



MIDWEEK DEVOTION

May 13, 2020

✠ COMPLINE ✠

Kneel or Stand

Opening Versicles



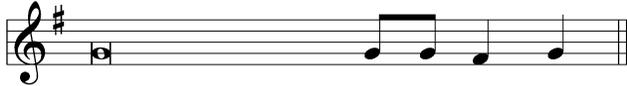
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



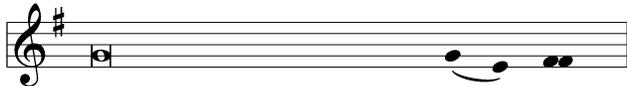
C A - men.



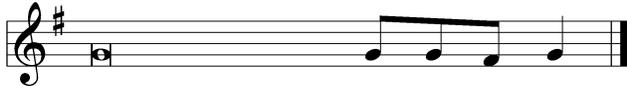
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



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 3; antiphon: v. 1

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



(Antiphon) ⁸Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
Your blessing be on Your | people.

¹“O LORD, how many | are my foes!*
Many are arising a- | gainst me;

²many are saying | of my soul,*
there is no salvation for | him in God.

³But You, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,*
my glory, and the lifter | of my head.

⁴I cried aloud | to the LORD,*
and He answered me from His | holy hill.

⁵I lay | down and slept;*
I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.

⁶I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people*
who have set themselves against me | all around.

⁷Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For You strike all my enemies | on the cheek;*
You break the teeth of the | wicked.

⁸Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
Your blessing be on Your | people.
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: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

LSB 737, sts. 1–2, 5–7



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your
5 He on - ly will with pa - tience chide, His
6 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain Nor
7 Up - on your lips, then, lay your hand, And



cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when
rod falls gent - ly down; And all your sins He
fal - ters nor mis - takes. All that His coun - sels
trust His guid - ing love; Then like a rock your



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.
casts a - side In o - cean depths to drown.
may or - dain A bless - ed end - ing makes.
peace shall stand Here and in heav'n a - bove.

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✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 45:22–25

- ²² “Turn to Me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
- ²³ By Myself I have sworn;
from My mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
‘To Me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.’
- ²⁴ “Only in the LORD, it shall be said of Me,
are righteousness and strength;
to Him shall come and be ashamed
all who were incensed against Him.
- ²⁵ In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
shall be justified and shall glory.”

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- ¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve Him day and night in His temple;
and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
- ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
- ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and He will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Silence for reflection.

Holy Gospel

Mark 15:33–39

- ³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.
- ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?” ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, He is calling Elijah.” ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.” ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
- ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

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, 4-6

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

✠ Prayer ✠

Kneel or Stand



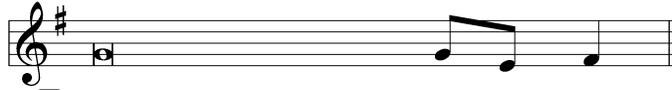
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



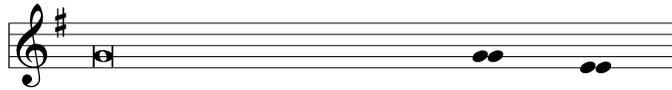
C listen to my cry.



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

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

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)

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