



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION**

**August 19, 2020**

✠ COMPLINE ✠

*Kneel or Stand*

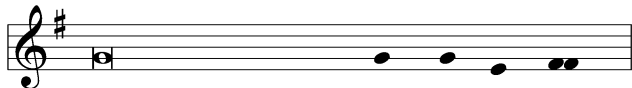
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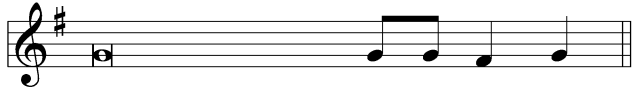
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



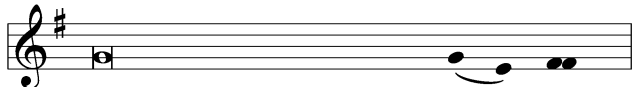
**C** A - men.



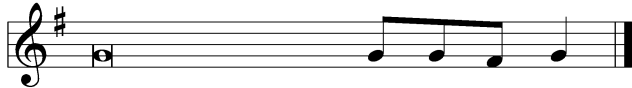
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**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 17; antiphon: v. 15

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



*(Antiphon)* As for me, I shall behold Your face in | righteousness;\*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with Your | likeness.

- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend | to my cry!\*
- Give ear to my prayer from lips free | of deceit!
- <sup>2</sup> From Your presence let my vindi- | cation come!\*
- Let Your eyes be- | hold the right!
- <sup>3</sup> You have tried my heart, You have visited me by night,  
You have tested me, and You will find | nothing;\*
- I have purposed that my mouth will | not transgress.
- <sup>4</sup> With regard to the works of man, by the word | of Your lips\*
- I have avoided the ways of the | violent.
- <sup>5</sup> My steps have held fast | to Your paths;\*
- my feet | have not slipped.
- <sup>6</sup> I call upon You, for You will answer me, | O God;\*
- incline Your ear to me; | hear my words.
- <sup>7</sup> Wondrously show Your | steadfast love;\*
- O Savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at | Your right hand.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple | of Your eye;\*
- hide me in the shadow | of Your wings,
- <sup>9</sup> from the wicked who do me | violence;\*
- my deadly enemies who sur- | round me.
- <sup>10</sup> They close their hearts to | pity;\*
- with their mouths they speak ar- | rogantly.
- <sup>11</sup> They have now surrounded | our steps;\*
- they set their eyes to cast us | to the ground.
- <sup>12</sup> He is like a lion ea- | ger to tear;\*
- as a young lion lurking in | ambush.
- <sup>13</sup> Arise, | O LORD!\*
- Confront him, sub- | due him!  
Deliver my soul from the wicked by Your sword,
- <sup>14</sup> from men by your hand, | O LORD;\*
- from men of the world whose portion is | in this life.  
You fill their womb with | treasure;\*
- they are satisfied with children,  
and they leave their abundance to their | infants.
- <sup>15</sup> As for me, I shall behold Your face in | righteousness;\*
- when I awake, I shall be satisfied with Your | likeness.

**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: Christ Is the World's Redeemer

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1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,  
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
 △ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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## ✠ Readings ✠

### First Reading

Daniel 7:13–14

<sup>13</sup> I saw in the night visions,  
 and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
 there came One like a Son of Man,  
 and He came to the Ancient of Days  
 and was presented before Him.  
<sup>14</sup> And to Him was given dominion  
 and glory and a kingdom,  
 that all peoples, nations, and languages  
 should serve Him;  
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
 which shall not pass away,  
 and His kingdom one  
 that shall not be destroyed.

*Silence for reflection.*

### Second Reading

Philippians 3:17–21

<sup>17</sup> Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

*Silence for reflection.*

## Holy Gospel

John 19:16b–30

<sup>16b</sup>So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided My garments among them,  
and for My clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “**Woman, behold, your son!**” <sup>27</sup>Then He said to the disciple, “**Behold, your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished,**” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

*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.

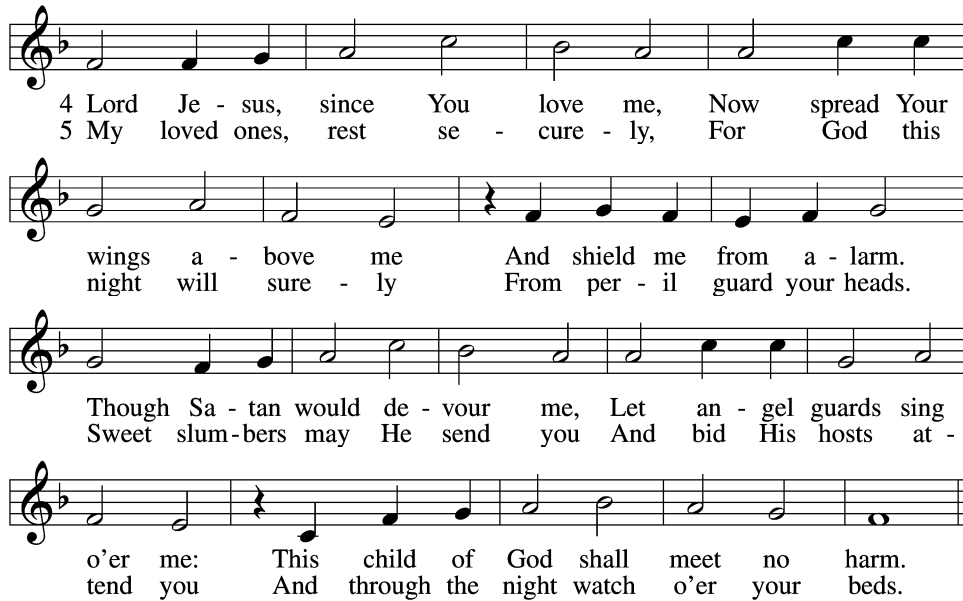


**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

## Meditation on the Psalm

## Responsory Hymn: Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow

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4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your  
5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this  
wings a - bove me And shield me from a - larm.  
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.  
Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing  
Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -  
o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.  
tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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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.

*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 -  
*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)