

Compline – Friday, July 31, 2020

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Opening

In the fullness of our humanity, heal us, gracious Savior.

Prayer

Troubled God, in every generation you call your people to contend against the brutality of sin and betrayal: Keep us steadfast in love despite our fear and uncertainty, so that we may follow where Jesus has led the way. Amen.

(Be still and aware)

Psalm 112 - *selected verses* - St. Helena Psalter

Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God, *
and have great delight in the commandments!

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in God.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

(Be still and aware)

Poem – “Mercy” by David Baker

Small flames afloat in blue duskfall, beneath trees
anonymous and hooded, the solemn trees—by ones
and twos and threes we go down to the water's level edge
with our candles cupped and melted into little pie-tins
to set our newest loss free. Everyone is here.

Everyone is wholly quiet in the river's hush and appropriate dark.
The tenuous fires slip from our palms and seem to settle
in the stilling water, but then float, ever so slowly,
in a loose string like a necklace's pearls spilled,
down the river barely as wide as a dusty road.

No one is singing, and no one leaves—we stand back
beneath the grieving trees on both banks, bowed but watching,
as our tiny boats pass like a long history of moons
reflected, or like notes in an elder's hymn, or like us,
death after death, around the far, awakening bend.

Prayers

God of extravagant love,
Transform us with the freedom of forgiveness.

God of unbounded, sacrificial love,
Teach us to give ourselves in joyful service.

God whose love persists even in the darkest hour,
Deepen our faith, renew our spirits and strengthen our confidence in you, that we may truly
learn to walk in self-giving love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

In the fullness of our humanity, heal us, gracious Savior.

All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know. We shall know and we shall love.
We shall love and we shall praise. Behold our end, which is no end. Amen. (Saint Augustine)

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