

## Lenten Midweek Service

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Compline (Prayer at the Close of the Day)

*The congregation assembles in silence.*

### 852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

LSB 852

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might,  
In love and pity infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,  
To live our lives in Thee.
- 2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die  
That our lost world might live thereby,  
O hear us; for to Thee we cry,  
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.
- 3 Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught:  
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,  
That ev'ry word and deed and thought  
May work a work for Thee.
- 4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,  
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.  
Grant us the will and grace provide  
To love them all in Thee!
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as unto Thee!
- 6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
All those who live in Thee.

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*Kneel/Stand*

**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

- L** to herald Your love in the morning,
- G** **Your truth at the close of the day.**

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

*Silence for self-examination.*

- L** Holy and gracious God,
- G** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deed 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.
- G** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Psalmody**

**Psalm** (Prayed in unison)

*Psalm 28:1–9*

- G** <sup>1</sup>**To you, O LORD, I call;  
my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*  
lest, if you be silent to me,  
I become like those who go down | to the pit.**
- <sup>2</sup>**Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,  
when I cry to | you for help,\*  
when I lift up my hands  
toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.**
- <sup>3</sup>**Do not drag me off with the wicked,  
with the workers of | evil,\*  
who speak peace with their neighbors  
while evil is | in their hearts.**
- <sup>4</sup>**Give to them according to their work  
and according to the evil | of their deeds;\*  
give to them according to the work of their hands;  
render them their | due reward.**
- <sup>5</sup>**Because they do not regard the works of the LORD  
or the work | of his hands,\*  
he will tear them down and build them | up no more.**
- <sup>6</sup>**Blesséd | be the LORD!\***  
for he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
- <sup>7</sup>**The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give | thanks to him.**
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.**
- <sup>9</sup>**Oh, save your people and bless your | heritage!\***  
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

*Sit*

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Luke 23:26–49*

*Silence for reflection.*

### Reading

*Matthew 6:14–15*

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

*Silence for reflection.*

### Responsory

*LSB 255*

- L** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**
- L** You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**

### 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

*LSB 766 sts. 1, 6, 9*

- 1 Our Father, who from heav'n above  
Bids all of us to live in love  
As members of one family  
And pray to You in unity,  
Teach us no thoughtless words to say  
But from our inmost hearts to pray.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
That they may trouble us no more;  
We, too, will gladly those forgive  
Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community  
To serve each other willingly.
- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe  
That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

*Kneel/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.**

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

**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

LSB 257

**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

LSB 258

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

**C** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.  
Guide us waking, O Lord,  
and guard us sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

### **Benediction**

*LSB 259*

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.  
**G Amen.**

### **580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace**

*LSB 580*

- 1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace,  
Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.
- 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,  
Who made the atoning sacrifice,  
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed  
To come and find eternal rest.
- 3 It brings the Savior's righteousness  
To robe our souls in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release  
And gives the troubled conscience peace.
- 4 It is the pow'r of God to save  
From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith which firmly clings  
To all the treasures which it brings.
- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad  
And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The weary, burdened souls it cheers  
And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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