MATINS

Lutheran Service Book, pp. 219-228 Commemoration of Gregory the Great, Pastor 14th Week after Pentecost

Pre-Service *stand if able* Opening Versicles Psalm 73 L: Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

LSB, p. 219 Read as indicated below

C: But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

L: Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children. But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

C: Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.

L: When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.
Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

C: Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

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Office Hymn	LSB 743
Responsory: Common	<i>LSB</i> , p. 221
Homily	
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Prayers



Collects

Concluding Prayer

assembly prays together

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Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's name: we implore you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and petitions unto you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained essentially, to the relief of our necessity, and to the proclamation of your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Concluding Collect of the Great Litany) Benedicamus and Benediction Post-Service Music

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Life Thought for Pentecost 11 – A complicated pregnancy certainly qualifies as the day of trouble (Psalm 50:15). So does an incurable illness or chronic pain. Abortion and assisted suicide summon death to solve the difficulties. But He who possesses cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10) gives Jesus for redemption. He urges us not to settle for incomplete remedies, however immediate. Appeal instead all the way to the top: "Call upon me and I will deliver you."

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER

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