



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION**

July 29, 2020

✠ COMPLINE ✠

*Kneel or Stand*

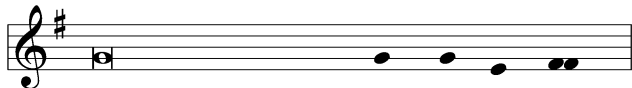
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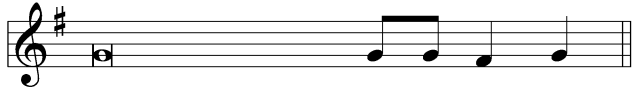
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



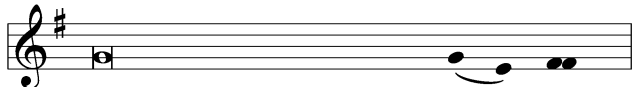
**C** A - men.



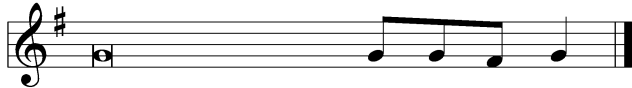
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**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 14; antiphon: v. 7

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



*(Antiphon)* Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of | Zion!\*

When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel | be glad.

<sup>1</sup> The fool says in his heart, “There | is not God.”\*

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none | who does good.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD looks down from heaven on the chil- | dren of man,\*  
to see if there are any who understand, who seek | after God.**

<sup>3</sup> They have all turned aside; together they have be- | come corrupt;\*  
there is none who does good, not | even one.

<sup>4</sup> **Have they no knowledge, all the evil- | doers\*  
who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call up- | on the LORD?**

<sup>5</sup> There they are in great | terror,\*  
for God is with the generation of the | righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **You would shame the plans | of the poor,  
but the LORD is his | refuge.**

<sup>7</sup> Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of | Zion!\*

When the LORD restores the fortunes of His people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel | be glad.

**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: What Is the World to Me

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1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

# ✠ Readings ✠

## First Reading

Micah 4:1–5

- <sup>1</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and it shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and peoples shall flow to it,  
<sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that He may teach us His ways  
and that we may walk in His paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall decide for strong nations afar off;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore;  
<sup>4</sup> but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree,  
and no one shall make them afraid,  
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.  
<sup>5</sup> For all the peoples walk  
each in the name of its god,  
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God  
forever and ever.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Second Reading

Romans 3:21–26

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—<sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Holy Gospel

John 3:16–21

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

*Silence for reflection.*

Responsory



**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

Responsory Hymn: Sing of Christ



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,  
 2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred  
 3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re-ceived;  
 4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.  
 Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.  
 Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.  
 As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace  
 For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;  
 To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,  
 Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.  
 He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.  
 Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.  
 That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

## ✠ Prayer ✠

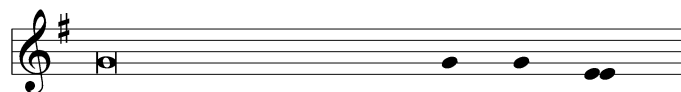
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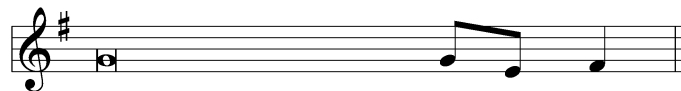
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



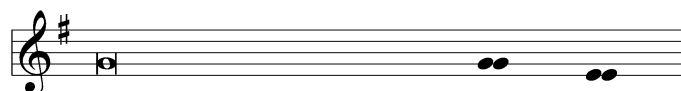
**C** listen to my cry.



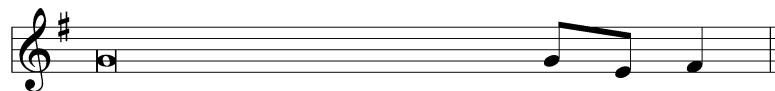
**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**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:

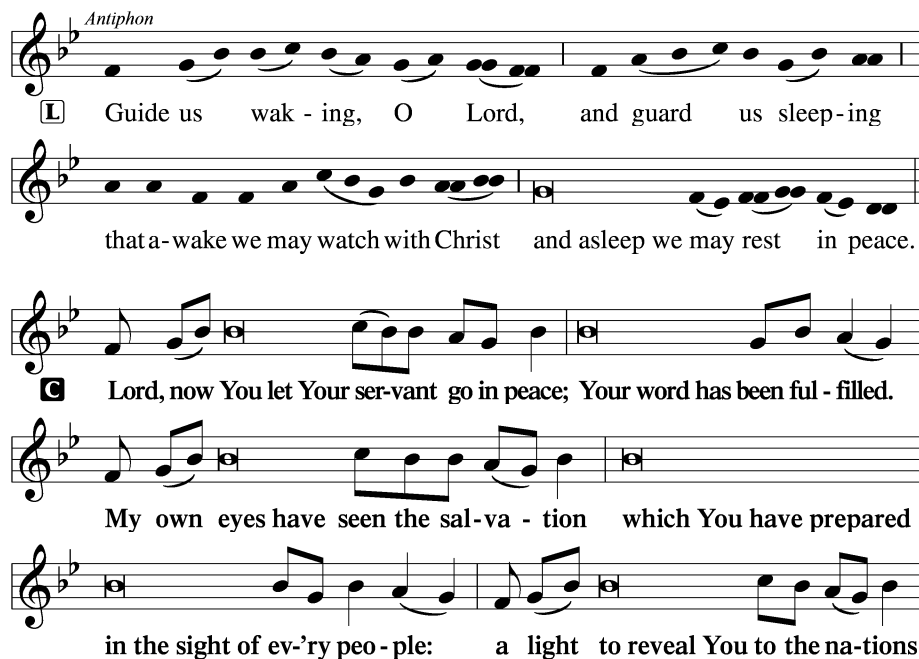


Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly  
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -  
to temp - 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 -  
*Antiphon*  
 ev - er. A - men. 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)