

Compline on the River

in the Season after Pentecost, 2020

*This card contains the responses for the liturgy of Compline, as we are praying together on the river.
The psalms used at this service can be downloaded separately at: stpaulsnorwalk.org/psalms
For this liturgy the people's responses are marked in bold, and the presider's are in italic.*

THE GATHERING

As we gather together, light a candle in your own space, and spend a moment in quiet preparation.

We begin with a quiet reflection on the past day. As the Presider invites each reflection, mindfully reflect back on the day, noticing without judgment those points of anxiety and presence, fear and hope, and noticing God's enfolding presence in all those moments.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Our help is in the name of the eternal God,
Who is making the heavens and the earth.*

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: *
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

THE PSALM

*The psalm for the evening will be announced by number.
It can be easily joined by chanting on one note, or humming along, or just listening. The Psalms can be accessed here:
stpaulsnorwalk.org/psalms*

THE READING Scripture texts available at the Psalms link above.

A short reading from Scripture is offered, followed by a minute of silence.

SONG

*A song for the evening rises out of the silence.
As the phrases are repeated, you may join in where you are.*

THE PRAYERS

*Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,
For you have redeemed me,
O God of truth and love.*

*Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye.
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

A prayer for the evening is offered, followed by an open time for individual prayer. Add your prayers aloud in your space, or silently, or type them into the COMMENTS section of the livestream.

*We gather all our prayers together, praying as Jesus taught us, in whatever form or language is your own:
(contemporary version provided here)*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Gives us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Presider offers a final blessing:

*Christ be within us to keep us,
beside us to guard,
before us to lead,
behind us to protect,
beneath us to support,
above us to bless. Amen.*

*The divine Spirit dwells with us.
And with those absent from us.*

*You are welcome to stay in the "space" for a few more minutes of quiet, and then to continue your evening ritual of preparation for sleep. God grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
Amen.*