



MIDWEEK DEVOTION

October 21, 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 26; antiphon: v. 8

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



(Antiphon) O lord, I love the habitation | of Your house*
and the place where Your | glory dwells.

- 1 Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.
 - 2 **Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;***
test my heart | and my mind.
 - 3 For Your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,*
and I walk in Your | faithfulness.
 - 4 **I do not sit with men of | falsehood,***
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.
 - 5 I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,*
and I will not sit with the | wicked.
 - 6 **I wash my hands in | innocence***
and go around Your altar, | O LORD,
 - 7 proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,*
and telling all Your | wondrous deeds.
 - 8 **O LORD, I love the habitation | of Your house***
and the place where Your | glory dwells.
 - 9 Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,*
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,
 - 10 **in whose hands are evil de- | vices,***
and whose right hands are | full of bribes.
 - 11 But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;*
 - redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.
 - 12 **My foot stands on | level ground;***
in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.
- 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: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-against my God.

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✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–7

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18–24

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”

²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly [Greek: and church] of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Silence for reflection.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1–26

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, ²since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given Him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. ⁸For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

⁹“I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰All mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. ²²The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

²⁴“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. ²⁶I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

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: O Word of God Incarnate

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1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
 Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

✠ Prayer ✠

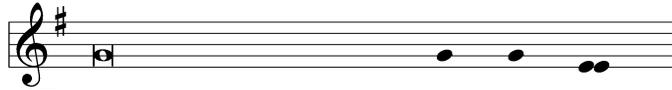
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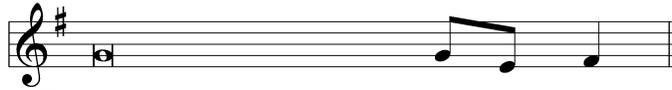
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



C listen to my cry.



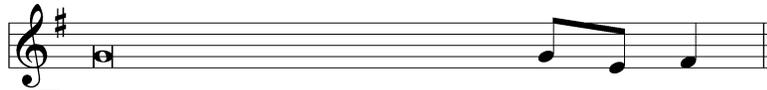
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



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:

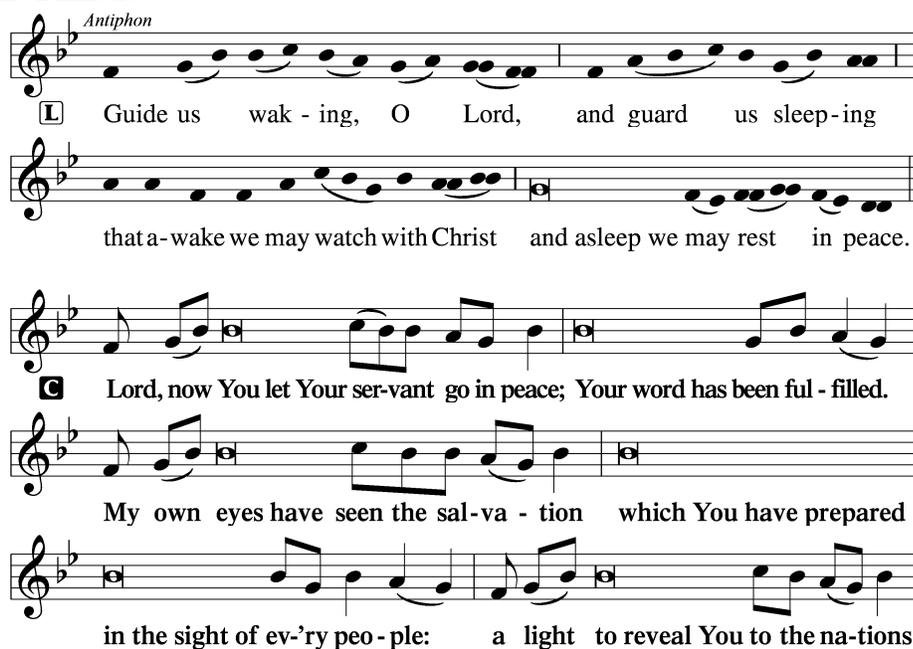


Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion,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