

EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church – Antioch, Illinois

February 24, 2021

WELCOME!

Welcome to Evening Prayer for Lent at Faith. In these special weekly services we journey with Christ, step by step, from the Last Supper in the upper room to the end of his life and mission upon the cross. These quiet evenings focused on the Word of our God prepare us to observe Holy Week and Easter. They focus us on the price our dear Savior paid to redeem us from sin, guilt, punishment and death. As they give voice to our expressions of thanks and praise these services are also meant to calm us for a night's rest with the certain comfort of God's mercy and forgiving love. It is our privilege to worship with you. Please come again very soon!



LARGE PRINT SERVICE FOLDERS & HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

are available from an usher at your request. Our sanctuary is T-Loop hearing assist equipped.

OUR FACILITIES

Restrooms are located just to the left of the tower entrance. Parents with little ones needing a “quiet place” will find an audio-equipped children’s room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

NOTES ON OUR SERVICE

“Prayer at the Close of Day” is a version of the ancient order of worship called *Compline* - the final service of the day before one retires for the night. The congregation often gathers in silence as pre-service music may be omitted. Lighting is subdued. This is a time for prayer and meditation.

Think of this service as “saying bedtime prayers.” Sing the hymns at a comfortable level – not too loud, not too soft. The pace of the service is not hurried. Hurrying doesn’t lend itself to “winding down” at the end of a long day. Pastor Ungemach will sing parts marked **L:** for *leader*. The congregation will sing the parts marked **G:** for *group*.

Periods of silent meditation punctuate the service. Please use quiet moments to ponder and pray over what has just been sung or said – or, certainly, any prayer that is on your heart. These periods of silence are intended to allow you some “quiet time” with your Lord.

Pastor Ungemach will lead the majority of the service from his chair. This is because Compline services literally served as “bedtime prayers” for a cathedral, academic or monastic community. The service was often not led by the head pastor at the high altar, but by a pastoral assistant (deacon) in a side chapel, etc.

The candles predominant in the physical setting of this service are a reminder of Jesus, the light of the world, who said: “*For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them*” (Matthew 18:20).

THE HANDS OF BETRAYAL - JUDAS

Remain seated

L: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

G: Amen.

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

G: To sing praise to your name, O Most High,

L: To herald your love in the morning,

G: Your truth at the close of day.

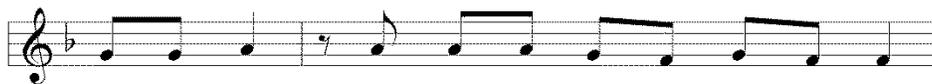
L: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

G: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

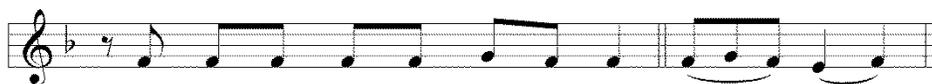
EVENING HYMN



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray, Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



And guard and keep your peo - ple now.
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G: who made heaven and earth.

L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

L: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed
by my fault,
by my own fault,
by my own grievous fault;

wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

**G: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon,
forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.**

L: Amen.

**G: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed
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L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon,
forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

G: Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 14 (Christian Worship: Supplement)

**Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Restore your people and bless them.**

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

**Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Restore your people and bless them.**

Will evildoers never learn —
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
**When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Israel rejoice and be
glad!**

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: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Restore your people and bless them.**

Silence for meditation

- L: O Lord, spare us from the folly of wickedness and the pursuit of evil. Make us rejoice in your saving acts that we who have been redeemed by your Son may abound in works of faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- G: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

St. Mark 14:1-26

Jesus begins his journey to the cross at Bethany. We follow to the upper room and the "Last Supper".

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the experts in the law were looking for some deceptive way to arrest Jesus and kill him. ²“Certainly not during the Festival,” they said, “or there will be a riot among the people.”

³While Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made from pure nard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it over his head. ⁴But there were some who were indignant and said to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵Certainly this perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor!” And they began to scold her.

⁶But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. ⁷In fact, you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you are not always going to have me. ⁸She did what she could. She anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹Amen I tell you: Wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman did will also be told in memory of her.”

¹⁰Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹When they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

¹⁶His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

¹⁸While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, “Surely not I?”

²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. ²¹Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “Take it. This is my body.”

²³Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, “This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Amen I tell you: I will

certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”²⁶After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

L: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

G: **Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

L: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

G: **Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

L: Glory to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit.

G: **Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

Christian Worship # 106



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -
4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,
lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; You shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

SERMON

St. John 13:21-30

Pastor Ed Ungemach

HANDS OF BETRAYAL - JUDAS

²¹After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

²²The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant.

²³ One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. ²⁴ So Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one he was talking about.

²⁵ So leaning back against Jesus' side, he asked, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish." Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do more quickly."

²⁸ None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. ²⁹ Because Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the Festival," or to give something to the poor. ³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

HYMN

"O Love How Deep"

Christian Worship # 371:1, 2, 5, 7

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
5 For us, by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,
Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,
That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;
Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world him - self he came.
For us he gave his dy - ing breath.

7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad,
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

OFFERTORY (a musical piece played during the gathering of the offering) & OFFERING PRAYER

During the Covid crisis our preference is to gather our offerings electronically or through the mail but for those who do choose to bring offerings with them to worship there is a large offering basket at the main worship area doors for you to drop in your offerings later as you are dismissed from worship.

If you are not a member of Faith, we do not want you to feel obligated to participate in the offering. (God desires cheerful givers - not gifts based on a sense of guilt or obligation.) We gather

our offerings during worship, because the Bible teaches that giving is *an act of worship*. Most of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given in weekly worship offerings. May the Lord bless you, and may he use every one of our offerings to him as a blessing to many others.

PRAYERS

L: Hear my prayer, O Lord.

G: **Listen to my cry.**

L: Keep me as the apple of your eye.

G: **Hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

L: In righteousness I shall see you.

G: **When I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

L: Lord God of heaven and earth, you have plainly told all the world of our Savior's suffering and death. Not only is the message of the cross clearly proclaimed in the Scriptures and in our churches, but you have also commanded us to be your witnesses and make it clear to those we know. Help us proclaim the Lenten message of the cross steadfastly in spite of those who reject it and oppose it. Keep us from frustration at the reaction of some, and send your Holy Spirit to use our proclamation of the cross to bring others to faith. For your name's sake dear, Lord.

G: **Amen.**

L: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying – and all for your love's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

G Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as

we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us
 not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
 e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
 yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”
Christian Worship # 369

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion
 Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

CANTICLES

GOSPEL CANTICLE

- L: Guide us waking, O Lord,
G: **And guard us sleeping.**
L: That awake we may watch with Christ
G: **And asleep we may rest in peace.**

SONG OF SIMEON



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

- L: The almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the Son (+), and the Holy Spirit – bless us and keep us.
G: **Amen.**

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Please join us the next four Wednesdays of Lent at Faith for:



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**

Hands of...

- Self-Preservation (Pilate)**
March 3
- Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)**
March 10
- Brutality (Soldiers)**
March 17
- Misguided Zeal (Peter)**
March 24

Lenten Evening Prayer at 3:30 & 7:00 PM each week