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VESPERS EVENING PRAYER FOR WEDNESDAYS OF LENT 2020

INVOCATION

Make haste O God, + to deliver me **O Lord make haste to help me.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

PSALMS

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Psalm 141:1-4, 8, with antiphon

**¹O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

**²Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**³Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord;
and guard the door of my lips.**

**⁴Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

**⁸But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.**

**Glory 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**

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let the incense...glorify you forever and ever. Amen.

**¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

Psalm 51

**²Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

**⁴Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

**⁵And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.**

**⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

**⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

**⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

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**⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

**¹⁰Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**¹²Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.**

**¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.**

**¹⁶Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.**

**¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**¹⁹Be favorable and gracious to Zion,
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.**

**²⁰Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations;**

then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

Glory 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.

Silence is kept for reflection

LESSONS

Lent 4, March 22, 2020 Genesis 50:15-26

Lent 5, March 29, 2020 Exodus 7:8:24

Simplified Liturgy for Corona Virus/Covid19/Wuhan Virus Outbreak

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MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

**My soul + proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor
on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations
will call me blessed.**

**The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.**

**Glory 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**

LITANY, COLLECT FOR PEACE, LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition **Lord, have mercy.**

Help...us, gracious Lord. *Silence for meditation*

Rejoicing...to Christ, our Lord. **To you, O Lord.**

O God...and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **Amen**

**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.**

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