

The Order of Vespers, p.224

Welcome to Trinity

#30 This Doctrine, So Sweet and So Filled With Comfort

With gratitude and with a sure confidence, therefore, let us accept this doctrine, so sweet and so filled with comfort,

which teaches that Christ became a curse for us, that is, a sinner worthy of the wrath of God; that He clothed Himself in our person, laid our sins upon His own shoulders, and said: "I have committed the sins that all men have committed."

Therefore He truly became accursed according to the Law, not for Himself but, as Paul says, ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν. For unless He had taken upon Himself my sins, your sins, and the sins of the entire world, the Law would have had no right over Him, since it condemns only sinners and holds only them under a curse.

Therefore He could neither have become a curse nor have died, since the cause of the curse and of death is sin, of which He was innocent. But because He took upon Himself our sins, not by compulsion but of His own free will, it was right for Him to bear the punishment and the wrath of God—not for His own Person, which was righteous and invincible and therefore could not become guilty, but for our person. (Luther's Works, v.26, p.283-284)

Jacob Endured, But Not Without sin

Accordingly, one should learn patience from the examples of the patriarchs, who were tried in every way, yet not without sin, from which Christ alone was free (cf. Heb. 4:15). Surely Jacob was not tried without sin. He was not Christ Himself. Nor did he have a flesh free from sin. And he was tried as an example for us, in order that we might learn what faith is and what a Christian life is. For it is a life that has a definite promise which is not only postponed but brings the opposite to pass. Jacob should be king and priest by divine dispensation. But something happens that is far different from what has been promised. Then he thought: "Nothing will ever come of it; the outcome will not correspond to the promise." **But faith wrestled against the flesh and said: "Flesh and Satan, you are lying; for God has spoken and has made a promise. He will not lie, even if the opposite happens or I die in the**

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+ **Hymn #106** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
 + "O Lord, open my lips..." p.224f

+ Ascription of Praise
Psalmody Psalm 51 (no Gloria Patri)
Readings Exodus 12:1-14
 1 Corinthians 11:23-32
 John 13:1-15

Responsory for Lent p.226-227
 "We have an advocate with the Father..."

Hymn #100 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"
 Sermon "The Old has Gone; The New has Come"
 1 Cor 11:25

+ Magnificat..... p.228
 "My soul magnifies the Lord..."

+ The Prayers..... p.231
 Kyrie ("Lord, have mercy...")
 Lord's Prayer
 Salutation

Collect for Maundy Thursday
 Collect for Passiontide
 Special Prayers
 Collect for Vespers & Collect in the Evening
 Collect for Peace

+ **Benedicamus/Blessing** p.234
 + **Hymn #91** "My song Is Love Unknown"
 + **Hymn #99** "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

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meantime.” Thus faith spoke and ordered the light to shine out of the darkness (cf. 2 Cor. 4:6). Therefore faith is not a laughable, cold quality that snores and is idle in the heart. No, it is agitated and harassed by horrible trials concerning the nothingness and the vanity of the divine promises. For I believe in Christ, whom I do not see. But I have His Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar, and consolation through the Word and Absolution. Yet I see nothing of what He promises. Indeed, I feel the opposite in my flesh. **Here, then, one must struggle and do battle against unbelief and doubt.** (Luther’s Works, vol 5, page 204-205).