Compline

EASTER 2019

Silent Reflection

Gently reflect back on the past day as the Leader invites each prayer of the opening reflection by sounding the bell.

Opening Acclamation

Our help is in the name of the eternal God, Who is making the heavens and the earth.
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalms

Psalm 16

A Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
    I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

B O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
    it is you who uphold my lot.

A My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
    indeed, I have a goodly heritage

B I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
    my heart teaches me, night after night.

A I have set the LORD always before me; *
    because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

B My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
    my body also shall rest in hope.

A For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
    nor let your holy one see the Pit.

B You will show me the path of life; *
    in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 23

A O God, you are my shepherd; *
    I shall not be in want.

B You make me lie down in green pastures *
    and lead me beside still waters

A You revive my soul *
    and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.

B Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
    I shall fear no evil, *
    for you are with me; you rod and your staff, they comfort me.

A You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
    you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

B Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
    and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
A You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * 
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

B You make fast the mountains by your power; * 
they are girded about with might.

A Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at 
your marvelous signs; * 
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

B You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it 
very plenteous; * 
the river of God is full of water.

A You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * 
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless 
its increase.

B You crown the year with your goodness, * 
and your paths overflow with plenty.

A May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * 
and the hills be clothed with joy.

B May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, 
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * 
let them shout for joy and sing.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: * 
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Scripture**

Listen for a word or phrase that speaks to you from the reading, and 
hear what the Spirit is saying to you during the minute of silence 
following.

**Prayers**

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,
For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye.
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Leader prays a Collect for the night, then we add our own 
prayers, aloud or in silence.

We gather our prayers together in the Lord’s Prayer. Please pray in 
whichever language or version you know best (the contemporary 
version is printed below).

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Gives us today our daily bread, and 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.

**Blessing and Dismissal**

Christ be within us to keep us, beside us to guard, before us 
to lead, behind us to protect, beneath us to support, above 
us to bless. Amen.

The divine Spirit dwells with us.
And with those absent from us.