



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 36

February 10, 2021

✠ COMPLINE ✠

Kneel or Stand

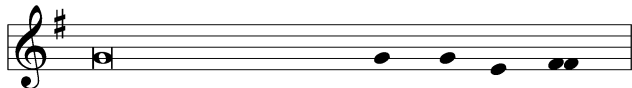
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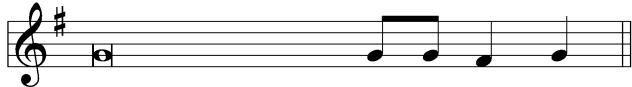
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



C A - men.



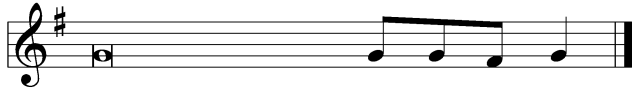
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



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 36; antiphon: vv. 7, 9

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



(Antiphon) How precious is Your steadfast love, | O God!*

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of Your wings.
For with You is the foun- | tain of life;*
in Your light do | we see light.

¹ Transgression speaks to the wicked deep | in his heart;*
there is no fear of God be- | fore his eyes.

² For he flatters himself in | his own eyes*
that his iniquity cannot be found out and | hated.

³ **The words of his mouth are trouble | and deceit;***
he has ceased to act wisely | and do good.

⁴ **He plots trouble while | on his bed;***
he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject | evil.

⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens;*
Your faithfulness | to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, | O LORD.

⁷ **How precious is Your steadfast love, | O God!***
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of Your wings.

⁸ **They feast on the abundance | of Your house,***
and You give them drink from the river of | Your delights.

⁹ For with You is the foun- | tain of life;*
in Your light do | we see light.

¹⁰ Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who | know You,*
and Your righteousness to the up- | right of heart!

¹¹ **Let not the foot of arrogance come up- | on me,***
nor the hand of the wicked drive | me away.

¹² **There the evildoers lie | fallen;***
they are thrust down, unable | to rise.

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 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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✠ Readings ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 4:1–2, 14–19 [NKJV]

¹Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding; ²for I give you good doctrine: do not forsake my law. . . .

¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. ¹⁵Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; and their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

¹⁹The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

Silence for reflection.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Silence for reflection.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 23:37–39

³⁷“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁸See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹For I tell you, you will not see Me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.’”

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

✠ Prayer ✠

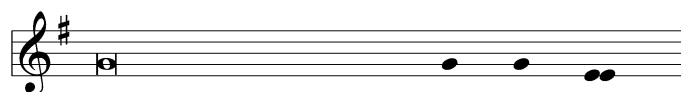
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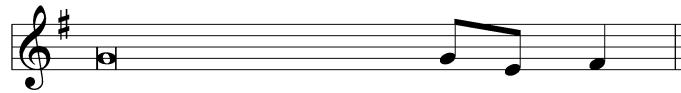
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



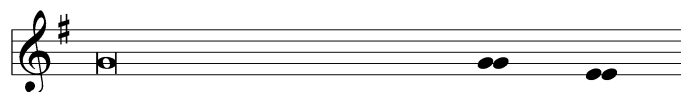
C listen to my cry.



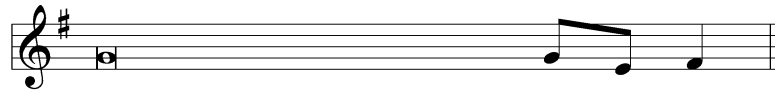
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



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.

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.



☐ A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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☐ 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.

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 -

Antiphon



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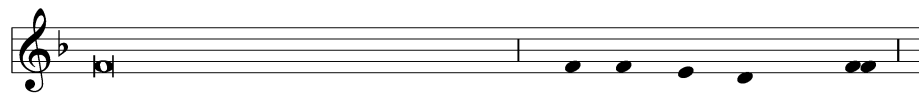


and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may




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)