



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION**

June 24, 2020

✠ COMPLINE ✠

*Kneel or Stand*

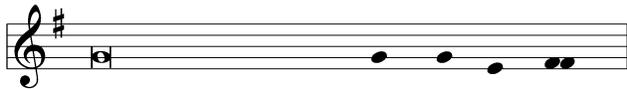
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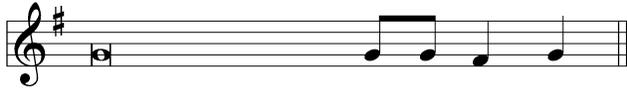
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



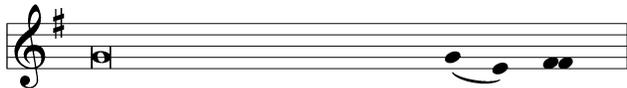
**C** A - men.



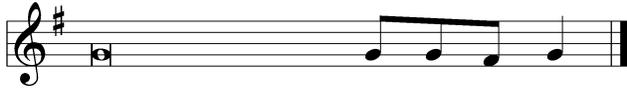
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**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 9; antiphon: v. 9

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



(Antiphon) <sup>9</sup>The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,\*  
a stronghold in times of | trouble.

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart;\*  
I will recount all of Your won- | derful deeds.

<sup>2</sup>**I will be glad and ex- | ult in You;\***  
**I will sing praise to Your name, | O Most High.**

<sup>3</sup>When my enemies | turn back,\*  
they stumble and perish before Your | presence.

<sup>4</sup>**For You have maintained my | just cause;\***  
**You have sat on the throne, giving righteous | judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>You have rebuked the nations; You have made the wicked | perish;\*  
You have blotted out their name forever and | ever.

<sup>6</sup>**The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you | rooted out;\***  
**the very memory of them has | perished.**

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD sits enthroned for- | ever;\*  
He has established His throne for | justice,

<sup>8</sup>**and He judges the world with | righteousness;\***  
**He judges the peoples with up- | rightness.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,\*  
a stronghold in times of | trouble.

<sup>10</sup>**And those who know Your name put their | trust in You,\***  
**for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek You.**

<sup>11</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in | Zion!\*  
Tell among the peoples | His deeds!

<sup>12</sup>**For He who avenges blood is mind- | ful of them;\***  
**He does not forget the cry of the af- | flicted.**

<sup>13</sup>Be gracious to me, | O LORD!\*  
See my affliction from those who hate me, O You who lift me up from the | gates of death,

<sup>14</sup>**that I may recount all Your | praises,\***  
**that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in Your sal- | vation.**

<sup>15</sup>The nations have sun in the pit | that they made;\*  
in the net that they hid, their own foot | has been caught.

<sup>16</sup>**The LORD has made Himself known; He has executed | judgment;\***  
**the wicked are snared in the work of | their own hands.**

<sup>17</sup>The wicked shall return | to Sheol,\*  
all the nations that for- | get God.

<sup>18</sup>**For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,\***  
**and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.**

<sup>19</sup>Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;\*  
let the nations be judged be- | fore You!

<sup>20</sup>**Put them in fear, | O LORD!\***  
**Let the nations know that they | are but men!**

**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.*

## Office Hymn: O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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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 ✠

## First Reading

Isaiah 40:1–5

- 1 Comfort, comfort My people, says your God.
- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD'S hand  
double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice cries:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.
- 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

*Silence for reflection.*

## Second Reading

Acts 13:13–26

<sup>13</sup>Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. <sup>15</sup>After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it."

<sup>16</sup>So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: “Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. <sup>17</sup>The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm He led them out of it. <sup>18</sup>And for about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup>And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, He gave them their land as an inheritance.

<sup>20</sup>“All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup>Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. <sup>22</sup>And when He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, of whom He testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after My heart, who will do all My will.’ <sup>23</sup>Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as He promised. <sup>24</sup>Before His coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. <sup>25</sup>And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not He. No, but behold, after me One is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

<sup>26</sup>“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.”

*Silence for reflection.*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:57–80*

<sup>57</sup>Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup>And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup>And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup>but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” <sup>61</sup>And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” <sup>62</sup>And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup>And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup>And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup>And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup>and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup>And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for He has visited and redeemed His people  
<sup>69</sup>and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of His servant David,  
<sup>70</sup>as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup>that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup>to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember His holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup>the oath that He swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup>that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve Him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,  
<sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to His people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

<sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

*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.

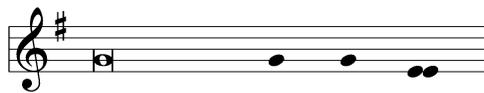


**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

## Meditation on the Psalm

### ✠ Prayer ✠

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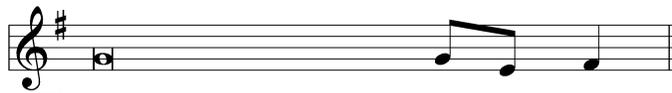
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



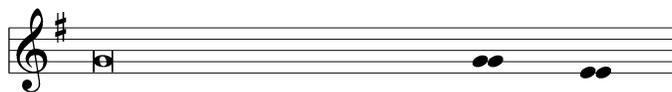
**C** listen to my cry.



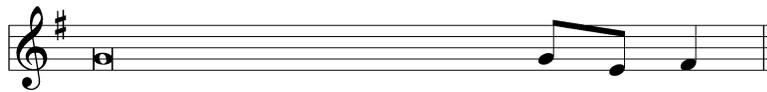
**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**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.*

- 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.

## 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)

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