



MIDWEEK DEVOTION

June 3, 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 6; antiphon: v. 9

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



(Antiphon) ⁹The LORD has | heard my plea;*
the LORD ac- | cepts my prayer.

¹O LORD, rebuke me not in Your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in Your wrath.

²**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | languishing;*
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are | troubled.**

³My soul also is greatly | troubled.*
But You, O LORD— | how long?

⁴**Turn, O LORD, deliv- | er my life;*
save me for the sake of Your | steadfast love.**

⁵For in death there is no remem- | brance of You;*
in Sheol who will | give You praise?

⁶**I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my | bed with tears;*
I drench my couch with my | weeping.**

⁷My eye wastes away be- | cause of grief,*
it grows weak because of | all my foes.

⁸**Depart from me, all you workers of | evil,*
for the LORD has heard the sound of my | weeping.**

⁹The LORD has | heard my plea;*
the LORD ac- | cepts my prayer.

¹⁰**All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly | troubled;*
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a | moment.**

**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: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700, sts. 1–2



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.

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✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

1 Kings 8:46–52

⁴⁶“If they sin against You—for there is no one who does not sin—and You are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near,
⁴⁷yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with You in the land of their captors, saying, ‘We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,’
⁴⁸if they repent with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to You toward their land, which You gave to their fathers, the city that You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name,⁴⁹then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause⁵⁰ and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions that they have committed against You, and grant them compassion in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them⁵¹(for they are Your people, and Your heritage, which You brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace).⁵²Let Your eyes be open to the plea of Your servant and to the plea of Your people Israel, giving ear to them whenever they call to You.”

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:3–11

³Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the LORD,
nor be weary when reprov'd by Him.

⁶For the LORD disciplines the one He loves,
and chastises every son whom He receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Silence for reflection.

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–23

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.** ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “**This voice has come for your sake, not Mine.** ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

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: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700, sts. 3-4

3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us and
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

✠ Prayer ✠

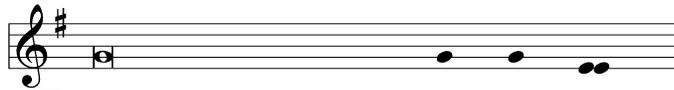
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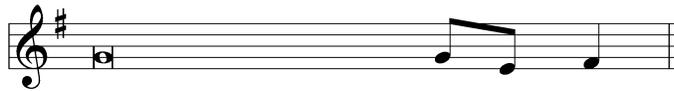
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



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:

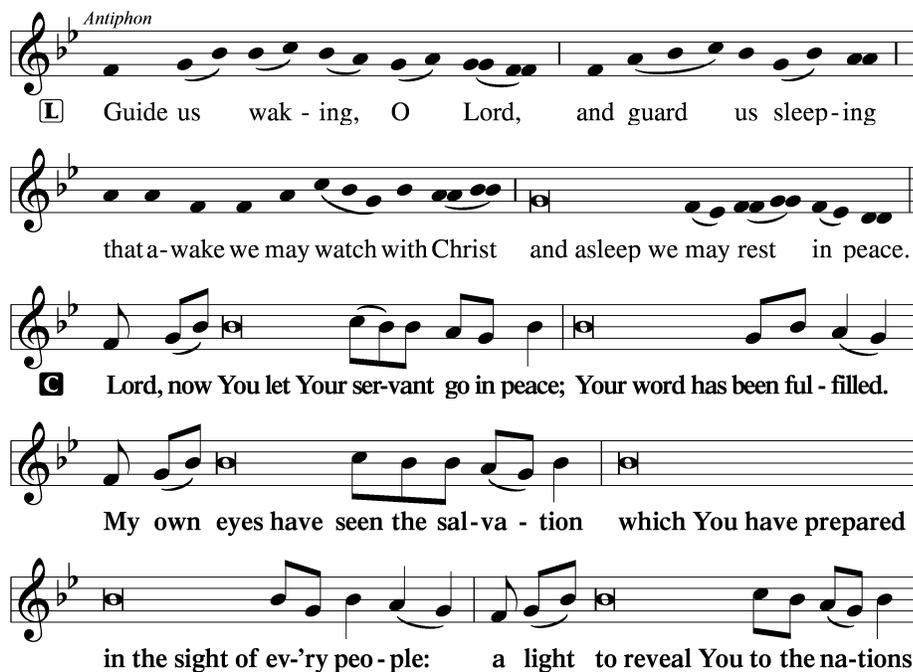


Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, 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
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. A - men. *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.

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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