



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 33

January 20, 2021

✠ 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 33; antiphon: vv. 1a, 3a, 20

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



(Antiphon) Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Sing to Him a | new song.

Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

He is our help | and our shield.

- 1 Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*
- Praise befits the | upright.
- 2 Give thanks to the LORD | with the lyre;*
- make melody to Him with the harp of | ten strings!
- 3 **Sing to Him a | new song;***
- play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.**
- 4 **For the word of the LORD is | upright,***
- and all His work is done in | faithfulness.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and | justice;*
- the earth is full of the steadfast love | of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*
- and by the breath of His mouth | all their host.
- 7 **He gathers the waters of the sea | as a heap;***
- He puts the deeps in | storehouses.**
- 8 **Let all the earth | fear the LORD;***
- let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of Him!**
- 9 For He spoke, and it | came to be;*
- He commanded, and it | stood firm.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to | nothing;*
- He frustrates the plans of the | peoples.
- 11 **The counsel of the LORD stands for- | ever,***
- the plans of His heart to all gener- | ations.**
- 12 **Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,***
- the people whom He has chosen as His | heritage!**
- 13 The LORD looks down from | heaven;*
- He sees all the chil- | dren of man;
- 14 from where He sits enthroned He | looks out*
- on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
- 15 **He who fashions the hearts | of them all***
- and observes | all their deeds.**
- 16 **The king is not saved by his great | army;***
- a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.**
- 17 The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,*
- and by its great might it cannot | rescue.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear Him,*
- on those who hope in His | steadfast love,
- 19 **that He may deliver their | soul from death***
- and keep them alive in | famine.**
- 20 **Our soul waits | for the LORD;***
- He is our help | and our shield.**

- ²¹ For our heart is | glad in Him,*
because we trust in His | holy name.
²² Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,*
even as we | hope in You.

**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: Lord of Our Life

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1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your
night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its
Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

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✠ Readings ✠

FIRST READING

Exodus 15:1–18

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. ²The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt Him. ³The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His name.

⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host He cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of Your majesty You overthrow Your adversaries; You send out Your fury; it consumes them like stubble. ⁸At the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ ¹⁰You blew with Your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹“Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? ¹²You stretched out Your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

¹³“You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode. ¹⁴The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. ¹⁵Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. ¹⁶Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of Your arm, they are still as a stone, till Your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom You have purchased. ¹⁷You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode, the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.

¹⁸The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

Silence for reflection.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:6–14

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Silence for reflection.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:27–36

[Jesus said,] ²⁷“Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered Him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can You say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, He departed and hid Himself from them.

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

✠ Prayer ✠

Kneel or Stand



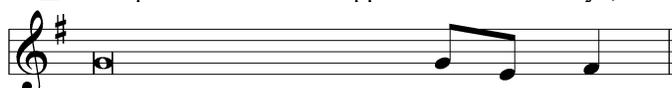
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



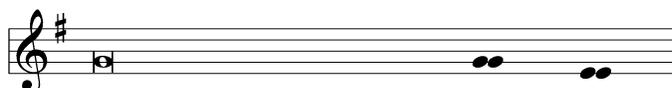
C listen to my cry.



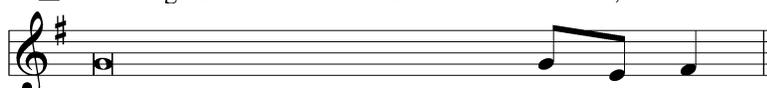
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



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.

- Ⓛ 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.
- Ⓛ 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.
- Ⓛ 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.
- Ⓛ 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.
- Ⓛ 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.
- Ⓛ 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.



ⓐ A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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Ⓟ 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.

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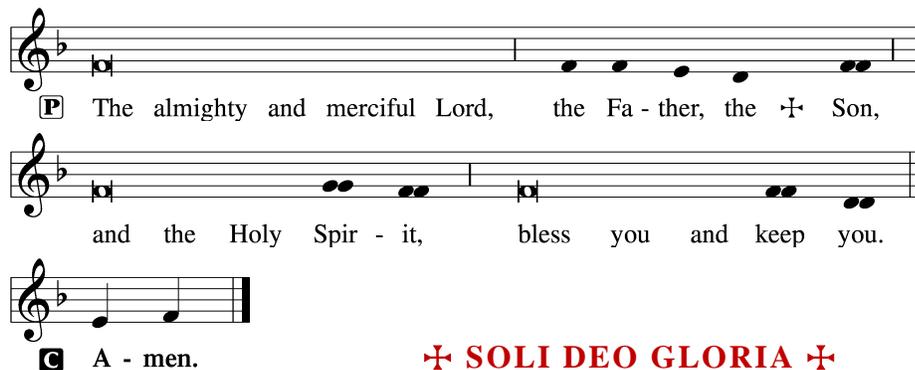
Antiphon



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 -
Antiphon
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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)