

Evening Prayer | Friday *The Giving of Obedience*

A: May Jesus and his dear Mother be with us on our journey.

R: May Jesus and his dear Mother be with us on our journey.

A: O God make speed to save us.

R: O Lord make haste to help us.

A: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING

A: Though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning.

**R: O gracious Light, shine upon us as day fades into evening:
Calm our anxious thoughts and draw us into your presence,
that we may rest in your mercy and praise your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A HYMN FOR CONTEMPLATION

To the tune of our Community Hymn

The day now yields to holy night,
The noise of earth begins to cease;
We turn our hearts again to you,
The source of silence, light, and peace.

Beyond our words and thoughts and fears,
Your quiet presence calls us near;
The love that spoke the stars to life
Is closer now than breath or prayer.

Remain with us while darkness falls,
And hold us in your endless care;
Until we wake to praise your name
And find your glory everywhere.

O Lord, you know all my desires, *
and my sighing is not hidden from you.

My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, *
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.

My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; *
my neighbors stand afar off.

Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; *
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin
and plot treachery all the day long.

But I am like the deaf who do not hear, *
like those who are mute and do not open their mouth.

I have become like one who does not hear *
and from whose mouth comes no defense.

For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; *
you will answer me, O Lord my God.

For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, *
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."

Truly, I am on the verge of falling, *
and my pain is always with me.

I will confess my iniquity *
and be sorry for my sin.

Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, *
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

Those who repay evil for good slander me, *
because I follow the course that is right.

O LORD, do not forsake me; *
be not far from me, O my God.

Make haste to help me, *
O Lord of my salvation.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works

themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Br. Dylan

GIVING OF OBEDIENCE

In silence the retiring Steward Guardian hands to the newly elected Steward Guardian, the Steward Guardian Cross. Then the retiring Steward Guardian stands before the new Steward Guardian.

Retiring Steward Guardian:

With a heart full of gratitude, I, Stephen Charles Joseph Wetmore,, kneel/stand before Almighty God, Our Lady of Cana, and all of you, to acknowledge that my term of service as your Steward Guardian has run its course and I accept the decision of this Community to elect "X" as my worthy successor to lead all of us in the Community of the Mother of Jesus. Thus, I freely give the gift of my obedience to you "X," the validly elected Steward Guardian of the Community of the Mother of Jesus, and to your successors, in all things concerning my spiritual journey and life in this

Community. I will continue to seek to follow the instructions of Our Lady of Cana and do whatever Jesus tells me to do: Quodcumque dixerit vobis facite.

The New Steward Guardian:

On behalf of the Community of the Mother of Jesus, I thank you for all that you are and have been to this Community, and I humbly accept the gift of your obedience to me and my successors, and your acknowledgement that your term of office has run its course. Br. Stephen, may your eyes, your ears, and your heart be attentive to hear, and be, and do, what Jesus asks of you each day.

R: Amen! Alleluia!

The two embrace. Br. Stephen goes to a seat in the assembly, and the new Steward Guardian goes to the presider's chair.

MAGNIFICAT

B: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**R: From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

B: Lord Jesus Christ,
your mother shared in the sorrow of your Passion:
Draw near to all who mourn this night,
and grant them the peace of your presence;
for you live and reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

B: Lord God,
you have sustained us through the labors of this day:
Remain with us through the evening hours
and kindle in us the light of your love;
through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE NEW STEWARD GUARDIAN

All in the assembly extend their right hand in blessing over the new Steward Guardian. The youngest novice prays this prayer on behalf of the Community:

Almighty and ever-present God, we pray for Br/Sr/Sibling “X”, who stand before us as our second Steward Guardian to serve and walk with us. Bless their ministry among us and lead us in service to our neighbors who are in need. May Our Lady of Cana pray with our new Steward Guardian and for them as they seek to be a sign of your loving care for each of us. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

R: Amen!

B: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

R: Amen.

THE PEACE & DISMISSAL

B: Let us offer the sign of peace!

All exchange the Peace.

B: May the needy not be forgotten.

R: Or the hope of the poor be in vain.

B: Let us depart in peace!

R: Thanks be to God.

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Alve Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-
les, fí-li- i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flen-
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta
nostra, illos tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos con-
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu-i,
no-bis post hoc exsí-li-um osténde. O cle-mens:
O pi-a: O dulcis Virgo Ma-rí-a.