

Compline – Saturday, August 1, 2020

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### Opening

In the fullness of our humanity, heal us, gracious Savior.

### Prayer

Troubled God, in every generation you call your people to contend against the brutality of sin and betrayal: Keep us steadfast in love despite our fear and uncertainty, so that we may follow where Jesus has led the way. Amen.

*(Be still and aware)*

Psalm 121 - St. Helena Psalter

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from God, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved; \*  
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Holy One watches over you \*  
and is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
\_\_\_ nor the moon by night.

God shall preserve you from all evil \*  
and is the One who shall keep you safe.

God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

*(Be still and aware)*

Poem – “At a Window” by Carl Sandburg

Give me hunger,  
O you gods that sit and give  
The world its orders.  
Give me hunger, pain and want,  
Shut me out with shame and failure  
From your doors of gold and fame,  
Give me your shabbiest, weariest hunger!

But leave me a little love,

A voice to speak to me in the day end,  
A hand to touch me in the dark room  
Breaking the long loneliness.  
In the dusk of day-shapes  
Blurring the sunset,  
One little wandering, western star  
Thrust out from the changing shores of shadow.  
Let me go to the window,  
Watch there the day-shapes of dusk  
And wait and know the coming  
Of a little love.

#### Prayers

God of extravagant love,  
Transform us with the freedom of forgiveness.

God of unbounded, sacrificial love,  
Teach us to give ourselves in joyful service.

God whose love persists even in the darkest hour,  
Deepen our faith, renew our spirits and strengthen our confidence in you, that we may truly  
learn to walk in self-giving love.

#### *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING*

In the fullness of our humanity, heal us, gracious Savior.

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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