



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION**

November 11, 2020

✠ COMPLINE ✠

*Kneel or Stand*

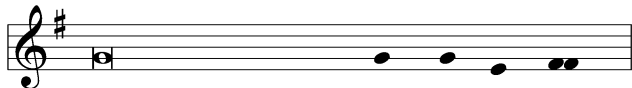
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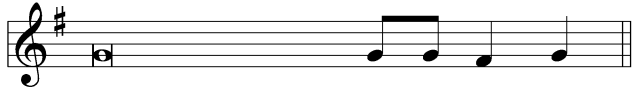
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



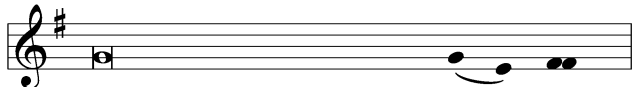
**C** A - men.



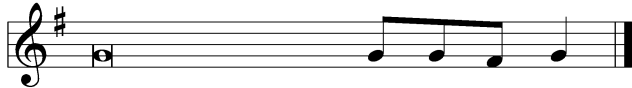
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**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 29; antiphon: vv. 1b–2a (Easter Responsory from Daily Office of Matins)

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



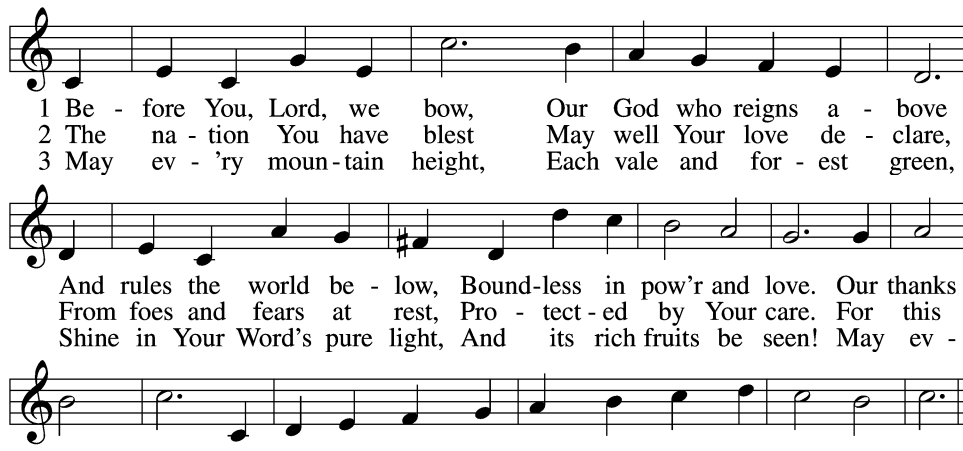
(Antiphon) Give to the Lord all glo- | ry and strength,\*  
give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alle- | luia.

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,\*  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due His name,\*  
worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the | waters;\*  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many | waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is | powerful,\*  
the voice of the LORD is full of | majesty.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedars,\*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,\*  
and Sirion like a young | wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice | of the LORD\*  
flashes forth | flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness;\*  
the LORD shakes the Wilderness | of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the | forests bare,\*  
and in His temple all cry, | “Glory!”
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;\*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for- | ever.
- <sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to His | people!\*  
May the LORD bless His people | with peace!

**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*



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
 3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, Each vale and for - est green,

And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -

we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.

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## ✠ Readings ✠

### First Reading

*Exodus 19:16–19*

<sup>16</sup>On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup>Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. <sup>19</sup>And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.

*Silence for reflection.*

### Second Reading

*Revelation 19:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup>it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

*Silence for reflection.*

### Holy Gospel

*John 12:20–32*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.”

*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**

**Responsory Hym: Before You, Lord, We Bow**

*LSB 966, sts. 1, 4-5*

1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land

And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count-

we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
 less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

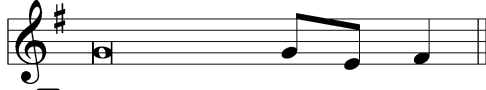
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# ✠ Prayer ✠

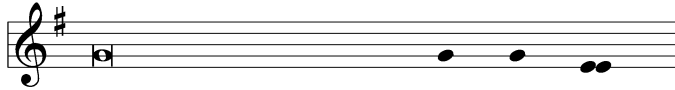
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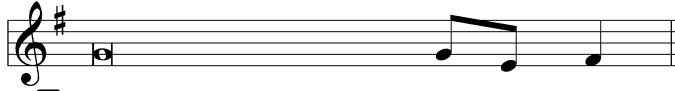
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



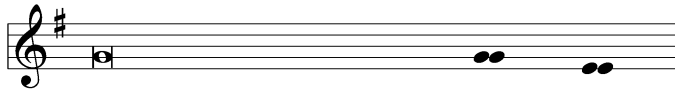
**C** listen to my cry.



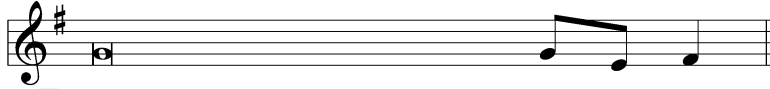
**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**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

LSB 957

**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)