



MIDWEEK DEVOTION

July 1, 2020

✠ COMPLINE ✠

Kneel or Stand

Opening Versicles



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



C A - men.



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 10; antiphon: vv. 17–18

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



(Antiphon) ¹⁷O LORD, You hear the desire of the af- | flicted;,*
You will strength- | en their heart; You will incline Your ear
¹⁸to do justice to the fatherless and | the oppressed,*
so that man who is of the earth may strike ter- | ror no more.

¹Why, O LORD, do You stand a- | far off?*

Why do You hide Yourself in times of | trouble?

²In arrogance the wicked hotly pur- | sue the poor;*

let them be caught in the schemes that they | have devised.

³**For the wicked boasts of the desires | of his soul,***
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounce- | es the LORD.

⁴**In the pride of his face the wicked does not | seek Him;***
all his thoughts are, “There | is no God.”

⁵His ways prosper at all times; Your judgments are on high, out | of his sight;*

as for all his foes, he | puffs at them.

⁶He says in his heart, “I shall | not be moved;*

throughout all generations I shall not meet ad- | versity.”

⁷**His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and op- | pression;***
under his tongue are mischief and in- | iquity.

⁸**He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the | innocent.***
His eyes stealthily watch for the | helpless;

⁹he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may | seize the poor;*

he seizes the poor when he draws him in- | to his net.

¹⁰The help- | less are crushed,*
sink down, and fall | by his might.

¹¹**He says in his heart, “God has for- | gotten,***
He has hidden His face, He will never | see it.”

¹²**Arise, O LORD; O God, lift | up Your hand;***
forget not the af- | flicted.

¹³Why does the wicked renounce God and say | in his heart,*
“You will not call | to account”?

¹⁴But You do see, for You note mischief and vexation, that You may take it in- | to Your hands;*

to You the helpless commits himself; You have been the helper of the | fatherless.

¹⁵**Break the arm of the wicked and evil- | doer;***
call his wickedness to account till You | find none.

¹⁶**The LORD is king forever and | ever;***
the nations perish | from His land.

¹⁷O LORD, You hear the desire of the af- | flicted;*

You will strength- | en their heart; You will incline Your ear

¹⁸to do justice to the fatherless and | the oppressed,*
so that man who is of the earth may strike ter- | ror no more.

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: Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord

LSB 771, sts. 1–2

1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For
2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words Nor
God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is
pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God
moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.
un - der - stands The hun - ger of your heart.

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✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

Micah 7:8–10a

- ⁸ Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be a light to me.
⁹ I will bear the indignation of the LORD
because I have sinned against Him,
until He pleads my cause
and executes judgment for me.
He will bring me out to the light;
I shall look upon His vindication.
¹⁰ Then my enemy will see,
and shame will cover her who said to me,
“Where is the LORD your God?”

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8–14

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Silence for reflection.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25–34

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?”

²⁸“And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

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: Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord

LSB 771, sts. 3-4



3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, Your
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On



anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -



fore you ask And works for what is best.
rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

✠ Prayer ✠

Kneel or Stand



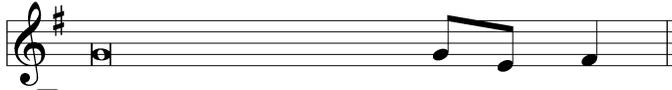
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



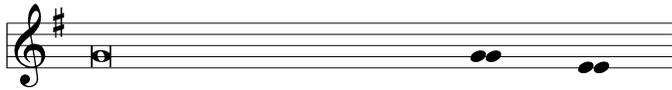
C listen to my cry.



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

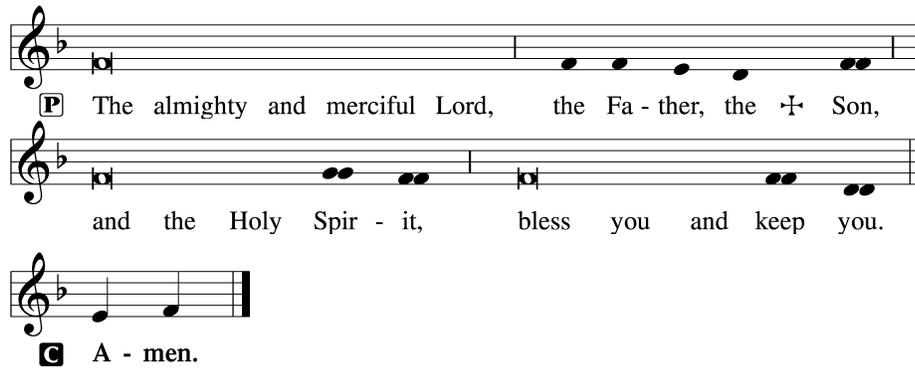


Antiphon
L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing
that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
G Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared
in the sight of ev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