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Noonday Prayers, with the Necrology Report

Friday, February 22, at 11:30 a.m.

From An Order of Service for Noonday (BCP, p. 103)

Psalm 121 (p. 104)

- 1 I lift my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,*
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;*
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;*
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,*
from this time forth for evermore.

A Reading from Isaiah (25:6-9)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

The Necrology Report

Each year during Council we pause to remember in prayer those who have died in the preceding year, going before us into the fullness of eternal life and joining the company of the saints in light. Those we recall by name have served their churches and the diocese as vestry and Bishop's committee members; as delegates and alternates to Council; as elected leaders of the diocese; as clergy and members of clergy families. They have been our mentors and companions in ministry and mission. Through them and their labors the precious gift of faith has been planted in our hearts and lives, and the congregations here in Council assembled are their best memorials.

We give thanks to God for the life they lived among us, and even more, for the life they live with him now, by the death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ.

Let us rise and, in silence, remember with thanksgiving the cloud of witnesses from The Diocese of West Texas...

The Naming of the Departed (read names on Necrology report)

O God of grace and glory: we remember before Thee this day our sisters and brothers from the diocesan family. We thank Thee for giving them to us, their families and friends, to know and to love as companions on our earthly pilgrimage. In thy boundless compassion, console those who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

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