

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2020: COMPLINE

PREPARATION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
To herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of the day.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

All praise to thee, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.

HYMN 63 vs. 1, 2, 4 and 6 (SAID)

Forgive me, Lord, for this I pray,
the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on thee repose,
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
sleep that shall me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A prayerful examination of the past day may be undertaken after which the following words of penitence are used

Holy and gracious God,
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.

By the mercy of God
We are united with Jesus Christ,
in whom we are forgiven.

We rest now in the peace of Christ
and rise in the morning to serve.

THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM

Psalm 35

Refrain: My soul waits for the Lord.

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
Lord, | hear my | voice; ■
let your ears consider well the | voice •of my | suppli | cation.
2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is | done a | miss, ■
O | Lord, | who could | stand?
3† But there is for | giveness with | you, ■
so | that you | shall be | feared.

Refrain: My soul waits for the Lord.

4 I wait for the Lord; my | soul | waits for him; ■
in his | word | is my | hope.
5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch | for the | morning, ■
more than the | night watch | for the | morning.

Refrain: My soul waits for the Lord.

6 O Israel, | wait •for the | Lord, ■
for with the | Lord | there is | mercy;
7 With him is | plenteous re | demption ■
and he shall redeem | Israel from | all their | sins.

Refrain: My soul waits for the Lord.

Psalm-Prayer

Father, we commend to your faithful love
those who are crying from the depths;
help them to watch and pray
through their time of darkness,
in sure hope of the dawn of your
forgiveness and redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory be to the Father, ■
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, ■
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A READING

Matthew 8: 1-13

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.' And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

ADDRESS

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

The following responsory may be said:

Keep me as the apple of an eye.
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*

**1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in | peace: ■
your | word has | been ful| filled.**

**2 My own eyes have | seen the · sal|vation ■
which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people.**

**3 A light to re|veal you · to the | nations ■
and the | glory · of your | people | Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son ■
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, ■
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

PRAYERS

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.
Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
In righteousness I shall see you;
when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

COLLECTS

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 rest in you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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, in your mercy,
grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work or watch or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, give rest to the weary,
bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous,
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

THE ENDING

Almighty and merciful God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and for evermore. **Amen.**

Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;
You alone, O God, make me secure.
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL