

Compline – Monday, July 20, 2020

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*We sum up this day with a bedtime prayer to examine our conscience and offer our actions to God.*

### **Opening**

What we offer is enough. God's love covers all.

### **Prayer**

Creator and lover of our souls: Teach us to release our burdens and accept your love. May your love be the deepest reality of our lives, and may we offer real love to others.

*(Be still and aware)*

Psalm 93 - *selected verses* - St. Helena Psalter

God is Sovereign,  
clothed in splendid apparel; \*  
God is robed in majesty  
and is girded with strength.

God has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began,  
your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O God,  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Holy One who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O God,  
for ever and for evermore.

*(Be still and aware)*

Poem – “Getting Used to Your Name” by Martin Sorescu, trans. by Gabriela Dragnea

After you've learned to walk,  
Tell one thing from another,  
Your first care as a child  
Is to get used to your name.

What is it?  
They keep asking you.  
You hesitate, stammer,  
And when you start to give a fluent answer  
Your name's no longer a problem.

When you start to forget your name,  
It's very serious.  
But don't despair,  
An interval will set in.

And soon after your death,  
When the mist rises from your eyes,  
And you begin to find your way  
In the everlasting darkness,  
Your first care (long forgotten,  
Long since buried with you)  
Is to get used to your name.  
You're called — just as arbitrarily —  
Dandelion, cowslip, cornel,  
Blackbird, chaffinch, turtle dove,  
Costmary, zephyr — or all these together.  
And when you nod, to show you've got it,  
Everything's all right:  
The earth, almost round, may spin  
Like a top among stars.

#### Prayers

May the sunlight and moonlight shine upon us.  
God's love is in us.

May God's love shine in all people  
God's love is all in all.

May all people know God's love  
God's love fills us all.

#### *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING*

As we await a new day,  
Let all creation rest secure in your loving arms.

All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see.

We shall see and we shall know. We shall know and we shall love.  
We shall love and we shall praise. Behold our end, which is no end. Amen. (Saint Augustine)

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