



MIDWEEK DEVOTION

May 20, 2020

✠ COMPLINE ✠

Kneel or Stand

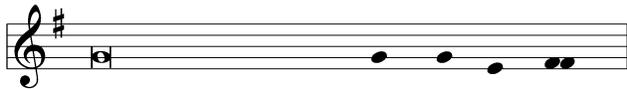
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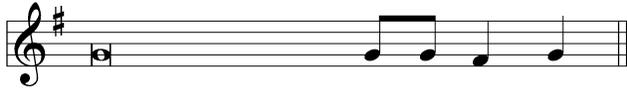
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



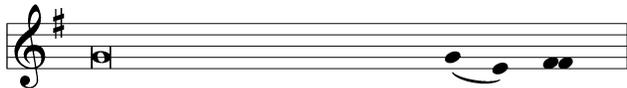
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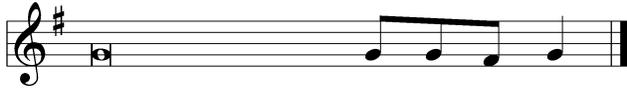
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



C to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



L to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



C Your truth at the close of the day.

Exhortation

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

L Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

L By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C **Amen.**

Stand

✠ Psalmody ✠

Psalm

Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 8

The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.



(Antiphon) ⁸In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;*
for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was | in distress.*
Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

²O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?*

How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?

³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for Himself;*
the LORD hears when I | call to Him.

⁴Be angry, and | do not sin;*
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.

⁵Offer right sacri- | fices,*
and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, “Who will show | us some good?*

Lift up the light of Your face upon us, | O LORD!”

⁷You have put more joy | in my heart*
than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

⁸In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;*
for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

Sit

Office Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12–21

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?
¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.
¹⁵Yet the LORD set His heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.
¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve Him and hold fast to Him, and by His name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9–12

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Silence for reflection.

Holy Gospel

John 15:8–11, 18–19

[Jesus said,] ⁸“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.
⁹As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.
¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. . . .
¹⁸“If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

Silence for reflection.



Responsory

Psalm 31:5

L In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.

C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

L You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

L Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Meditation on the Psalm

Hymn: Abide with Me

LSB 878, sts. 1–2, 5

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!

✠ Prayer ✠

Kneel or Stand



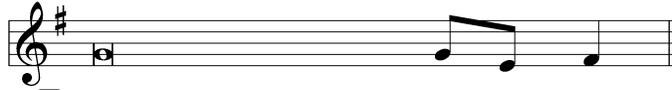
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



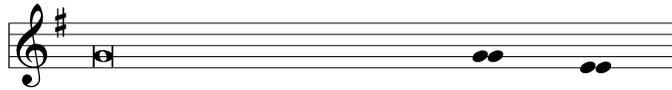
C listen to my cry.



L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



C hide me in the shadow of Your wings.



L In righteousness I shall see You;



C when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

One or more of the following are prayed.

- L** Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- L** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.



C A - men.

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

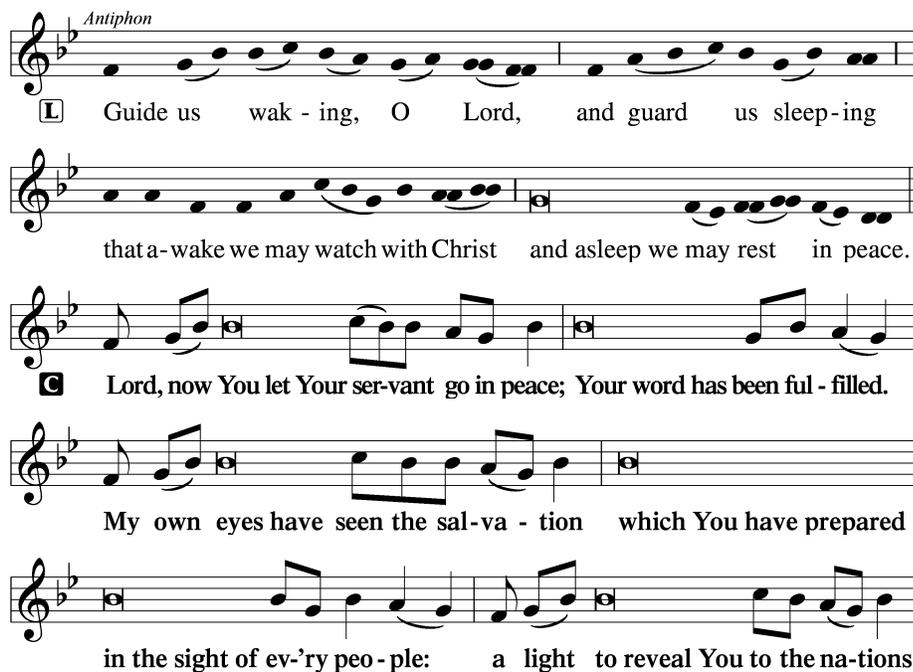


Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2: 29-32

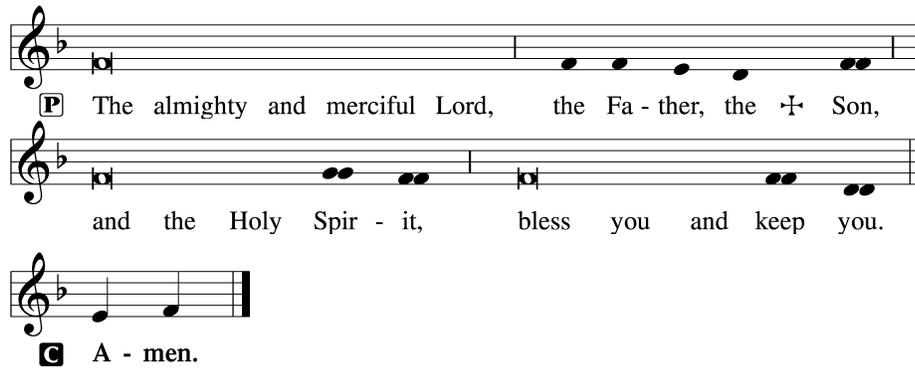


Antiphon
L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing
that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared
in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na - tions



and the glory of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the
 Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -
 ev - er. A - men. *Antiphon* Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
 and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may
 watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Benediction



P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the † Son,
 and the Holy Spir - it, bless you and keep you.
C A - men.

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †
 (TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

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