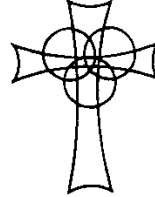




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**Midweek Devotions**  
**Wednesday in the Week of Pentecost II**  
**June 17, 2020**



### **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.

- L** <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
**C** <sup>2</sup>**Serve the LORD with gladness!**  
**Come into his presence with singing!**
- L** <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God!  
 It is he who made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
**C** <sup>4</sup>**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**  
**and his courts with praise!**  
**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**
- L** <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;  
 his steadfast love endures forever,  
 and his faithfulness to all generations.  
**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.**

## The Reading

*Romans 5:6-15*

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**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 Pentecost II:

- L** Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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!* ✠

