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Order of Compline

Midweek of Laetare

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In Nomine Jesu

Music for Meditation & Prayer

(Kneel/Stand)

Opening Versicles

- L** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
C *Amen.*
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
C *to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*
L to herald Your love in the morning,
C *Your truth at the close of the day.*

Exhortation

- L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- L** Holy and gracious God,
C *I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.*
L By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.
C *Amen.*

(Stand)

Psalmody

Psalm 132:8-18 (antiphon: v. 13-14)

(Intoned by Pastor with Congregation on Gloria Patri)

For the LORD has chosen | Zion;*
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:
“This is my resting place for- | ever;*”
here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.
Arise, O LORD, and go to your | resting place,*
you and the ark | of your might.
Let your priests be clothed with | righteousness,*
and let your saints | shout for joy.
For the sake of your servant | David,*
do not turn away the face of your a- | nointed one.
The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will | not turn back:.*
“One of the sons of your body I will set | on your throne.
If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall | teach them,*
their sons also forever shall sit | on your throne.”
Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,*
and her saints will | shout for joy.
There I will make a horn to sprout for | David;.*
I have prepared a lamp for my a- | nointed.
His enemies I will | clothe with shame,*
but on him his | crown will shine.”
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
For the LORD has chosen | Zion;.*
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:
“This is my resting place for- | ever;*”
here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.

(Be Seated)

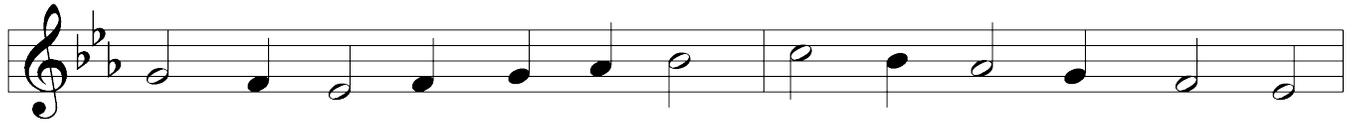
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Office Hymn

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

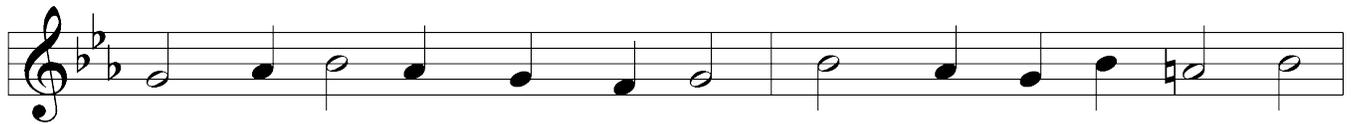
Text: Sigismund von Birken; Tune: Melchior Vulpius – “Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein”; LSB #440 sts. 1–3, 6 © 2006 CPH



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.

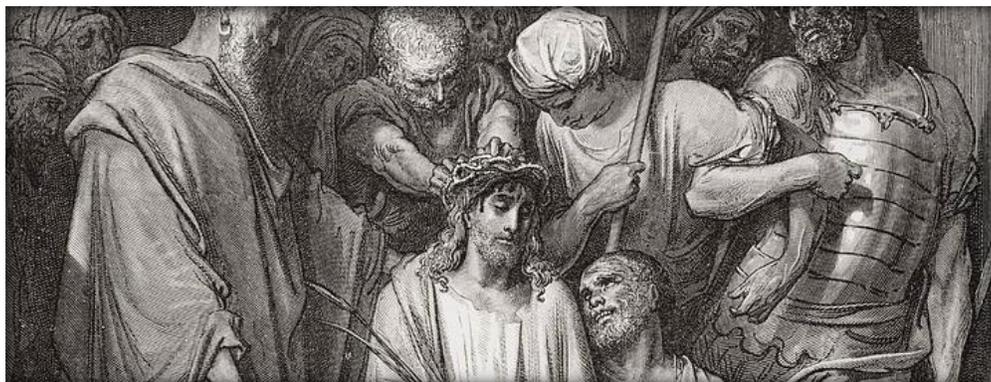


Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

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Reading: John 9:1-38

[1] As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” [3] Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. [4] We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. [5] As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” [6] Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud [7] and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. [8] The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” [9] Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” [10] So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” [11] He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” [12] They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” [13] They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14] Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15] So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” [16] Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. [17] So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” [18] The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight [19] and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” [20] His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. [21] But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” [22] (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) [23] Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” [24] So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” [25] He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” [26] They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” [27] He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” [28] And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29] We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” [30] The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. [32] Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” [34] They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. [35] Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” [36] He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” [37] Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” [38] He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

Sermon Hymn

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

Text: Johann Heermann; Tune: Johann Balthasar König – “Der am Kreuz”; LSB #421 sts. 1–3, 5 © 2006



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, “Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed,” That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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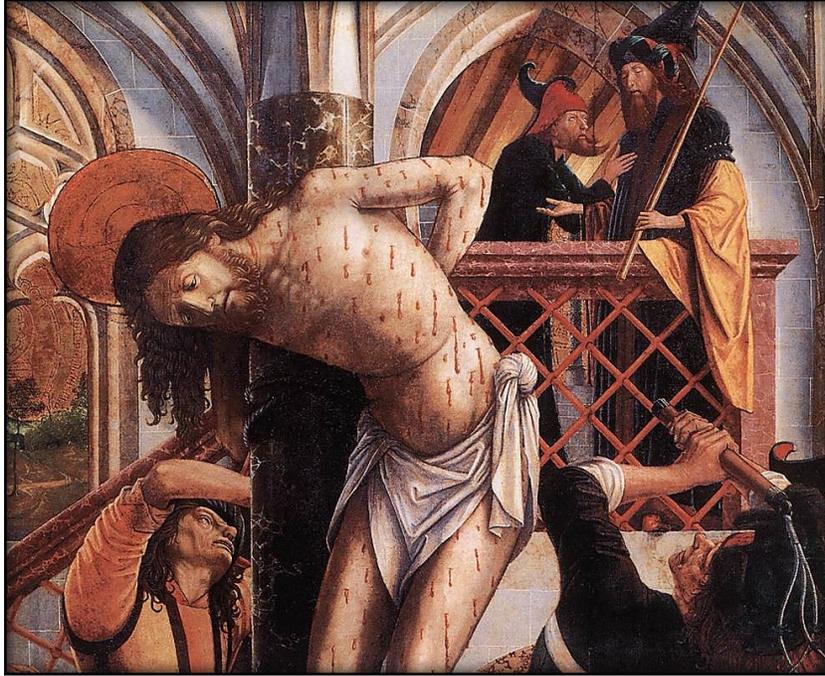
(Stand for the reading of the text)

Sermon

John 9:1-38 – “Night Is Coming”

(Stand)

Votum



(Be Seated)

Ministry of Music

Agnus Dei

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Laudate Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.

Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.

Dona nobis pacem.

Agnus Dei, dona nobis pacem.

(Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.)

(Stand)

Prayer

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C *listen to my cry.*
- L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
C *hide me in the shadow of Your wings.*
- L** In righteousness I shall see You;
C *when I awake Your presence will give me joy.*

Collects

L Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C *Amen.*

L Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our lives, and at the end of our world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and blessed Sacraments, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

L Eternal God, the hours of both day and night are Yours, and to You the deepest darkness poses no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who must labor through the hours of the night, particularly those who stand guard over our safety and defend our freedom. Grant to each of them vigilance and courage and may Your holy angels watch over those who watch over us that they may return to their homes and their homeland in safety.

C *Amen.*

C *I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*



The Lord's Prayer

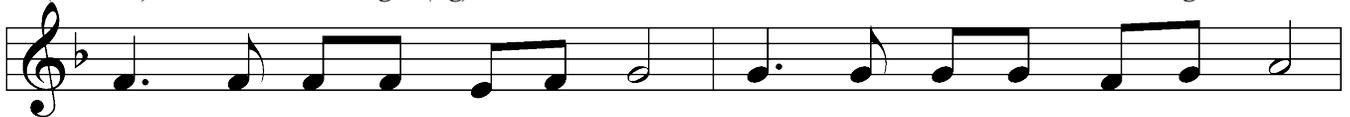
L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.*

Closing Hymn

Now the Light Has Gone Away

Text (sts. 1-4): Frances R. Haverga; (1g): Luise Hensel; Tune: "Müde Bin Ich"; LSB #887 sts. 1-4, 1g © 2006 CPH



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve-ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
1 Mü - de bin ich, geh zur Ruh, Schlie - ße mei - ne Äug - lein zu:



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Va - ter, laß die Au - gen dein Ü - ber mei - nem Bet - te sein.

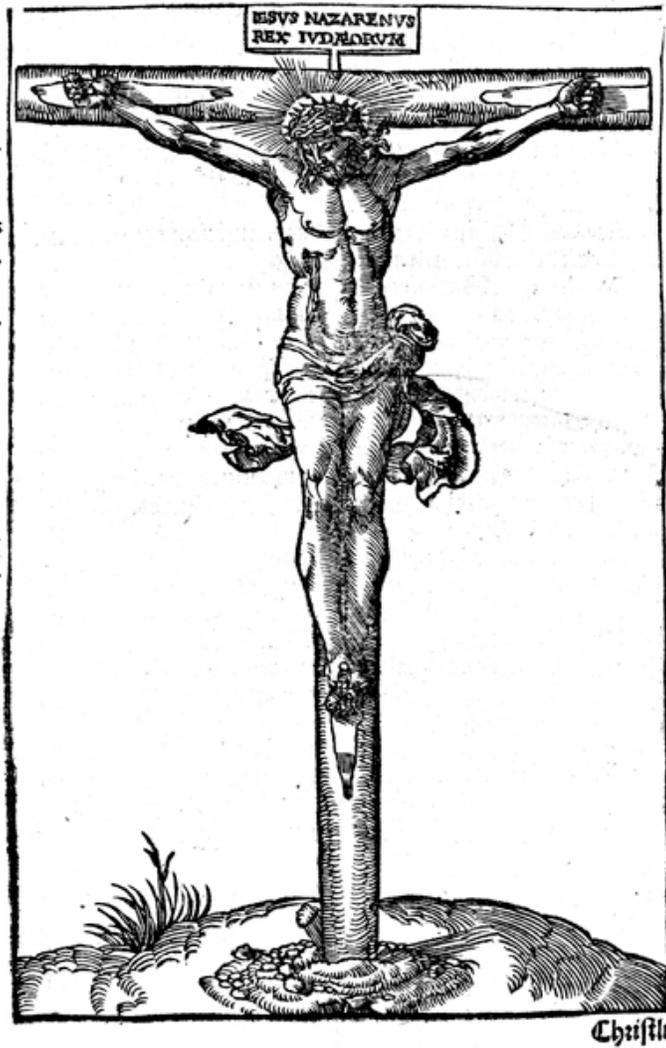
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"One at the head, one at the feet,
And two to guard me while I sleep."

Chimes & Silent Prayer

(The offering will be gathered at the door)



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Soli Deo Gloria!

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