

✠ The Office of Compline ✠

March 12, 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 8

- ¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*
- You have set your glory above the | heavens.**
- ²**Out of the mouth of babes and infants,**
you have established strength because | of your foes,*
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.
- ³**When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,***
the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,
- ⁴what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*
and the son of man that you | care for him?
- ⁵**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings***
and crowned him with glory and | honor.
- ⁶You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
- you have put all things under | his feet,
- ⁷**all sheep and | oxen,***
and also the beasts | of the field,
- ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea,*
whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.
- ⁹**O | LORD, our Lord,***
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

**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.**

Sit

Hymn: *“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”*

LSB 432

- 1 In silent pain the_ eternal Son
Hangs derelict and still;
In darkened day His work is done,
Fulfilled, His Father’s will.
Uplifted for the world to see
He hangs in strangest victory,
For in His body on the tree
He carries all our ill.
- 2 He died that we might die to sin
And live for righteousness;
The earth is stained to make us clean
And bring us into peace.
For peace He came and met its cost;
He gave Himself to save the lost;
He loved us to the uttermost
And paid for our release.
- 3 For strife He came to bring a sword,
The truth to end all lies;
To rule in us, our patient Lord,
Until all evil dies:
For in His hand He holds the stars,
His voice shall speak to end our wars,
And those who love Him see His scars
And look into His eyes.

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Reading

Job 9:1–12

- ¹Then Job answered and said:
²“Truly I know that it is so:
But how can a man be in the right before God?
³If one wished to contend with him,
one could not answer him once in a thousand times.
⁴He is wise in heart and mighty in strength
—who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded?—
⁵he who removes mountains, and they know it not,
when he overturns them in his anger,
⁶who shakes the earth out of its place,
and its pillars tremble;
⁷who commands the sun, and it does not rise;
who seals up the stars;
⁸who alone stretched out the heavens
and trampled the waves of the sea;
⁹who made the Bear and Orion,
the Pleiades and the chambers of the south;
¹⁰who does great things beyond searching out,
and marvelous things beyond number.
¹¹Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not;
he moves on, but I do not perceive him.
¹²Behold, he snatches away; who can turn him back?
Who will say to him, ‘What are you doing?’

Silence for reflection.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of

our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Silence for reflection.

Third Reading

Matthew 14:22–33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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.**

Office Hymn: *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

LSB 543

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

Beneath God’s righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb,

Who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Homily: *"The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves"* Rev. Robert Hagen

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** 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.
- C** Amen.
- L** Lord Jesus, Your hand, the hand of God, reached down to save Peter from the storm, and reaches still to save us. We confess our tendency to take matters into our own hands, sinking when we

turn from Your promises. Thank You for Your immediate mercy, for reaching into our depths and pulling us to safety. Grant us faith to trust in Your hand, which created, saves, and sanctifies us, and to find our security in You alone.

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

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.

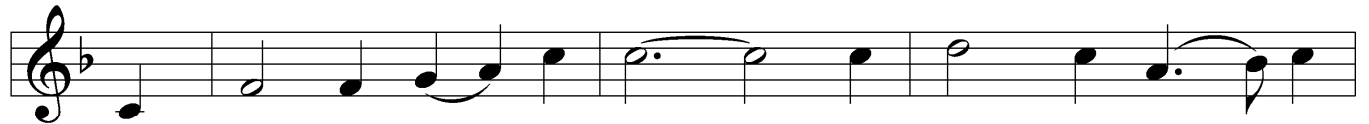
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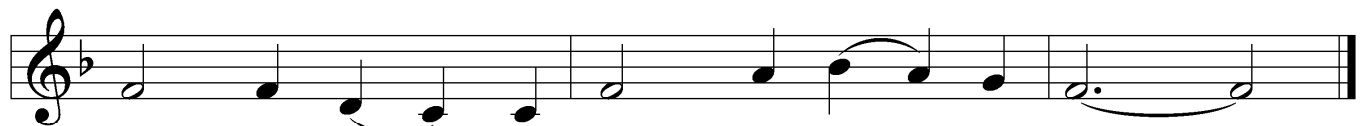
L Guide us waking, O Lord,
 and guard us sleeping
 that awake we may watch with Christ
 and asleep we may rest in peace.



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

LSB 259

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

Hymn to Depart: “*Glory Be to Jesus*”

LSB 433

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel’s blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;

Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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