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Vespers, p. 120

2. Opening Hymn: #284, "Go to Dark Getshamane"

3. The Versicles, p. 109
O Lord open my lips.
♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise**
Make haste O God, to deliver me.
Make haste to help me, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever-more. A-men.

4. The Psalmody – Psalm 121
Antiphon:
♪Behold, He who `keeps Israel/ Shall neither `slumber nor sleep.
Psalm:
I will lift up my `eyes to the hills;/ From whence `comes my *help*?
[2] My help comes `from the *Lord*,/ Who made `heaven and earth.
[3] **He will not allow your `foot to be moved;/ He who keeps you `will not slumber.**
[4] Behold, He who `keeps Israel/ Shall neither `slumber nor sleep.
[5] **The Lord `is your keeper;/ The Lord is your shade `at your right hand.**
[6] The sun shall not `strike you by day,/ Nor the `moon by *night*.
The Lord shall preserve you `from all evil;/ He shall `preserve your soul.
[8] The Lord shall preserve your going out and `your coming in/ From this time forth, and even `forevermore.
Glory be to the Father 'and to the Son /and to | the Holy Ghost; As it was in 'the beginning, /is now, and will be forever. 'A-men.
Antiphon repeated
Behold, He who `keeps Israel/ Shall neither `slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lection, p. 121-122:

First Lesson: I Thessalonians 5:5-11
You are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

O Lord, have mercy on us.
♪**Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

Second Lesson: Mark 13:32-37
But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. [35]Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— [36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

O Lord, have mercy on us.
♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!

The Passion History: Mark 14:32-42
nd they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." [33]And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. [34]And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." [35]And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. [36]And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." [37]And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? [38]Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." [39]And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. [40]And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. [41]And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. [42]Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

O Lord, have mercy on us.
♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!

6. Hymn: #297, "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"

7. Sermon Text/Theme:
Mark 14:32-42, "Sleepy Eyes"

9. An Offering, p. 122

10. The Versicle, p. 122
Let my prayers rise before You as incense:
♪And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

11. The Nunc Dimittis, p. 124

12. The Prayers beginning / the Kyrie, p. 124:

♪Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

13. The Lord's Prayer, p. 125

14. The Collects, p. 127

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, You watched and prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and patiently submitted Yourself to the Father's will in order to fulfill all righteousness for us. Grant us willing spirits that we may overcome our weak flesh and rise up each day to newness of life as we watch and pray for your coming on the last day; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, and the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with your grace and goodness, with your holy Word and Sacrament, with your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

15. The Bendicamus, p. 127
Let us bless the Lord: **♪Thanks be to God.**

16. The Benediction, p, 127

17. Closing Hymn: #569:1, 4-6, "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow"