

VESPERS

for Lent



LENT VERSICLES

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PSALMODY

PSALM

*Feb 21:Ps 32; Feb 28:Ps 121; Mar 06:Ps 4;
Mar 13:Ps 132:8-18; Mar 20:Ps 43*

OFFICE HYMN

*Feb 21:599; Feb 28:420; Mar 06:585;
Mar 13:881; Mar 20:609*

READINGS

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*Feb 21: Ex 24:12-18; Mt 12:38-50
Feb 28: Esth 13:8-11, 15-17; Mt 20:17-28
Mar 06: Ex 20:12-24a; Mt 15:1-20
Mar 13: Ezk 36:23-28; Jn 9:1-38
Mar 20: Lev 19:1-2a, 10b-19a, 25b; Jn 10:22-38*

RESPONSORY (LENT)

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CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION

*Feb 21:4th Commandment; Feb 28:5th Commandment; Mar 06:6th Commandment
Mar 13:8th Commandment; Mar 20:7th, 9th, 10th Commandments*

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

CANTICLE

HYMN: THESE ARE THE HOLY TEN COMMANDS

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*Feb 21:1,5,11,12; Feb 28:1,6,11,12; Mar 06:1,7,11,12
Mar 13:1,9,11,12; Mar 20:1,8,10,11,12*

PRAYER

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

COLLECT FOR PEACE

L 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.

HYMN

*Feb 21:432; Feb 28:433; Mar 06:421;
Mar 13:428; Mar 20:425*



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