

Night Prayer

April 8, 2020

O: Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

All: Amen.

O: By day, O God,

All: you grant your steadfast love,

O: and at night your song is with me,

All: a prayer to the God of my life.

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

Holy and gracious God,

All: 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.

O: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before

us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 12:1-3

All: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Psalms 70

O: A reading from Matthew.

Do not worry, saying "what will we eat?" Or "what will we drink?" Or "What will we wear?" Indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the dominion and the

righteousness of God, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow.
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Time for Reflection

O: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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O: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of Truth.

All: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

O: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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

All: Now, Lord, 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 every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that away we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

O: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

All: listen to my cry.

O: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

All: hide me in the shadow of your wings.

O: In righteousness I shall see you;

All: when I awake your presence will give me joy.

O: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous, and all for your love's sake.

All: Amen.

O: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

All: 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

O: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

O: Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep us, this night and forevermore.

All: Amen.