



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION**

July 22, 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 13; antiphon: v. 3*

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



*(Antiphon)* Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\*  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death.

- 1 How long, O LORD? Will You forget me for- | ever?\*
  - How long will You hide Your | face from me?
  - 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?\*
  - How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?
  - 3 **Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\***  
**light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,**
  - 4 **lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”\***  
**lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.**
  - 5 But I have trusted in Your | steadfast love;\*
  - my heart shall rejoice in You sal-| vation.
  - 6 I will sing | to the LORD,
  - because He has dealt bountifully | with me.
- 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: O God, Forsake Me Not

*LSB 731, sts. 1–3*



1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;  
2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir - it from me;  
3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion!



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho - ly Spir - it send me  
Do not per - mit the might Of sin to o - ver-come me.  
In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help me re - sist temp - ta - tion;



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,  
In - crease my fee - ble faith, Which You a - lone have wrought.  
And when the prince of hell My con-science seeks to blot,



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!  
O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!  
Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!

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# ✠ Readings ✠

## First Reading

Genesis 3:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

<sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

*Silence for reflection.*

## Second Reading

1 John 1:5–10

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Holy Gospel

John 12:27–36

<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.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So 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?” <sup>35</sup>So 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. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

*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

✠ 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 -  
*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)