

✠ The Office of Compline ✠

March 19, 2025

The congregation assembles in silence.

Stand

Opening Versicles

LSB 253

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,

C Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession

Exhortation

LSB 254

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

Silence for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 254

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.

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

Stand

Psalm

Psalm 103

- ¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!
- ²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,***
and forget not all his | benefits,
- ³who forgives all your in- | iquity,*
who heals all your dis- | eases,
- ⁴**who redeems your life | from the pit,***
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,
- ⁵who satisfies | you with good*
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
- ⁶**The LORD works | righteousness***
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,*
his acts to the people of | Israel.
- ⁸**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,***
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹He will not | always chide,*
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
- ¹⁰**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,***
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
¹²**as far as the east is | from the west,***
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.
¹³As a father shows compassion to his | children,*
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.
¹⁴**For he | knows our frame;*
he remembers that | we are dust.**
¹⁵As for man, his days | are like grass;*
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
¹⁶**for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
and its place knows | it no more.**
¹⁷But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who | fear him,*
and his righteousness to children's | children,
¹⁸**to those who keep his | covenant*
and remember to do his com- | mandments.**
¹⁹The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.
²⁰**Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,*
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice | of his word!**
²¹Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,*
his ministers, who | do his will!
²²**Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his do- | minion.*
Bless the LORD, | O my soul!**

**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.**

- 1 When in the hour of deepest need
We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
No help or counsel yet have brought,
- 2 Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children’s cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.
- 4 And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on ev’ry hand.
- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev’ry ill.
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

Readings from Holy Scripture

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;

call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;

gather the children,
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,
“Where is their God?””

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people,
“Behold, I am sending to you
grain, wine, and oil,

and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations.”

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Silence for reflection.

Third Reading

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

¹[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Silence for reflection.

Responsory

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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.

Office Hymn: *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

LSB 761

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

- 2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Homily: *“The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives”*

Rev. Mark Eddy

Stand

Prayer

Versicles

LSB 256

- 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.

Collects

- 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** Lord, we confess our hands, meant for Your service, often grasp for our own praise. Forgive us, and fill our empty hands with Your abundant grace. Grant us hearts that seek Your unseen reward, not the fleeting praise of the world. As You gave Your life for us, teach us to give selflessly. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- L** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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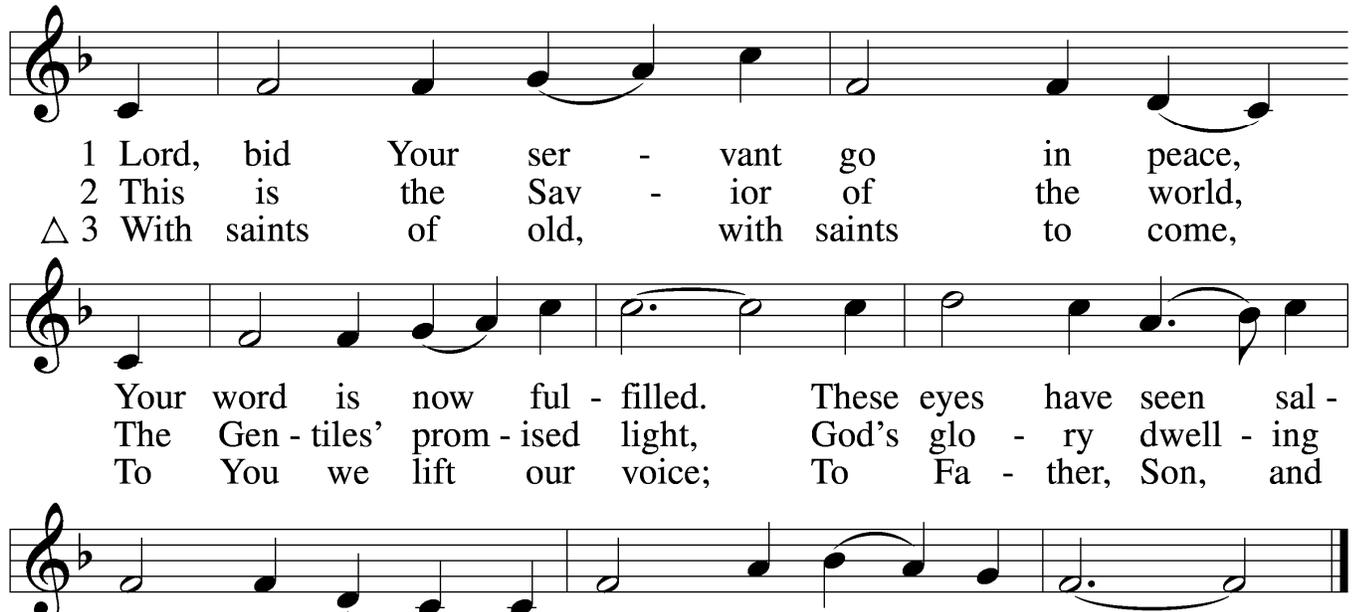
L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

Nunc Dimittis

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



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Benediction

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- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

- ref* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

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