

An Order of Service for Noonday

October 21, 2020 • Wednesday in the Week of Proper 24

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

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People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Psalm 124

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- 1 **If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;**
- 2 **If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 **Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;**
- 4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 **Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.**
- 6 **Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 **We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**
- 8 **Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke

12:39–48

Jesus said, “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?” And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light

beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A meditation may follow.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

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Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,**

your kingdom come

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

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 for ever. Amen.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

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People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says the following Collects.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions may be offered.

The service concludes as follows

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**