

***NIGHT PRAYER: A SIMPLE ORDER FOR THE CURRENT CRISIS***

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night

**and a perfect end.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

 Sustain and support the anxious,

 Be with those who care for the sick,

 And lift up all who are brought low

 That we may find comfort

 Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love

 In Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Personal Reflection**

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for all your goodness today, especially . . .

Give grace and strength to your children tomorrow, especially . . .

**Psalm 23**

1 The Lord / is my / shepherd :

therefore / can I / lack / nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in / green / pastures :

and / leads me be/side still / waters.

3 He shall re/fresh my / soul :

and guide me in the paths of righteousness

/ for his / name’s / sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will / fear no / evil :

for you are with me; your / rod and your / staff, they / comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me

in the presence of / those who / trouble me :

you have anointed my head with oil

/ and my / cup shall be / full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the / days of my / life :

and I will dwell in the / house of the / Lord for / ever.

**The Reading**

**Mark 4.35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

Or **John 11:17–26a**

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus\* had already been in the tomb for four days. 18Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles\* away, 19and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ 23Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ 24Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ 25Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.\* Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’

***The Gospel Canticle:*** *Nunc Dimittis*

*1* Lord, now you have set your / servant / free :

to go in / peace as / you have / promised.

*2* For these eyes of mine have / seen your sal/vation :

which you have prepared for / all the / world to / see;

*3* A light to re/veal you to the / nations :

and to give / glory to your / people / Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

Into your hands, Lord,

I commend my spirit,

**for you have redeemed me,**

**Lord God of truth.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

**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,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

Visit this place, Lord, we pray,

drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;

may your holy angels dwell with us

and guard us in peace

and may your blessing be always upon us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stay with us, Lord Jesus,

for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch longs for the morning,

so do we long for you, Lord.

At the dawning of the day

make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. **Amen.**

**Save us, Lord, while waking,**

**and guard us, while sleeping;**

**that, awake, we may watch with Christ**

**and, asleep, we may rest in peace. Amen.**

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