

Compline – Tuesday, June 23, 2020
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WE REFLECT ON THE DAY

For the love shared we are grateful
For provision and nature we are grateful
For kindness given we are grateful.

For the sorrow we've caused, we pray for forgiveness
For injustices ignored, we pray for forgiveness.

(Be still and aware)

Psalm 25:1-9 – St. Helena Psalter

To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.

Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

(Be still and aware)

Poem – “Negative” by Kevin Young

Wake to find everything black
what was white, all the vice
versa—white maids on TV, black

sitcoms that star white dwarfs
cute as pearl buttons. Black Presidents,
Black Houses. White horse

candidates. All bleach burns
clothes black. Drive roads
white as you are, white songs

on the radio stolen by black bands
like secret pancake recipes, white back-up
singers, ball-players & boxers all

white as tar. Feathers on chickens
dark as everything, boiling in the pot
that called the kettle honky. Even

whites of the eye turn dark, pupils
clear & changing as a cat's.
Is this what we've wanted

& waited for? to see snow
covering everything black
as Christmas, dark pages written

white upon? All our eclipses bright,
dark stars shooting across pale
sky, glowing like ash in fire, shower

every skin. Only money keeps
green, still grows & burns like grass
under dark daylight.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Concluding Prayers

For the encounters with God today, in stranger and friend,
We bid you welcome.
For the encounters missed today,
We know that you always see us
even when we don't see you.
For tomorrow,
May we see you in ways expected and unexpected.

We welcome the dark of the night.
We make space for it, and we mark our place in it.

We remember that you, Jesus of Nazareth,
lived through nights of consolation and desolation.
And you walked into the nights of those people you met
inviting them to justice and truth, love and life.

We welcome the night,
and we welcome you into all our nights.
We pray for those who work by night,
whose day is marked by moon, cloud and stars.

And we pray for those whose nights are desolate,
that they may have the consolation of prayer,
peaceful solitude and community.

For a peaceful night, we pray.
For a hopeful day, we pray
For a deeper generosity, we pray.
Amen.

Sources:

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