

Compline – Thursday, July 23rd, 2020

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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 102:12-21 - St. Helena Psalter

You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for now is the time to have mercy; *
indeed, the appointed time has come.

For your servants love its very rubble *
and are moved to pity even for its dust.

The nations shall fear your Name, O God, *
and all the rulers of the earth your glory.

You, O God, will build up Zion, *
and your glory will appear.

You will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless, *
and will not despise their plea.

Let this be written for a future generation, *
so that a people yet unborn may praise you, O God.

For you looked down from your holy place on high; *
from the heavens you beheld the earth,

That you might hear the groan of the captive *
and set free those condemned to die,

That they may declare in Zion your Name, O God, *
and your praise in Jerusalem,

When the peoples are gathered together *
and the nations also, to serve you.

(Be still and aware)

Poem – “The cup of Eliyahu” by Marge Piercy

In life you had a temper.

Your sarcasm was a whetted knife.

Sometimes you shuddered with fear

but you made yourself act no matter
how few stood with you.
Open the door for Eliyahu
that he may come in.

Now you return to us
in rough times, out of smoke
and dust that swirls blinding us.
You come in vision, you come
in lightning on blackness.
Open the door for Eliyahu
that he may come in.

In every generation you return
speaking what few want to hear
words that burn us, that cut
us loose so we rise and go again
over the sharp rocks upward.
Open the door for Eliyahu
that he may come in.

You come as a wild man,
as a homeless sidewalk orator,
you come as a woman taking the bima,
you come in prayer and song,
you come in a fierce rant.
Open the door for Eliyahu
that she may come in.

Prophecy is not a gift, but
sometimes a curse, Jonah
refusing. It is dangerous
to be right, to be righteous.
To stand against the wall of might.
Open the door for Eliyahu
that he may come in.

There are moments for each
of us when you summon, when
you call the whirlwind, when you
shake us like a rattle: then we
too must become you and rise.
Open the door for Eliyahu
that we may come in.

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)

Sources:

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