

**DEVOTIONAL SERVICE: WEDNESDAY—MARCH 17, 2021—VESPERS—P. 229**

**Hymn: LSB: 428—“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” v. 1, 2**

1. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!
2. Here the king of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be.  
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.

**P:** O Lord, open my lips.

**C:** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C:** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**All: 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. All: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

**--Ps. 45: 7-17: together:**

1. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions. 8. Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; 9. Daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir. 10. Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, 11. And the king will desire your beauty. Since He is your Lord, bow to Him. 12. The people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people. 13. All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold. 14. In many-coloured robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. 15. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. 16. In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. 17. I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

**--Readings:** Gen. 50: 15-21

Phil. 3: 8-14

Matt. 18: 21-35

**--Responsory for Lent:**

**P:** Deliver me, O Lord my God, for You are the God of my salvation----**C: Response**—below

**P:** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God----**C: Response**

**P:** Deliver me, O Lord my God, for You are the God of my salvation---**C: Response**

**C: Response: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**--Devotion: Luke 23: 5 ff “Jesus on Trial—Pt. II—Herod”**

**--Apostle's Creed.**

**--Kyrie—All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. ---- The Lord's Prayer.**

**--P: The Lord be with you. C: And with your spirit.**

**--Prayers and Collect for Peace—All: O God, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**--P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. Benediction.**

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3. O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!  
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!
4. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect man on Thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled!