

Compline – Tuesday, May 5 2020

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Theme: Your kingdom come on earth as in heaven.

Call to Worship

Now that we have been justified through faith,
let us continue at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through Christ we have been allowed to enter
the sphere of God's grace where now we stand.

Gospel Reflection

Kings lord it over their subjects,
but with us the highest must be like the lowest,
the chief like a servant.

Who is greater - the one who sits at table
or the servant who waits?
Surely the one at table.
Yet Jesus is among us like a servant.
He came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.
So when we have done all that we have to do,
we shall simply be servants who have done our duty.
Come to Jesus, all those whose work is hard,
whose load is heavy,
and you will be renewed.

Silence for meditation.

Epistle Reflection

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We have been given new birth into a living hope
by the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a dedicated nation;
we are a people claimed by God
to proclaim the triumphs of Christ.
Christ has called us from darkness into his marvellous light.
We who were not a people at all, are now God's people.
We were outside God's mercy once,
but now we are blessed and forgiven.

Poem – “Sonnet 19: When I consider how my light is spent” by John Milton

When I consider how my light is spent,
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,
And that one Talent which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my Soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest he returning chide;
“Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?”
I fondly ask. But patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies, “God doth not need
Either man's work or his own gifts; who best
Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state
Is Kingly. Thousands at his bidding speed
And post o'er Land and Ocean without rest:
They also serve who only stand and wait.”

Prayers

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

Our Father,
your kingdom come
on earth as in heaven.
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Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
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Ruler of the everlasting kingdom,
prince of peace, champion of the despised:
you are the king;
you make a cross your throne;
you wear a crown of thorns;
you call your subjects friends.

Help us to take up our cross,
to hunger and thirst for all that is good;
then will your kingdom come on earth as in heaven.
Look down, Lord, from your heavenly throne.
Illuminate the darkness of this night
with your celestial brightness,
and from us, the children of light,
banish for ever the deeds of darkness.
God our judge and our teacher,
let us not waste time when the day is done in
guilt or self-reproach.
Give us rather the courage
to face whatever has been,
accept forgiveness, and move on to something better.
Amen.

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