



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION**

November 4, 2020

✠ COMPLINE ✠

*Kneel or Stand*

**Opening Versicles**



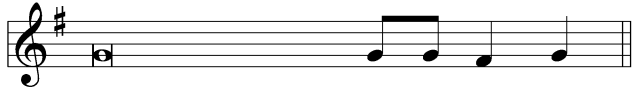
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



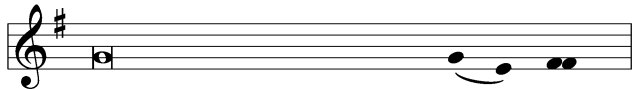
**C** A - men.



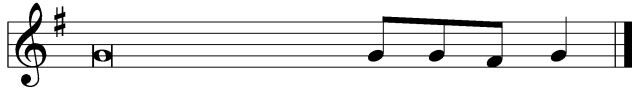
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**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 28; antiphon: v. 9

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



*(Antiphon)* Oh [LORD], save Your people and bless Your | heritage! \*  
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

- <sup>1</sup> To You, O LORD, I call; my Rock, be not | deaf to me,\*  
lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
- <sup>2</sup> **Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | You for help,\*  
when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctu- | ary.**
- <sup>3</sup> Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of | evil,\*  
who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is | in their hearts.
- <sup>4</sup> **Give to them according to their work and according to the evil | of their deeds;\*  
give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their | due reward.**
- <sup>5</sup> Because they do not regard the works of the LORD or the work | of His hands,\*  
He will tear them down and build them | up no more.
- <sup>6</sup> **Blessèd | be the LORD! \*  
For He has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*  
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to Him.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD is the strength of His | people;\*  
He is the saving refuge of His a- | nointed.**
- <sup>9</sup> Oh, save Your people and bless Your | heritage! \*  
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.  
**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 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 of His might All things are just and good and right:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 To God all praise and glo - ry!  
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## ✠ Readings ✠

### First Reading

Isaiah 40:9–11

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”  
<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

*Silence for reflection.*

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45–49

<sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.  
<sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second Man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the Man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the Man of heaven.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-53

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"  
<sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and He took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."  
<sup>45</sup>Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the Promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing 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

### Responsory Hym: Kyrie! God, Father

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Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,  
Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i-son!

Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.

O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, Our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne:

Hear our cry and grant our sup - pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the

gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this

sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

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## ✠ 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.



Stand

Luke 2: 29-32

### 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*  
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)