

THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PRESENTS

# Evening Prayer

Holy Week 2020

**Psalm-prayer**

Lord, we are citizens  
made citizens of heaven  
in the way of your  
Son, on you alone.  
I trust in the

Make I will make known  
by your word your ways  
Keep me from the way of evil  
and teach me your law  
I have chosen the way of life  
with your decrees  
I bind myself to do your will  
Lord, do not disappoint me  
I will run the way of your commandments  
you give freedom to my heart

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**God, come to my assistance.**

— Lord, make haste to help me.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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# O Sacred Head Surrounded

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O sacred head surrounded  
By crown of piercing thorn  
O bleeding head, so wounded  
Reviled and put to scorn.

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The power of death comes o'er you  
The glow of life's decays,  
Yet angel hosts adore you  
And tremble as they gaze



# O Sacred Head Surrounded

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O Jesus, we adore thee,  
upon the cross, our King!  
We humbly bow before thee,  
and of thy vict'ry sing.

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Thy cross is our salvation,  
our hope from day to day,  
our peace and consolation  
when life shall fade away.

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**Psalmody**

**Antiphon 1**

**They insulted me and filled me with dread, but the Lord was at my side, like a mighty warrior.**

**Psalm 49 (alternate men, then women)**

Hear this, all you peoples, give heed, all who dwell in the world, men both low and high, rich and poor alike!

My lips will speak words of wisdom. My heart is full of insight. I will turn my mind to a parable, with the harp I will solve my problem.

Why should I fear in evil days the malice of the foes who surround me, men who trust in their wealth, and boast of the vastness of their riches?

For no man can buy his own ransom, or pay a price to God for his life. The ransom of his soul is beyond him. He cannot buy life without end, nor avoid coming to the grave.

He knows that wise men and fools must both perish and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling place from age to age, though their names spread wide through the land.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom:  
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

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

**Antiphon - All recite**

They insulted me and filled me with dread, but the Lord was at my side, like a mighty warrior.

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*Antiphon 2*

**Deliver me, Lord, and place me at your side, then let  
whoever will, lift his hand to strike me.**

*II (alternate women, then men)*

This is the lot of those who trust in themselves,  
who have others at their beck and call.  
Like sheep they are driven to the grave,  
where death shall be their shepherd  
and the just shall become their rulers.

With the morning their outward show vanishes,  
and the grave becomes their home.  
But God will ransom me from death  
and take my soul to himself.

Then do not fear when a man grows rich, when the glory  
of his house increases. He takes nothing with him when he  
dies, his glory does not follow him below.

Though he flattered himself while he lived:  
“Men will praise me for all my success,”  
yet he will go to join his fathers,  
who will never see the light anymore.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom:  
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

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.  
Amen.

*Antiphon - All recite*

Deliver me, Lord, and place me at your side, then let  
whoever will, lift his hand to strike me.

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*Antiphon 3*

**You were slain, Lord, and by your blood you have ransomed us for God.**

*Canticle – Alternate men, then women*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power.

For you have created all things; by your will they came to be and were made.

Worthy are you, O Lord, to receive the scroll and break open its seals.

For you were slain; with your blood you purchased for God men of every race and tongue, of every people and nation.

You made of them a kingdom, and priests to serve our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise.

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. Amen.

*Antiphon - All recite*

You were slain, Lord, and by your blood you have ransomed us for God.

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## Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:27b-30*

Reader

God singled out the weak of this world to shame the strong. He chose the world's lowborn and despised, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who were something; so that mankind can do no boasting before God. God it is who has given you life in Christ Jesus. He has made him our wisdom and also our justice, our sanctification, and our redemption.

*pause for reflection*

## Responsory

Reader

We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Participants

— **We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.**

Reader

Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Participants

— **We praise you.**

Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Participants

— **We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.**

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*Gospel Canticle*

*Antiphon*

**I have power to law down my life, and I have power to take it up again.**

*Luke 1:46-44 – The soul rejoices in the Lord (All pray)*

*Make sign of cross*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

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

*Antiphon - All recite*

I have power to law down my life, and I have power to take it up again.

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## Intercessions

Reader The Savior of mankind by dying destroyed death and by rising again restored life. Let us humbly ask him:

Participants — **Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.** (*repeat after each intercession*)

Redeemer of the world, give us a greater share of your passion through a deeper spirit of repentance, so that we may share the glory of your resurrection.—

May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us, may we console others as you console us.—

Look with love on those who suffer because of our indifference, come to their aid, and turn our uncaring hearts to works of justice and charity.—

You humbled yourself by being obedient even to accepting death, death on a cross, give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient endurance.—

Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory, and bring us at last into their fellowship.—

Let us add our own prayers in silence.... —

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LET US PRAY TOGETHER

## The Lord's Prayer

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.



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CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Father,**

may we receive your forgiveness and  
mercy as we celebrate the passion and  
death of the Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.

—Amen.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all  
evil and bring us to everlasting life.

—Amen.

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# Join us again tomorrow evening.

