



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION**

September 23, 2020

✠ COMPLINE ✠

*Kneel or Stand*

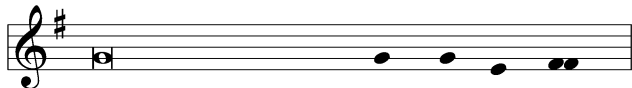
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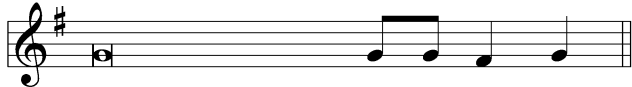
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



**C** A - men.



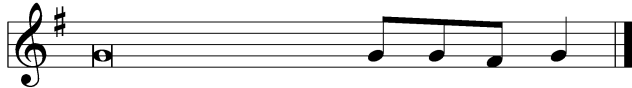
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**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 22; antiphon: v. 23

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



*(Antiphon)* You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify Him,\*  
and stand in aw of Him, all you offspring of | Israel!

- <sup>1</sup> My God, My God, why have You for- | saken Me?\*
- Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My | groaning?
- <sup>2</sup> **O My God, I cry by day, but You do not | answer,\***  
**and by night, but I | find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup> Yet You are | holy,\*  
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> **In You our fathers | trusted;\***  
**they trusted, and You de- | livered them.**
- <sup>5</sup> To You they cried and were | rescued;\*,  
in You they trusted and were not | put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> **But I am a worm and | not a man,\***  
**scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.**
- <sup>7</sup> All who see Me | mock Me;\*,  
they make mouths at Me; they | wag their heads;
- <sup>8</sup> **“He trusts in the LORD; let Him de- | liver Him;\***  
**let Him rescue Him, for He de- | lights in Him!”**
- <sup>9</sup> Yet You are He who took Me | from the womb;\*,  
You made Me trust You at My | mother’s breasts.
- <sup>10</sup> **On You was I cast | from My birth,\***  
**and from My mother’s womb You have | been My God.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from Me, for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.
- <sup>12</sup> **Many bulls en- | compass Me;\***  
**strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round Me;**
- <sup>13</sup> they open wide their | mouths at Me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.
- <sup>14</sup> **I am poured out like water, and all My bones are | out of joint;\***  
**My heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in My breast;**
- <sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks | to My jaws;\*,  
You lay Me in the | dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup> **For dogs en- | compass Me;\***  
**a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My | hands and feet—**
- <sup>17</sup> I can count | all My bones—\*,  
they stare and gloat | over Me;
- <sup>18</sup> **they divide My garments a- | mong them,\***  
**and for My clothing they | cast lots.**
- <sup>19</sup> But You, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*,  
O You My help, come quickly | to My aid!
- <sup>20</sup> **Deliver My soul | from the sword,\***  
**My precious life from the power | of the dog!**
- <sup>21</sup> Save Me from the mouth of the | lion!\*,  
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

**22 I will tell of Your name to My | brothers;\***  
**in the midst of the congregation I will | praise You:**

**23** You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify Him,\*  
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of | Israel!

**24 For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His | face from Him,\***  
**but has heard, when He | cried to Him.**

**25** From You comes My praise in the great congre- | gation;\*  
My vows I will perform before those who | fear Him.

**26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall | praise the LORD!\***  
**May your hearts live for- | ever!**

**27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore You.

**28 For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\***  
**and He rules over the | nations.**

**29** All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

**30 Posterity shall | serve Him;\***  
**it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;**

**31** they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that He has | done it.

**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: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

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1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

# ✠ Readings ✠

## First Reading

Isaiah 53:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
<sup>2</sup>For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.  
<sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Second Reading

Hebrews 2:10–18

<sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying,  
“I will tell of Your name to My brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.”  
<sup>13</sup>And again,  
“I will put My trust in Him.”  
And again,  
“Behold, I and the children God has given Me.”  
<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Holy Gospel

John 19:23–30

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,  
“They divided My garments among them,  
and for My clothing they cast lots.”  
So the soldiers did these things.  
<sup>25</sup>Now standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “**Woman, behold, your son!**” <sup>27</sup>Then He said to the disciple, “**Behold, your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.  
<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished,**” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

*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: Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

# ✠ Prayer ✠

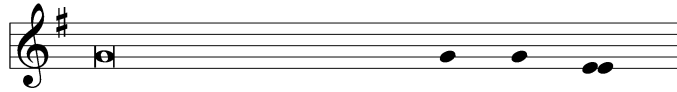
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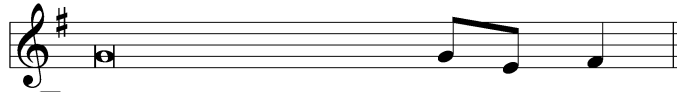
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



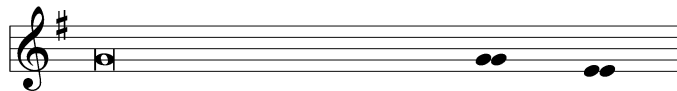
**C** listen to my cry.



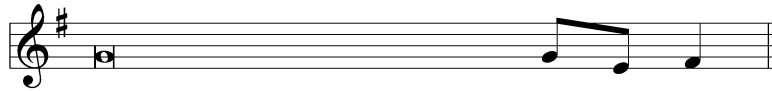
**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**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:

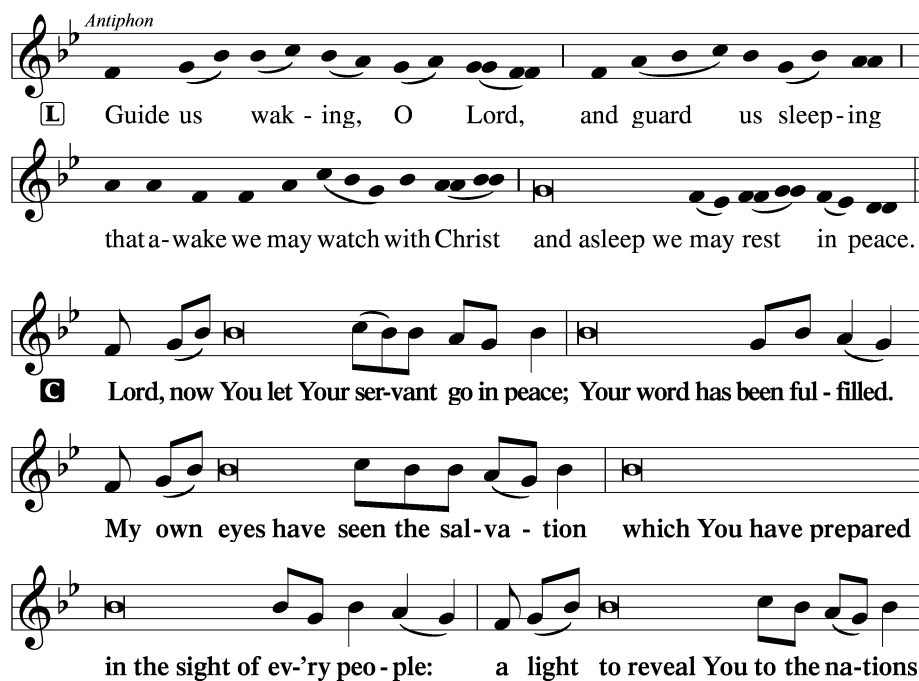


Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly  
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -  
to temp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