



**Midweek Lenten Worship**  
**Undeclared**  
**Our Journey to the Empty Tomb**  
**March 18, 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 a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord Al - mighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last. A - men. 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." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and dynamic markings.

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## 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.**



*Silence for meditation.*

## PSALM PRAYER

- M God our Father, you work all things for the good of those who love you. Be not deaf to our cry for mercy but rather turn our mourning into joy that our hearts may sing your praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## THE PASSION HISTORY

**Trial Before the High Priest**  
Matthew 26:57-75

## 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 116

**In the Hour of Trial**

**In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me  
Lest by base denial I unworthy be.  
When you see me waver, With a look recall,  
Nor for fear or favor Ever let me fall.**

**With forbidden pleasures Should this vain world charm  
Or its tempting treasures Spread to work me harm,  
Bring to my remembrance Sad Gethsemane  
Or, in darker semblance, Cross-crowned Calvary.**

**Should your mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,  
Or should pain attend me On my path below,  
Grant that I may never Fail your cross to view;  
Grant that I may ever Cast my care on you.**

**When my life is ending, Though in grief or pain,  
When my body changes Back to dust again,  
On your truth relying, Through that mortal strife,  
Jesus, take me, dying, To eternal life.**

**See Your Acceptance in Jesus' Rejection**

- 1. Jesus was rejected by those who knew better.**
- 2. How we need to guard against rejecting him, too.**

**Jesus Before the Sanhedrin**

<sup>57</sup> Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

<sup>62</sup> Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

<sup>64</sup> "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

## 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

Lord Jesus, as we in spirit draw closer to your divine appointment with the cross of Calvary, we marvel at the pain and agony that you were willing to bear for us and for our salvation. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for your great love that moved you to suffer the ridicule and rejection of your own people in order to save us and all people from the curse and punishment of sin. Lead us to see not only the seriousness of our sin in our rejection of you and your Word but also the sincerity of your resolve that moved you to undergo such suffering and dying. Fill us with your love that we might rejoice in our salvation, believe only those things that are in accord with your Word, and do only those things that are pleasing to you, as we reflect your love to those around us. Lord Jesus, you gave yourself for us. We now give ourselves to you. Help us live to the glory and honor of your name.

And, then, loving Lord, we thank you for all the blessings you showered on Dr. David Krainaik, Joanne Kurth's brother, during his life on earth. We praise you especially for calling him to faith in you, so that now he can be restored to the godly perfection that you intended for us all. Comfort all who will miss him with the sweet hope of a happy reunion in heaven. Keep us faithful, even to the point of death that we, too, might receive life as our victor's crown. 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 121

## Jesus, Grant That Balm And Healing

Jesus, grant that balm and healing In your holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.

Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Let me think about your passion, And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.

If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road,  
With seductive, sinful vices, Let me think about the load  
You were willing to endure; Then I'll flee all thoughts impure,  
Mastering each wild temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.

Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm weak, your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, your comfort renders sweet Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul's salvation.

O my God, my Rock and Tower, Grant that in your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost his power Since you crushed him in the dust.  
Savior, let your agony Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my protection, light and life and resurrection.

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

**L** Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, **G** and guard us sleep -



ing; [L] that a-wake we may watch with Christ [G] and a -  
 sleep we may rest in peace.  
 [G] In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser-vant now de -  
 part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-  
 va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple, a  
 light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple  
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

## BLESSING

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



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.