

Lenten Midweek Service

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+ + + Compline + + +

The congregation assembles in silence.

Kneel/Stand



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



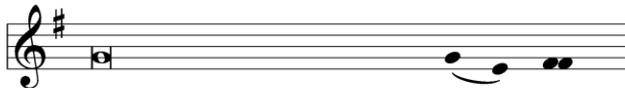
C A - men.



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.

Confession

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Silence for reflection.

Responsory

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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.

Sermon *“Justified by Faith – Rejoice in Suffering”*

Stand

Prayer

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 Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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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.



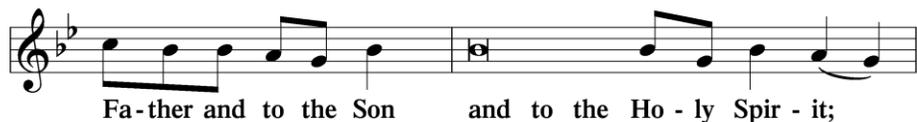
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared



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;



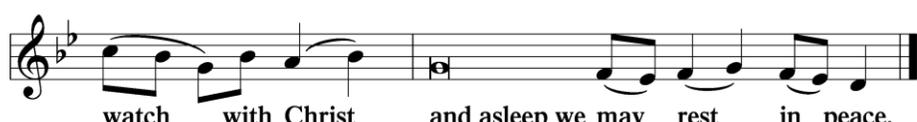
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -



ev-er. A - men. *Antiphon* Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



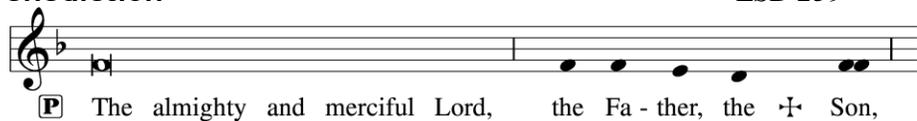
and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may



watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Benediction

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P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the ✠ Son,



and the Holy Spir - it, bless you and keep you.



C A - men.

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

sts. 1, 4-7



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
 5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -
 6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -
 7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
 spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
 bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
 hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
 false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
 Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
 Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
 pre - cious name, My faith can - not be



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
 ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
 put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.

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