

# ✠ The Office of Compline ✠

## April 2, 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.

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**Psalm**

*Psalm 118:14–18*

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song;\*  
he has become my sal- | vation.

<sup>15</sup>**Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the | righteous:\***

**“The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly,  
<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the | LORD exalts,\*  
the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!”**

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but | I shall live,\*  
and recount the deeds | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has disciplined me se- | verely,\*  
but he has not given me o- | ver to death.

**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*

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.
  
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.
  
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior’s side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

### Readings from Holy Scripture

#### First Reading

*1 Kings 17:8–24*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath.

And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” <sup>22</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

*Silence for reflection.*

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:12–28, 50–58*

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

<sup>50</sup>I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on

immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

*Silence for reflection.*

### **Third Reading**

*Luke 7:11–17*

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup>Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup>And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup>And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

*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:** “*Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters*”

*LSB 598*

1 Once in the blest baptismal waters  
I put on Christ and made Him mine;  
Now numbered with God’s sons and daughters,  
I share His peace and love divine. *Refrain*

*ref* O God, for Jesus’ sake I pray  
Your peace may bless my dying day.

2 His body and His blood I’ve taken  
In His blest Supper, feast divine;  
Now I shall never be forsaken,  
For I am His, and He is mine. *Refrain*

3 And thus I live in God contented  
And die without a thought of fear;  
My soul has to God’s plans consented,  
For through His Son my faith is clear. *Refrain*

**Homily:** “*The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead*” Rev. Steve Sommerer

*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.**

## Collects

- 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.**
- L** Lord Jesus, Your hand, the hand of life, touched the bier and halted death's procession. We confess that death's grip seems strong, but Your compassion is stronger. Thank You for defeating death on the cross, rising to give us eternal life. When Your life touches our death, through Word and Sacrament, You transform us. Grant us faith to trust in Your resurrection, knowing that You have conquered death forever.
- 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.**

## 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

*LSB 259*

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

- 1 O Christ, who shared our mortal life  
And ended death's long reign,  
Who healed the sick and raised the dead  
And bore our grief and pain:  
We know our years on earth are few,  
That death is always near.  
Come now to us, O Lord of Life;  
Bring hope that conquers fear!
- 7 Raising of the widow's son (Luke 7:11–17)  
The ranks of death with trophy grim  
Through ancient streets once trod  
And suddenly confronted You,  
The mighty Son of God.  
A widow's tears evoked Your Word;  
You stopped the bearers' tread.  
“Weep not!” in pity then You spoke  
To her whose son was dead.
- 8 The ranks of death, the Lord of Life  
Stood face to face that hour;  
And You took up the age-old strife  
With words of awesome pow'r.  
“Young man, arise!” You ordered loud,  
And death defeated lay.  
The widow's son cast off his shroud  
And strode from death away.
- 4 Death's power holds us still in thrall  
And bears us toward the tomb.  
Death's dark'ning cloud hangs like a pall  
That threatens earth with doom.  
But You have broken death's embrace  
And torn away its sting.

Restore to life our mortal race!  
Raise us, O Risen King!

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