

**Compline – Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

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INVOCATION

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,  
**that our mouths may proclaim your praise.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear God,  
thank you for all that is good,  
for our creation and for our humanity,  
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,  
for the gifts of life and of one another,  
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.  
O thou, most holy and beloved,  
our Companion, our Guide upon the way,  
give us courage to bring to mind the ways  
we have turned away from you and one another:

*Silence*

We have wounded your love.

**O God, heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness.

**Light of the world transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home.

**Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

**Eternal Spirit, living God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,  
to the very secret of our hearts  
and all that rises to trouble us.**

**Living flame burn into us,  
cleansing wind, blow through us,  
fountain of water, well up within us,  
that through the mystery of your love,  
we might live in peace and justice as one body.**

SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 4:14-17

It was good of you to help me when I was having such a hard time. My friends at Philippi, you remember what it was like when I started preaching the good news in Macedonia. After I left there, you were the only church that became my partner by giving blessings and by receiving them in return. Even when I was in Thessalonica, you helped me more than once. I am not trying to get something from you, but I want you to receive the blessings that come from giving.

POEM – "THANK YOU" W.S. MERWIN

Listen  
with the night falling we are saying thank you  
we are stopping on the bridges to bow from the railings  
we are running out of the glass rooms  
with our mouths full of food to look at the sky  
and say thank you  
we are standing by the water thanking it  
standing by the windows looking out  
in our directions

back from a series of hospitals back from a mugging  
after funerals we are saying thank you  
after the news of the dead  
whether or not we knew them we are saying thank you

over telephones we are saying thank you  
in doorways and in the backs of cars and in elevators  
remembering wars and the police at the door  
and the beatings on stairs we are saying thank you  
in the banks we are saying thank you  
in the faces of the officials and the rich  
and of all who will never change  
we go on saying thank you thank you

with the animals dying around us  
our lost feelings we are saying thank you  
with the forests falling faster than the minutes  
of our lives we are saying thank you  
with the words going out like cells of a brain  
with the cities growing over us  
we are saying thank you faster and faster  
with nobody listening we are saying thank you  
we are saying thank you and waving  
dark though it is

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,  
**for you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.**  
Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye;  
**hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

O God, at this time, we lift up to you our concerns, hopes and thanksgivings for ourselves and others, naming them out loud or holding them in our hearts....

COLLECT AND CLOSING PRAYER

God, your unfailing love sustains the life of the world: watch over those who work and those who rest, those who sorrow and those who rejoice, those who long for your peace and those who long to be enlivened by your Spirit. Bless us this night and enfold us in your mystery that we might deepen our trust in your grace and peace. **Amen.**

Lord, It is night. The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.  
It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done; let it be.  
The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and  
of our own lives rest in you.  
The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us,  
and all who have no peace.  
The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.  
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

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