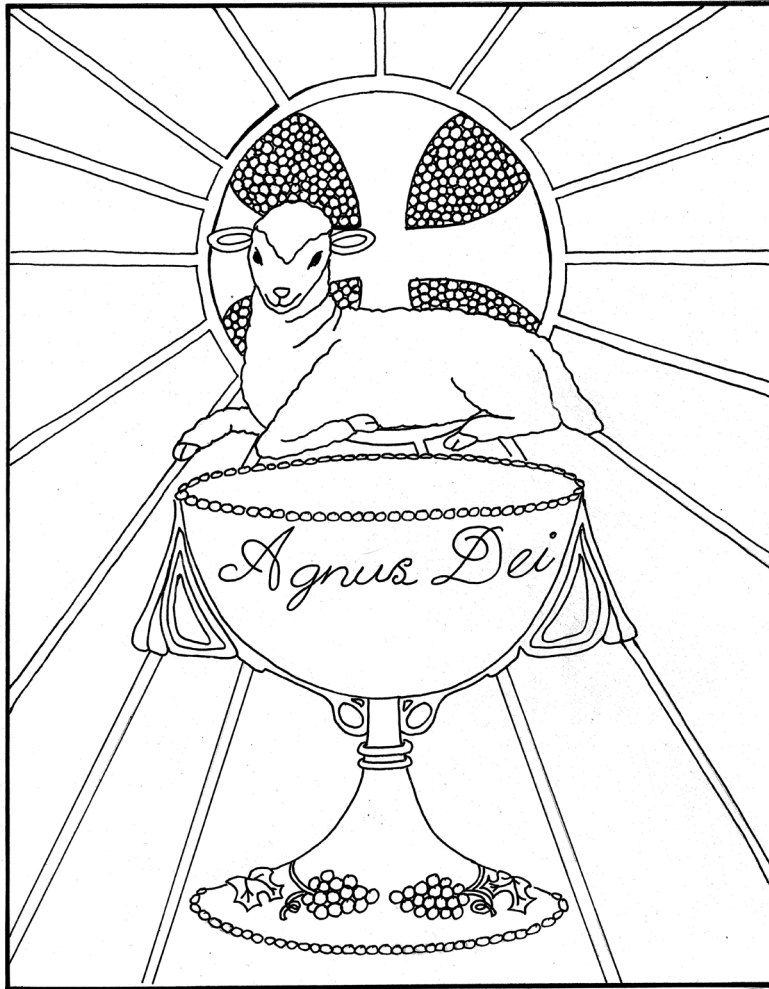


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Maundy Thursday  
March 28, 2024

## The service tonight is in four parts:

1. **The Service of Reconciliation** marks the end of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we confessed our sin in a special way and tonight we are absolved, forgiven. We share the peace with one another indicating that we seek to forgive as God has forgiven us.
2. **The Service of the Word** where we hear of the Thursday before his crucifixion when our Lord gave the gift of his body and blood to us for the forgiveness of our sins.
3. **The Service of the Lord's Supper** where we go to the table of the Lord where he gives us to eat of his suffering and the fruits of the Cross.
4. **The Stripping of the Altar.** The altar represents Christ and it is laid bare, made desolate. The service ends with the suffering and agony of Christ on the cross and leads us into Good Friday.

There is no "end," no benediction to this service. The service continues in your homes and hearts until tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. when we gather to worship God crucified for us and our life.

### For Those Who Desire to Receive the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

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## Service of Reconciliation

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### Exhortation

*Psalm 43:4; Psalm 124:8*

- P I will go to the altar of God,  
C **to God my exceeding joy.**  
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**

### Confessional Address

#### *Kneel/Sit*

#### Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.  
C **Amen.**
- P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?  
C **Yes.**
- P Let it be done for you as you believe.

### Absolution

- P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Stand Blessing

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

- P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, 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. Go in T peace.
- C **Amen.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

(We greet one another and those around us in the name of the Lord by saying, “Peace be with you.” or “The peace of the Lord.”)

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
- C **O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Sit

### 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor

In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -

bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!

May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## Service of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 12:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it

raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Stand

## Holy Gospel

*John 13:1–17, 31b–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sit**

# 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

LSB 445



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,  
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing  
 3 What was there that You could give them That would  
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one



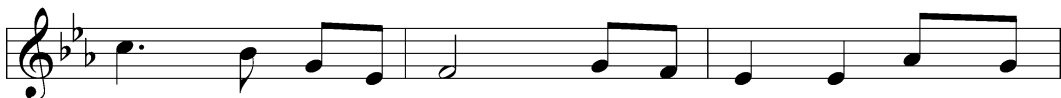
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty  
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones  
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -  
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;  
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:  
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?  
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at  
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last  
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me  
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's  
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their  
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance  
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.  
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."  
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.

## Sermon

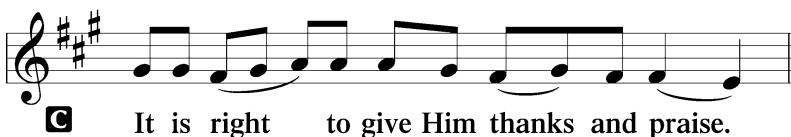
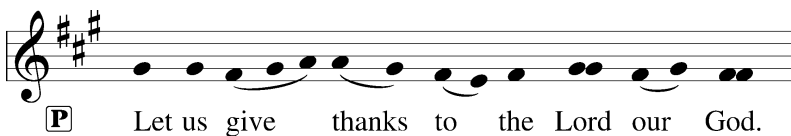
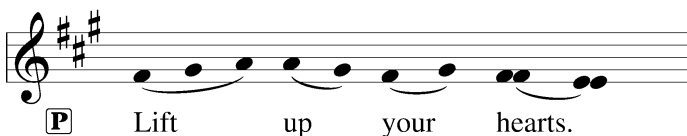
### Stand

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

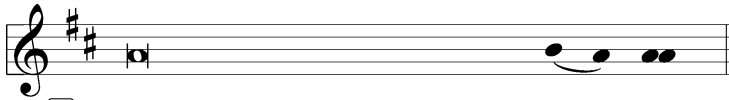
### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.


*Sit*

*Lamb  
of  
God*

# 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the bod-y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for-ward then with faith-ful hearts sin-cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow


Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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## 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



*Refrain*  
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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## Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. . . .

C Amen.

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# Stripping of the Altar

As the Altar is stripped, we hear Psalm 51.

*Miserere mei, Deus* – Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

## Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup> *Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness:

<sup>2</sup> *Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.*

according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

<sup>3</sup> *Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.*

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>4</sup> *Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.*

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>5</sup> *Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.*

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightiest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou are judged.

<sup>6</sup> *Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.*

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

<sup>7</sup> *Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.*

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup> *Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.*

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>9</sup> *Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitia: et exultabunt ossa humiliata.*

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

<sup>10</sup> *Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.*

Turn Thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

<sup>11</sup> *Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.*

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>12</sup> *Ne projicias me a fácie túa: et spíritum sánctum túum ne áuferas a me.*

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy holy Spirit from me.

<sup>13</sup> *Rédde mihi laetítiam salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me.*

O give me the comfort of Thy help again: and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> *Docébo iníquos vías túas: et ímpii ad te converténtur.*

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

<sup>15</sup> *Líbera me de sanguínibus, Déus, Déus salutis meae: et exultábit língua mea justitiam tuam.*

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

<sup>16</sup> *Dómine, lábia mea apéries: et os méum annuntiábit láudem túam.*

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.

<sup>17</sup> *Quóniam si voluíssees sacrificium, dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.*

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee: but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

<sup>18</sup> *Sacrificium Deo spíritus contribulátus: cor contrítum et humiliátum, Déus, non despícies.*

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

<sup>19</sup> *Benigne fac, Dómine, in bóna voluntáte tua Sion: ut aedificéntur muri Jerusalem.*

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

<sup>20</sup> *Tunc acceptábis sacrificium justítiae, oblations, et holocausta:*

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations:

*tunc inponent super altare tuum vitulos.*

then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

Once the Altar is bare and the Psalm is ended, the congregation leaves in silence. The service continues tomorrow at 7 pm.