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NEW YEAR'S EVE
DECEMBER 31, 2022

HYMN - 367 "Across the Sky the Shades of Night"

We follow the order of Evening Prayer on page 215.

OPENING

HYMN OF LIGHT (page 216)

PRAYER

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

PSALM 141 (page 217)

M: Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

PSALM 90 (page 90)

M: Eternal God and Father, keep us mindful of the shortness and frailty of this present life. Give us hearts of wisdom that we may cling in faith to Jesus, our Savior, and use the time of our pilgrimage on earth to serve him with joyful hearts, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST READING – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL – Matthew 25:1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN - 543 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

SERMON – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

“A Time for Getting Ready”

SONG OF MARY (page 220)

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY (page 221)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Eternal Father, before whom all generations rise and fall, teach us to think earnestly on the brevity of our lives and on the immensity of your goodness. Help us to enter the new year trusting in the name of your Son and walking in the way of his peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

M: Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

LORD’S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – 670 “I Come, O Savior, To Your Table”

BLESSING

HYMN – 347 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

