

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE: WEDNESDAY—MARCH 23, 2022—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 be 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. 42: 1-5, 11: together:

1. As a deer pants for flowing stream, so pants my soul for You, O God. 2. My soul thirst for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3. My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?” 4. These things I remember, as I pour out my soul; how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the House of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. 5. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.
11. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God. **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: Psalm 42: 1-5, 11 “My Wanting Desire”

--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.

--Hymn LSB: 428—“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” v. 3,4

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!