

Canterbury House Northwestern
Compline May 2, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Officiant begins

*The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.***

*Officiant - Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People - **The maker of heaven and earth.***

*Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

(The Officiant may then say)

Let us confess our sins to God.

(Silence may be kept.)

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant

*May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

Officiant - O God, make speed to save us.

People - O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleulia.

Psalm 22: 24-30 (from Psalms for Praying by Nan C. Merrill)

To You, O Beloved, I lift up my voice in the great congregation;

For You promise to remain with those whose love is steadfast.

The hungry shall eat and be satisfied;

Those who seek You shall sing praises!

Your Heart is our dwelling place forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to Love's way;

And all the families of the nations shall bow down with grateful hearts.

For power and authority belong to the Most High,

Who rules over the nations.

Yes, the proud of the earth shall be humbled,

while those who still live in fear and illusions

will separate themselves not knowing the indwelling Peace of the Beloved.

Posterity shall know and serve Love,

telling of the One who abides in all to the coming generations,

And proclaiming deliverance to a people yet unborn

That the Most High dwells among us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from 1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to

be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Officiant - The Word of the Lord.

All - Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

(The Leader and People pray responsively)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

(Silence)

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

*For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.***

*For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

*For Paula our Bishop-Elect, our Chaplain, and all bishops and other
ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(Silence)

The People may add their own petitions

*Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

The People may add their own thanksgivings

*We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Lectio Divina

(A passage of scripture is read three times by different voices with space after each reading for reflection and meditation.)

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

1st Reading - Listen for content. What is happening? Who is in the story?

2nd Reading - Listen for a word or phrase. Something that stands out to you or "shimmers."

3rd Reading - Pause to reflect on how this touches your life today.

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit
People **For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

Officiant Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
People **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

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

Officiant and People

**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.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says the following Collect:

*Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

Additional Prayers

*We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant *Let us bless the Lord.*
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

*The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. **Amen.***