



**A SMALL  
GROUP STUDY  
~FOR~  
SPRING 2022**

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# INTRODUCTION

One of the themes of John's Gospel is that of "sight." For John, to see is not just to physically behold something, but to understand, to have insight. One of the things his gospel would have us do, then, is "see" Jesus for who He is.

After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples over the course of forty days. They physically saw Him! But more importantly, they also "saw" Him: they began to understand more fully who He is.

We, too, are meant to see Jesus! We are meant to know Him and to serve Him as who He is, our Lord and Savior. Seeing Jesus changes who we are and brings blessing to our lives. It changes our interior life. It changes our marriages, families, and workplaces. It changes everything!

The amazing thing is, though, that as we see Him, we will become like Him. "We know that when he appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). So, as we see Him, He will also be "seen" in us! Just as Jesus is the "Light of the world," (John 8:12) so He calls us to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). As we see Jesus, He will be seen in us by a world in darkness.

During the fifty day Season of Easter, we will engage in a parish-wide sermon-based small group series on the theme of Seeing Jesus. For five weeks, we will walk through texts of John's Gospel in our sermons and pair them with some Bible studies that will help us see Jesus and help us allow Him to be seen in us. These texts include post-resurrection sightings of Jesus, as well as "seeing" Jesus' teaching through the light of the resurrection.

As we explore these themes in our sermons, we will also further unpack them in weekly Bible studies. Those studies will not only expand the theme, but also discuss practical ways to follow Jesus

in our daily lives as His disciples, and include practices that help us stay connected to, or “see” Jesus.

“Seeing Jesus” has the power to change who we are, lead to a deeper experience of His presence and power, transform our relationships, and shed His saving light in the world. Don’t miss this opportunity to grow in Seeing Jesus – for yourself, and for the sake of the world!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr. Karl+

## Week One: Mission

It is striking that on the day of the resurrection, Jesus not only appeared to His disciples proclaiming peace, but mobilizing them in mission (John 20:19-23). The resurrection of Jesus not only accomplishes His victory over sin and death, but serves as the turning point in His mission as it opens the way to the empowering outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.



### Getting Started

1. If you had been in the Upper Room on the day of the resurrection, what would you have wanted to talk to Jesus about?
2. According to the sermon, what can we learn from Thomas?



### Into the Bible

*Read Matthew 28:16-20*

We know from Matthew's gospel that Jesus told His disciples to meet Him in Galilee after the resurrection (Matthew 28:7). When they saw Jesus, they worshiped, but some doubted (28:17). It appears that Thomas wasn't alone in finding it difficult to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. From this and other resurrection appearances, it seems that Jesus' followers wondered if they were seeing a ghost.

3. What claim does Jesus make in verse 18? What does that mean about who He is?
4. What claim is Jesus making about His role in our lives?

The Jewish people of Jesus' day were expecting a Messiah (Anointed King) who would rescue Israel from foreign oppression and restore the nation to glory. Jesus, though, claims that His rule extends over all things in heaven and on earth. He claims to be *Pantocrator*, Ruler of All.

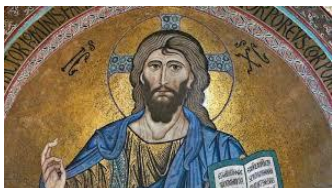
5. If Jesus is Ruler of All, what does that imply about the scope of His mission?
6. How is the mission of the Church defined here?

If the mission of the Church is to make disciples, we need to know what disciples are and what discipleship is all about. Michael Wilkins, in his book *Following the Master*, defines a disciple as one who “has come to Jesus for eternal life, has claimed Jesus as Savior and God, and has embarked upon the life of following Jesus” (p. 40). Discipleship, then, is “the process of becoming like Jesus Christ. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ means living a fully human life in this world in union with Jesus Christ and growing in conformity to his image” (p. 342).

To make a disciple, then, begins with conversion, but involves teaching people how to follow Jesus in a way that transforms them into His image. Baptism is both the beginning of the journey and the continued way of life of following Him. Our baptism not only shapes our everyday life as individuals, but makes it clear that we grow as we follow Jesus in the community of the Church and learn, together, how to observe Jesus' way of life.

7. We are to couple baptism with teaching. What is it that we are to learn for ourselves and teach to new disciples?
8. What does Jesus give us in order to make this a reality in our own lives (v. 20)?

### **Going Deeper**



*Christ Pantocrator*

9. In order to make disciples, we first need to know how to make a disciple of ourselves. Do you feel like you know how to grow personally as a disciple?



### **Connection Practice**

One of the ways we are meant to “see” Jesus on a daily basis is through Scripture and prayer. Lectio Divina is a slow and prayerful way to hear the Lord speak through Scripture.

#### ***Read***

Sit in silence for a few moments and breathe slowly and deeply. Ask God to open you to hear what the Spirit would speak to you

today through His Word. Read John 20:19-23 slowly. You may even want to read it out loud.

Read the passage again slowly, this time listening for any words, phrases, or ideas that stand out to you. Don't choose it or force it, simply accept what comes to you.

### ***Reflect***

Read the passage again slowly. As you do, reflect on the word or phrase that stood out to you. Ask yourself why it stood out. Reflect on this for a few minutes.

Now ask God how this is meant to connect to your life. What would He have you do or be in light of this passage?

### ***Pray***

Read the passage one last time. As you do, think about what you would like to say to God about what you think He is speaking to you. Pray as you are led, asking God questions, asking Him for things, and thanking Him for working in your life.

### ***Contemplate***

Spend time in God's presence and simply consider how you encountered Him today.



## Week Two: Another Astonishing Catch

When Jesus appeared to His disciples at the Sea of Galilee in John 21, John “saw” Jesus with the eyes of faith as he, Peter, and the other disciples with them took in a huge catch of fish. This was not the first time this had happened! It happened at the beginning of their discipleship to Jesus.



### Getting Started

1. Did you try the Connection Practice? If so, what stood out to you?
2. What struck you from the sermon?



### Into the Bible

*Read Luke 5:1-11*

The Gospel of John tells us that Peter and John had already come into contact with Jesus at an earlier date (John 1:35-42), so when Jesus met them at the Sea of Galilee, they had likely been thinking about Jesus quite a bit.

3. Peter and John, along with their brothers, were experienced fishermen. How do you think they felt when Jesus told them how to do their job? How do you feel when Jesus tells you what to do?

4. Why do you think Peter was willing to do what Jesus said?
5. How does rightly “seeing Jesus” lead us to confess our sinfulness?
6. How does Jesus respond to Peter?

Where Peter saw his sinfulness as insurmountable barrier to following Jesus, Jesus saw his humility as exactly what He was looking for. Acknowledging our sinfulness is not meant to immobilize us or leaving us beating ourselves up, but is meant to be a humble acknowledgement that we need a Savior. We, just like Peter, have been called, despite our sinfulness, to be fishers of people as we make disciples of all nations.

7. What did Peter, Andrew, James and John leave behind in order to be disciples of Jesus? What are we called to “leave?”

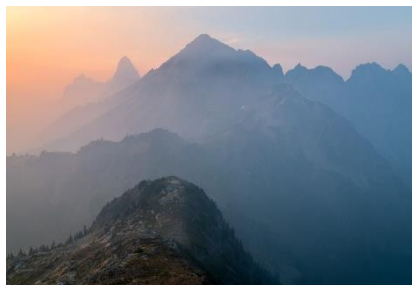
### **Going Deeper**

There is a connection between “seeing Jesus” and following Jesus. While there are times that we would prefer to see and then follow, it is often the other way around. It is as we follow that we see.

8. Have you experienced the connection between following and seeing? Where do you need to follow in order to better see?



## Connection Practice



Humility is a key characteristic of disciples. Humility allows us to be teachable, obedient, and open to Jesus. But how do we cultivate it?

We often find examples of humility in Scripture when God's people encounter His presence. When we

become aware of the greatness and holiness of God, we simultaneously become aware of our smallness and brokenness. Intentionally seeking God's presence has, as a byproduct, the cultivation of humility.

This week, spend some time in "centering prayer," becoming aware of God's presence. As you do, note how His presence impacts you and your sense of humility.

Here's one way to do centering prayer:

- Find a place where distractions are minimal. It can be a quiet room, outdoors, in a favorite chair.
- Sit comfortably and spend a few moments just breathing deeply.
- Repeat a centering phrase. A few are:
  - God, your presence fills the universe, your presence fills this place.
  - God, you are closer to me than my own breath.
  - Jesus, Son of God, Savior, have mercy on me.
  - God, you are everywhere, you are all around me.

## Week Three: Jesus the Good Shepherd

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, the One who tends those who belong to Him and leads them into abundant life. When Jesus used this image, He was contrasting Himself with false shepherds, the religious opponents of His day, who did not care for the sheep and could not offer eternal life. It was an image that drew upon Old Testament imagery of God Himself being the true shepherd of His people. This beautiful image emerges again in John's vision of our eternal home in heaven.

### Getting Started

1. Did you engage in the Connection Practice last week? If so, did you notice anything about your experience of belonging to Jesus?
2. According to the sermon, what is a key characteristic of Jesus' sheep? How can we "listen to" and "see" Jesus?



### Into the Bible



In Revelation 7, John caught a glimpse of heavenly worship as he saw the gathering of God's people around His throne. The mission of the Church is accomplished as "a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" joined with angels in giving praise to God.

*Read Revelation 7:9-17*

Revelation is, to say the least, a difficult book to understand. The highly symbolic and apocalyptic nature of the vision are strange to modern readers. To the readers of John's day, though, it was a known style, and while it was still difficult to understand and interpret, it was not considered strange. One of the things that makes Revelation so challenging is that it really requires a firm grasp of the rest of Scripture as it draws together references and themes from the whole of the Bible.

In our passage, the elders represent the fullness of God's people, while the four living creatures represent the whole order of God's creation. It is a scene, then, of the fullness of God's people and creation gathered together in unity and harmony to praise and worship Him.

3. At the end of Revelation 6, those who refuse to submit to God cry out that "the great day of [God's] wrath has come, and who can stand?" One of the elders wants to be sure John knows the answer to that question (v. 13). What is the answer (v. 14)?
  
4. The "great tribulation" is most likely the whole of a life lived following Jesus. What does that seem to indicate about the life of discipleship?

The "seals," "trumpets," and "bowls" all describe the war, pestilence, and famine that mark the history of our fallen world. God uses these things to awaken the world to the need to repent. We are not immune to the brokenness of the fallen world. While our ultimate destiny is secure, we, too, must suffer through the pain of life.

5. How would you describe the state of affairs in verses 15-17?
  
6. In the end, all of the plagues of the bowls, seals, and trumpets will be undone, and God's people will find eternal rest in His presence. How does verse 17 sum up the whole of Jesus' saving work?

### **Going Deeper**

Following Jesus through the turbulent waters of this world is not easy. It requires focus and intentionality, and it requires the obedience born of love.

7. What "voices" guide your life? Where do you need to listen more intently to the voice of the Good Shepherd?
  
8. How does knowing that the Lamb who was slain is the Shepherd who is leading you home help cultivate your love for Him?



### **Connection Practice**

Another practice that cultivates humility is giving thanks. A great daily practice is given to us in the General Thanksgiving found in

Morning and Evening Prayer. Personalize the prayer by inserting your own detailed thanksgiving.

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for  
the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

*insert personal thanksgiving here*

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## Week Four: The Command to Love

Jesus gave His followers a “new commandment” to love as He has loved us. Just as Jesus laid down His life on the cross to rescue us, we, too, are meant to lay our lives down in love for others. It is this love that will define us as followers of Jesus. The world will know that we are Jesus’ disciples by our Jesus-like love. That doesn’t mean that what we believe doesn’t matter. Not only does it matter, but it is actually deeply intertwined with how we love. But it does mean that without love, people will struggle to see Jesus when they look at our lives, and especially as they look at our life together in the Church.



### Getting Started

1. Did you try the Connection Practice last week? If so, what did you notice or learn?
2. According to the sermon, how does love allow us to see Jesus?



### Into the Bible



Jesus clearly calls us to love one another. But what does that mean? Our culture tends to define love with self at center. Those who love me are those who never contradict or hurt me. We love those who “complete me.” Self is at the center.



But the love that we are called to is self-giving. Sometimes, love will require great sacrifice from us. But more often than not, love will require choosing to work for the best of those around us in the mundane things or ordinary life.

*Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

The Christians in Corinth were prideful. They valued public praise and worldly prestige. As a result, they were divisive and argumentative, constantly jockeying with one another to make “puff themselves up.” As a result, the Corinthians even went so far as to decide which spiritual gifts were worthwhile and which weren’t. This kind of “me first” living, Paul says, tears everything apart.

CS Lewis, commenting on pride, noted that it is inherently competitive. “Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man.” Pride is not content to be smart or rich, it must be smarter or richer. “Pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense.”

Arrogant pride destroys things. The antidote for pride, Paul says, is love.

3. In verses 4-7, Paul lists what love does and doesn’t do. List those things below and comment on how they put others over self.

4. How does Paul's description run contrary to the kind of behavior we see so often in our world?
5. What would "not keeping a record of wrongs" (v. 5) do for relationships in marriages, families, and workplaces?
6. Why does love never end (v. 8)? What does that mean for our ambitions in life?

### **Going Deeper**

In many ways, the whole of Scripture is a call to love one another. In fact, Jesus' summary of the Law clearly tells us the same thing. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).

The love of God will produce the love of neighbor. The love of neighbor accomplishes God's will. The order matters. Loving God produces the love of neighbor. That means that we cannot define love of neighbor however we want, it is always defined by the love of God. It also means, though, that it is by loving God that we find the ability to love our neighbor. Or spouse, or children, or co-workers, or friends, or enemies.

By loving our neighbors, we are also treating them as God would. That hints that one way we can assist ourselves in loving others is to see them as God does: worth the love of the Cross. We often find it difficult to love certain people because we cannot imagine anyone loving them, least of all us.

7. Are there places in your life where you find it difficult to love others?

8. How would seeing them as Jesus does help you?



### **Connection Practice**



One way we can learn to love our neighbor is by loving them! This week, choose to do something to build up a neighbor. Ask God to show you who to bless and how to bless them, then do it. Afterwards, notice how God has worked in you in the process.

## Week Five: Peace

In our sermon text from John 14, Jesus reminds us that love for God must produce obedience, which in turn will look like, among other things, the love of neighbor. At the end of the passage, Jesus also promised peace. When we love and obey God, we abide in Him, and as a result, experience peace. In a world marked by a profound lack of peace, what an incredible witness that is!



### Getting Started

1. Did you engage the connection practice? If so, what did you notice or learn?
2. According to the sermon, how does obedience allow us to both show and see Jesus?



### Into the Bible

Peace is one of the great words of the Bible. Where the world speaks of peace as the negative absence of strife, the Bible speaks of peace as the positive presence of God's blessings. The Hebrew word for peace, *shalom*, shares the root with *shabbat*, Sabbath, or rest. In fact, our eternal home is well characterized by the words peace and rest.

*Read Philippians 4:4-9*

Paul promises that the “peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard” our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. To say that God's peace surpasses understanding most likely means that we experience it in a way that goes beyond mental

assent. We actually experience the very peace of God. That peace is all about being at peace in our relationship with God: no longer being enemies and experiencing all of God's blessings as a result.

We experience God's peace "in Christ Jesus." It is as we abide in Christ that we can experience peace. That doesn't mean that nothing will ever bother us or that we won't ever experience anxiety, but that we can know in our hearts that we are safe with God.

Paul gives us great insight in this passage about how to abide in Christ in a way that brings peace.

3. How does knowing that "the Lord is at hand" (by the Holy Spirit) encourage and help us?
  
4. In order to rejoice, we need to take time to remember and thank God for His goodness. How do rejoicing, remembering, and giving thanks help cultivate an awareness that the Lord is at hand?
  
5. The command not to be anxious is not a command to never feel anxiety, but a reminder that we need not be overly anxious because Jesus is with us and for us. How should that change the way we pray?

When Paul calls us to "think about" things that are commendable, he is actually calling us to "reckon," or weigh them against, the ways of Jesus. Paul is recommending that we weigh the

commendable things of the world against the ways of Jesus, and to use them, where applicable, in drawing near to God.

Finally, Paul calls the Philippians to put into practice those things that they have “learned and received and heard and seen” in him.

6. What do you think Paul is calling the Philippians to practice?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How do the practices of spiritual disciplines and obedience to Jesus produce peace?

### **Going Deeper**

8. Where do you yearn to experience the peace of Christ in your life? How do you think gratitude and obedience can help you?



### **Connection Practice**

This week, give this Scripture a try! Spend some time rejoicing and giving your burdens to the Lord. You may even want to try using images as you do so. Picture Jesus giving you the things you are thanking Him for, and picture yourself giving Jesus the things that are weighing upon you. Then sit in His presence and imagine Him telling you, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14:27).

# Compline

*The Officiant begins*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People*

The maker of heaven and earth.

*The Officiant continues*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People then say*

Almighty God and Father, we confess to you,  
to one another, and to the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned, through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
raise us up to serve you in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Officiant alone says*

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*People* as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Except in Lent, add* Alleluia.

*One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said.*

**Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory? \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
Speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Psalm 31:1-5** In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.



- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

**Psalm 91** Qui habitat

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,  
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold \*  
to see the reward of the wicked.

- 9        Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
          and the Most High your habitation,
- 10       There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
          neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11       For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
          to keep you in all your ways.
- 12       They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
          lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13       You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
          you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
          under your feet.
- 14       Because he is bound to me in love,  
          therefore will I deliver him; \*  
          I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15       He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
          I am with him in trouble;  
          I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16       With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
          and show him my salvation.

**Psalm 134** *Ecce nunc*

- 1        Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
          you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.
- 2        Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; \*  
          the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

***Bible Study occurs at this time.***

*If time is short after Bible Study, consider taking prayer requests, praying for one another, and closing with one of the collects on page 6 or 7.*

*Officiant*            Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
*People*                For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.  
*Officiant*            Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
*People*                Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy [upon us].

*Christ, have mercy [upon us].*

Lord, have mercy [upon us].

***Officiant and People***

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, and the power, and the glory,  
                                 forever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant*            O Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People*                And let our cry come to you.  
*Officiant*            Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects. Other appropriate Collects may also be used.*

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy;  
let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your  
blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great  
mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love  
of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, illumine this night with your celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*One of the following prayers may be added*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

*or this*

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Prayer requests and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.***

*If time permits, the Officiant and People say or sing the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) with this Antiphon*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before the face of all people;  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake  
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*In Easter Season, add* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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| <i>Officiant</i> | Let us bless the Lord. |
| <i>People</i>    | Thanks be to God.      |

*The Officiant concludes with the following*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.  
*Amen.*

*Or this*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. *Amen.*


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