



Evening Prayer

July 10, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Complainte, Op. 31, No. 3

Louis Vierne

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who upholds us through adversity, who consoles us in our sorrows, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

A PRAYER OF LAMENT

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,
the losses that this community has suffered.
We have missed our weekly assembled worship,
our sharing of bread and cup,
our communal song,
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;
gatherings for education;
fellowship times;
the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each day we gather,
and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19.

O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.

Restore us, gracious God.

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We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe,
the tragedies that our world has experienced.

We lament the millions sickened;
the countless dead;
thousands unemployed;
medical systems depleted;
economic security threatened;
government assistance inadequate;
political discord escalated;
racial injustice intensified;
communal engagements canceled.

O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are incalculable.

Heal us, compassionate God.

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Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,
we rejoice at this re-gathering of our congregation:
we praise you for worship in word and sacrament;
for the personal presence of our pastors, our deacon, and ministers;
for infants, children, youth, adults, and the aged together;
for communal song and live music;
for fellowship gatherings;
for Bible study;
for service with one another for the wider community;
for the mutual consolation of the faithful.
O God, we rejoice at this re-gathering for baptismal life together.
Empower our church, faithful God.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Psalm 13

Today's reading is from the Psalms:

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
²How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
⁴and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
⁵But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
⁶I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Psalm 90

¹LORD, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
³You turn us back to dust,

and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
¹⁰The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
¹¹Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
¹²So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
¹³Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
¹⁷Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!

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SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Meditation on "How Long, O Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As the beloved of God, washed in the waters of Baptism, let us pray for the mission of the Church, the needs of the world and for all who seek healing and peace.

Each petition concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love...

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ will arise.

Christ will come to us again.

...all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

EVENING HYMN

“Abide with Me”

(Hymn) **629**
Stanzas 1, 3, 5

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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