

C: Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

L: Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:13b-24

^{13b}Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

John 8:21-30

²¹Again [Jesus] said to them, "I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come."

²²Then the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. ²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he." ²⁵They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? ²⁶I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from

him.”²⁷ They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.²⁸ So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me.”²⁹ And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.”³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

A: The Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection and meditation

Response to the Reading



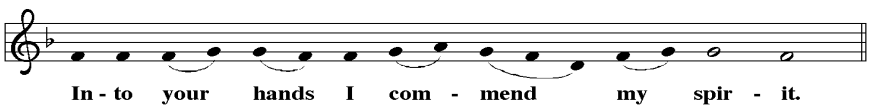
In-to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



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You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



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Glory to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



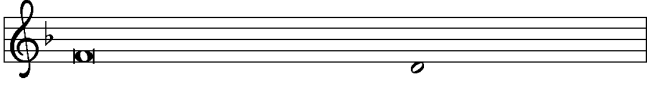
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Prayers

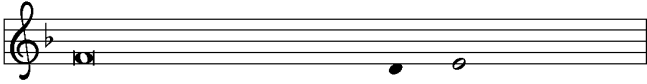
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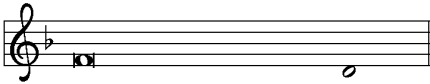
Hear my prayer, O Lord; **listen to my cry.**



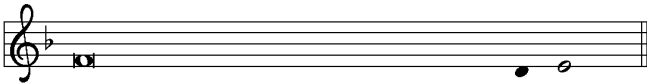
Keep me as the apple of your eye;



hide me in the shadow of your wings.



In righteousness I shall see you;



when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Other intercessions may be spoken.

The Lord's Prayer (All)



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Gospel Canticle

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;
 that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.
 All
 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been ful-filled.
 My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared
 in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal you to the
 na - tions and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;
 that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.
 Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forev-er - more. A - men.

Hymn “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” (vs. 1-3) No. 334

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