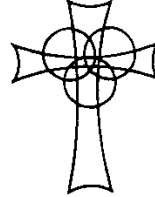




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**Midweek Devotions**  
**Wednesday in the Week of Holy Trinity**  
**June 10, 2020**



### **The Office of Vespers**

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

The Opening Versicles:

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
  
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
  
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

- P** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouth of babes and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- C** <sup>4</sup>**what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?**
- P** <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,**
- P** <sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- C** <sup>8</sup>**the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**
- P** <sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;  
as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

<sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

*John 3:16-18*

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Meditation

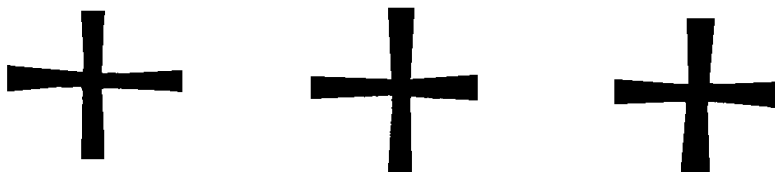
The Prayers:

The Vespers Versicle:

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

- C** **Lord, have mercy;**  
**Christ, have mercy;**  
**Lord, have mercy.**



The Lord's Prayer:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

The Collects:

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C** And let my cry come to You.

For the Week of Holy Trinity:

**L** Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

For Guidance:

**L** Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

For Peace:

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **Amen.**

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

