



Midweek Lenten Worship
Undeclared
Our Journey to the Empty Tomb
April 1, 2020

PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

"Prayer at the Close of Day" is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. The congregation gathers in silence. Preservice music is omitted, and the lighting is subdued. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God's forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

The musical score is written on ten staves of music in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are: "The Lord Al - mighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last. A - men. L It is good to give thanks to the Lord, G to sing praise to your name, O Most High, L to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, G your truth at the close of day. L Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom. G Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom."

PRAYER

- M God of spirit and truth, you alone satisfy our dry and weary souls. Let us drink from the spring of your mercy,
C **so that our souls may be quenched and our thirst for your saving love will be satisfied.**
- M We pray through Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- M Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
C **we have sinned against you**
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.
- M By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun
when we shall serve him in newness of life.
C **Amen.**



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for *mercy*;^{*}
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to *my* relief.

Do not bring your servant into *judgment*,^{*}
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint *within* me;^{*}
my heart within me *is* dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me *quickly*, O LORD;^{*}
do not hide your *face* from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your *unfailing* love,^{*}
for I have put my *trust* in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you *are* my God;^{*}
may your good Spirit lead me on *level* ground.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son^{*}
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,^{*}
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Silence for meditation.

PSALM PRAYER

- M Lord Jesus, you bring light to those who dwell in darkness and make your love know to them. Enter not into judgment with your servants, but strengthen us in the saving faith and guide us into the land of perfect peace where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE PASSION HISTORY

Death and Burial

RESPONSE

- M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid in him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed (*Isaiah 53:6*).

HYMN 125

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Contemplate Christ's Cry from the Cross

- 1. A cry that makes us cringe**
- 2. A cry that makes us celebrate**

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli,*^[a] *lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").^[b]

CONFESSION OF FAITH

M Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
C **Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the very nature of a servant, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place, and gave him the name that is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth, and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Dear Father in heaven, it's because of our sin that we justly deserve to suffer both your curse during our time on earth and your eternal condemnation in hell. But we plead for your mercy, knowing that your Son, Jesus, suffered the punishment and died the death our sin deserved. He was willing to be forsaken by you, that we would never be. He was willing to be defeated by death, that by his resurrection from the dead we would have the sure and certain hope of eternal life in heaven. For his sake you have forgiven all our sins and cleansed us from all our unrighteousness. Now, trusting that you love us and care for us, we dare to ask for your blessing.

Merciful Father, you are our ever-present help in trouble. Once again, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have come to realize that your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. In your wisdom you have permitted this global crisis to cause so much pain and loss. Do not let our hearts despair, but sustain and comfort us by your Word. Stop the spread of the virus. Heal the sick, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the poor and helpless, and deliver all who are still in danger. Strengthen our faith by your mighty Word and promises. Grant that we may praise you, our compassionate and loving God, by showing mercy to others in all their needs.

Heavenly Father, into your hands we commit our bodies and souls and all things. Send your holy angels to watch over us, so that the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh may have no power over us. All this we bring to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 106

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

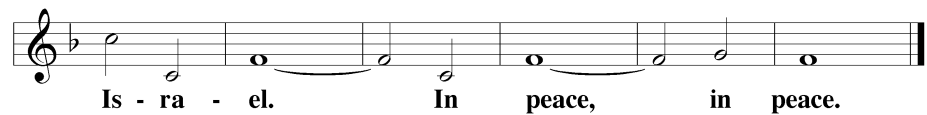
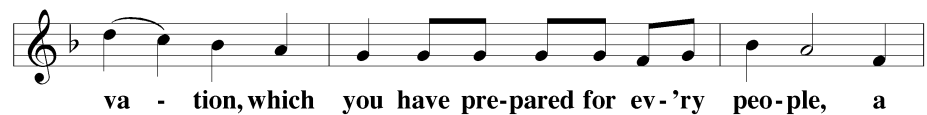
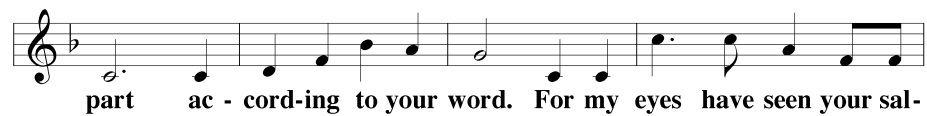
**Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
You shall walk with God in light.**

Come in sorrow and contrition,
 Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;
 Here the guilty, free remission,
 Here the troubled, peace may find.
 Health this fountain will restore;
 He that drinks shall thirst no more.

He that drinks shall live forever;
 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
 God is faithful; God will never
 Break his covenant of blood,
 Signed when our Redeemer died,
 Sealed when he was glorified.

GOSPEL CANTICLE



BLESSING

- M** The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the + Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.
- C** **Amen.**

CONTINUE THE JOURNEY TO THE EMPTY TOMB

- **Online Worship:** All online worship resources are available on our [website](#). Our traditional weekend worship service is available in its entirety by Saturday evening at 5 pm. We encourage you to participate in worship at the time you would normally worship. The worship folder with the order of service is available for download on our website for you to follow along

The Bridge is livestreamed on Sunday at 10:15 am on The Bridge [website](#) and on Facebook at The Bridge at St. Paul's. The service is available for viewing later at any time on each platform as well as full HD on our [You Tube channel](#) at The Bridge Church Muskego.

- **Bible Reading Plan:** Follow along with Pastor Panitzke in his daily Bible reading plan found [here](#). **Daily Devotion and Discussion** about the Bible readings are available [here](#). **Video devotions are available [here](#)** – three minute devotions about the Bible readings.
- **Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request, please don't hesitate to contact us through the form at the bottom of our [website](#). We have a team of dedicated prayer warriors ready to pray for you. If you would like to keep your prayer requests confidential among the pastors, there is a box to check to indicate that.
- **Facebook Live Concerts** Follow St. Paul's Resident Artist Mike Westendorf on Facebook for updates on his next Facebook Live concert.

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Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.
