



MIDWEEK DEVOTION

May 27, 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 5; antiphon: v. 2

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



(Antiphon) ²Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King | and my God,*
for to You | do I pray.

¹Give ear to my words, | O LORD;*
consider my | groaning.

**²Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King | and my God,*
for to You | do I pray.**

³O LORD, in the morning You | hear my voice;*
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for | You and watch.

**⁴For You are not a God who delights in | wickedness;*
evil may not | dwell with You.**

⁵The boastful shall not stand be- | fore Your eyes;*
You hate all evil- | doers.

**⁶You destroy those | who speak lies;*
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.**

⁷But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will en- | ter Your house.*
I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the | fear of You.

**⁸Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my | enemies;*
make Your way straight be- | fore me.**

⁹For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is de- | scription;*
their throat is an open grave; they flatter | with their tongue.

**¹⁰Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own | counsels,*
because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled a- | gainst You.**

¹¹But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever | sing for joy,*
and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may ex- | ult in You.

¹²For You bless the righteous, | O LORD;*
You cover him with favor as | with a shield.

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, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,

Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.

With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;

So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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† Readings †

First Reading

Daniel 9:3–9, 16–19

³Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ⁴I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, ⁵we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules. ⁶We have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which You have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against You. ⁸To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You. ⁹To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him. . .

¹⁶“O Lord, according to all Your righteous acts, let Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a byword among all who are around us. ¹⁷Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for Your own sake, O Lord, make Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary, which is desolate. ¹⁸O my God, incline Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by Your name. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy. ¹⁹O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for Your own sake, O my God, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

Romans 1:18–23; 3:19–26

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. . . .

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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 17:6–10, 20–23

[Jesus said,] ⁶“I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. ⁸For I have given them the words that You gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.” . . .

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. ²²The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.”

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

Hymn: Abide with Me

LSB 878, sts. 1, 3, 6

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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† Prayer †

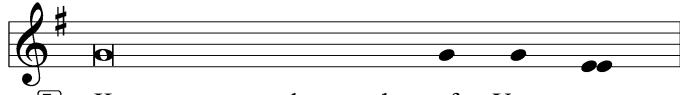
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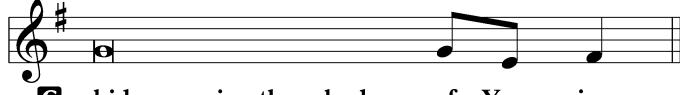
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



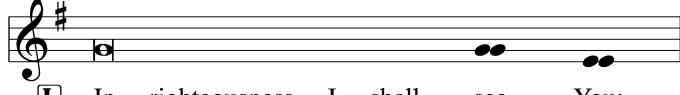
C listen to my cry.



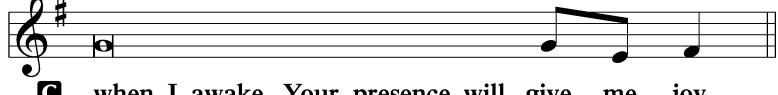
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



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

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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

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.
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

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music. The first two staves are for the Sanctus, followed by an Antiphon staff labeled "Antiphon". The lyrics are:

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. 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

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are:

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)

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