St. Thomas More Catholic Community
Evening Prayer
March 24, 2020

Leader: +O God come to my assistance
All: Lord, haste to help me. Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. World without end. Amen

OPENING HYMN
Vs. 1-3

Psalm 39 All recite all verses

I said, “I will watch my ways
So as not to sin with my tongue.
I will watch over my mouth with a bridle
So long as the wicked are in my presence.”

I was dumb and silent,
Deprived of happiness.
My pain kept growing;
My heart was boiling within me.
In my eagerness, a fire was burning.
I spoke with my tongue:

“Let me know, O Lord, my end.
What is the extension of my days?
Let me know how frail I am.
Behold, you have given me only handbreadths for my days,
And my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all humans beings stand like a breath.
Human beings mill about like shadows,
Vainly piling up riches
Without knowing for whom.

“Listen to my prayer, O Lord,
And to my cry.
To my tears, be not insensitive.
For I am nothing but a guest with you,
A settler like all my ancestors.
Turn your eyes from me and let me be comforted,
Before I depart and am no more.”

WORD OF GOD
**MAGNIFICAT**

My soul does magnify the Lord!
I delight in God my savior
Who looked kindly on lowliness.

Now all ages will call me blessed
For the Mighty One did great things.
Holy is God’s name;
Mercy is from age to age for those in awe.

The Lord’s strong arm did mighty deeds:
Confused the proud in their smug hearts;
Toppled sovereigns from their thrones,
And exalted humble ones;
Filled the hungering with good things,
And sent the rich away empty.

The Lord helped servant Israel
To remember mercy,
As was spoken to Abraham
And his descendants forevermore!

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

Sung response after each intercession:
*Watch over our ways.*

**LORD’s PRAYER**

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. Amen.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**BLESSING and DISMISSAL**