

Compline 13th September 2020

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

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. 1 Peter 5: 8, 9.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to God.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 119

- 41 Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord, ♦
even your salvation, according to your promise.
- 42 **Then shall I answer those who taunt me, ♦
for my trust is in your word.**
- 43 O take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, ♦
for my hope is in your judgements.
- 44 **So shall I always keep your law; ♦
I shall keep it for ever and ever.**
- 45 I will walk at liberty, ♦
because I study your commandments.
- 46 **I will tell of your testimonies, even before kings, ♦
and will not be ashamed.**
- 47 My delight shall be in your commandments, ♦
which I have greatly loved.
- 48 **My hands will I lift up to your commandments,
which I love, ♦
and I will meditate on your statutes.**

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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.**

Acts 18: 1-16

1⁸After this Paul* left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul* went to see them, ³and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word,* testifying to the Jews that the Messiah* was Jesus. ⁶When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes* and said to them, ‘Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.’ ⁷Then he left the synagogue* and went to the house of a man named Titius* Justus, a worshipper of God; his house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the official of the synagogue, became a believer in the Lord, together with all his household; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul became believers and were baptized. ⁹One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; ¹⁰for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people.’ ¹¹He stayed there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal. ¹³They said, ‘This man is persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to the law.’ ¹⁴Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, ‘If it were a matter of crime or serious villainy, I would be justified in accepting the complaint of you Jews; ¹⁵but since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves; I do not wish to be a judge of these matters.’ ¹⁶And he dismissed them from the tribunal.

Reflection

Reflective Music

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Compline Hymn

1. Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That thou with wonted love wouldst keep
Thy watch around us while we sleep.

2. O let no evil dreams be near,
Or phantoms of the night appear;
Our ghostly enemy restrain,
Lest aught of sin our bodies stain.

3. Almighty Father, hear our cry
Through Jesus Christ our Lord most high,
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Keep me as the apple of an eye.

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

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

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2: 29-32*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, „ according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, „ which thou hast prepared before the face of all
people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles „ and to be the glory of thy 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 ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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**Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers,

to be praised and glorified above all for ever;

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven

to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

**We confess to God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
That we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
Through our own grievous fault.
Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.
Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
Forgive us all our sins,
Deliver us from all evil,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
And bring us to life everlasting;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest, when present, pronounces the absolution.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us
that thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS AND COLLECTS

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us this night and for evermore. **Amen.**

Hym 480 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'