

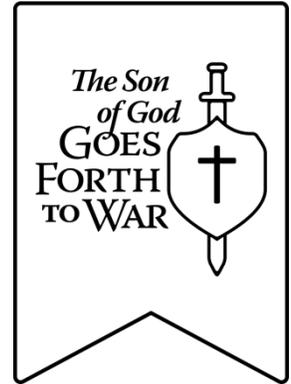
EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church – Antioch, Illinois

March 25, 2020

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!



WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

All regularly scheduled worship services are being offered both streaming on-line and broadcast over our Faith radio station WFEL 99.9 FM. Streaming worship is only available during the hours that regularly scheduled worship would be happening. These services are not being archived. However, the sermons are being archived as they always have been on our website. Feel free to download any sermon or subscribe the a podcast that delivers the sermon content to you. If you wish to access streaming worship services outside of the Faith schedule, our WELS parent church body is providing wonderful streaming resources at: <https://yearbook.wels.net/streaming>.

Faith is committed to accommodating all recommendations and mandates of state and federal government regarding the pandemic currently challenging our world. Please be assured that in the numbers of people assembling at Faith for the presentation of these worship services on-line to you we are taking care to abide by the recommended numbers and the social distancing defined in government directive.

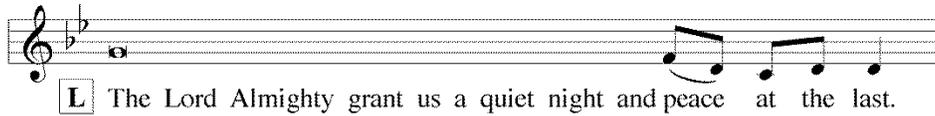
NOTES ON OUR SERVICE

“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. This is a time for prayer and meditation. Think of this service as “saying bedtime prayers.” 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.

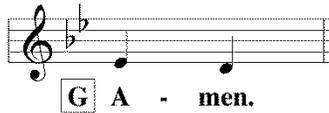
Sing the hymns at a comfortable level – not too loud, not too soft. The pace of the service is not hurried. Hurrying doesn't lend itself to “winding down” at the end of a long day. Pastor Hermanson will sing the parts marked **L:** for *leader*. The congregation sings all the parts marked **G:** for *group*.

THE WARRIOR REJECTED BY MANY FOLLOWERS

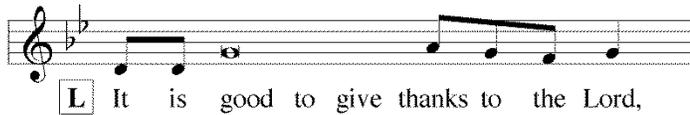
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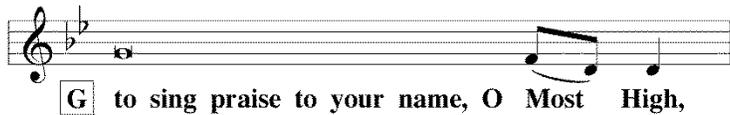
L The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.



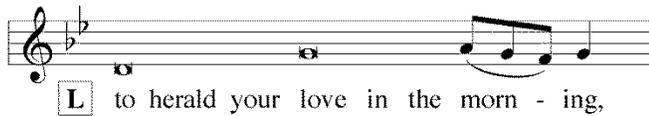
G A - men.



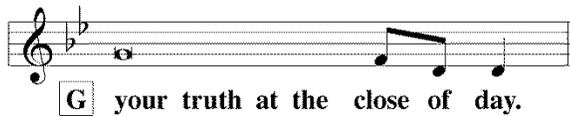
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



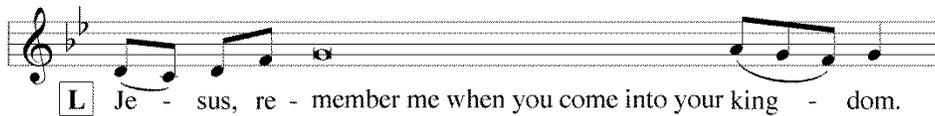
G to sing praise to your name, O Most High,



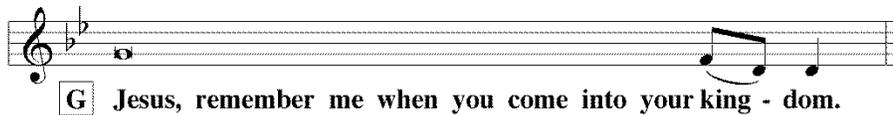
L to herald your love in the morn - ing,



G your truth at the close of day.

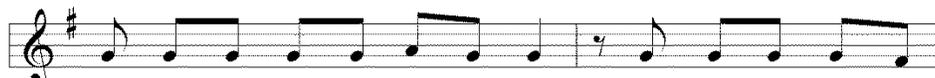


L Je - sus, re - member me when you come into your king - dom.



G Jesus, remember me when you come into your king - dom.

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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

G: 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.

L: 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.

G: Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 119b (Christian Worship p. 110)

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.



Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;*
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,*
for there I find delight. **Refrain**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!*
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

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

L: O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

G: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Matthew 27:1-26

Judas takes his own life in despair. Jesus is tried before the Roman Governor.

¹Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to put Jesus to death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

³Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders ⁴and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

⁵He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. ⁶The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷They reached a decision to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a

burial place for foreigners. ⁸So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord commanded me.

¹¹When Jesus stood in the presence of the governor, the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

¹²When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Don't you hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

¹⁴But he did not answer him—not even one word, so that the governor was very surprised.

¹⁵At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate's wife sent him a message. "Have nothing to do with that righteous man," she said, "since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him." ²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. ²¹The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

"Barabbas!" they said.

²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?"

They all said to him, "Crucify him!"

²³But the governor said, "Why? What has he done wrong?"

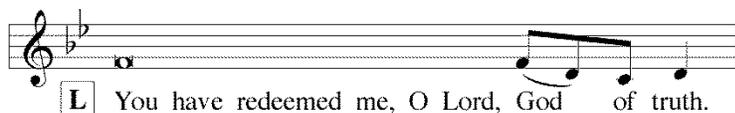
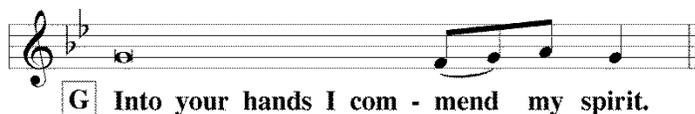
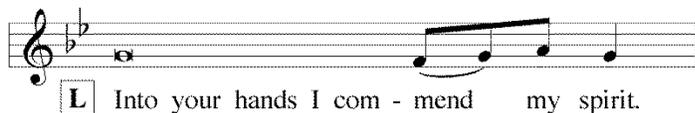
But they kept shouting even louder: "Crucify him!"

²⁴When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, "I am innocent of this righteous man's blood. It is your responsibility."

²⁵And all the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

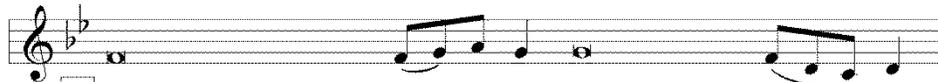
²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

VERSICLES

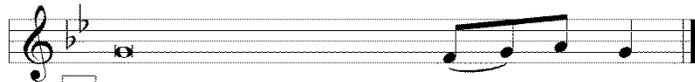




G Into your hands I com - mend my spirit.



L Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



G Into your hands I com - mend my spirit.

HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

Christian Worship # 127

To make this hymn easier to follow it is contained in its entirety on the following page



1 Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
 3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup -
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the



dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
 ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
 pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture
 ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -



ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
 own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
 right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
 Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
 in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
 bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
 fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

SERMON

John 6:66-68
 Pastor Greg Hermanson

THE WARRIOR REJECTED BY MANY FOLLOWERS

⁶⁶After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?”

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life.

HYMN

“My God Will Never Leave Me”
Christian Worship # 418



1 My God will nev - er leave me, And I will
 2 When hu - man thought and ac - tion Shall un - a -
 3 God shall be my re - li - ance In sor - row's
 4 Oh, praise him for he nev - er For - gets our
 5 And when the world will per - ish With all its



not leave him; A light my God will give me In
 vail - ing prove, God grants me his pro - tec - tion And
 dark - est night; Its dread I bid de - fi - ance When
 dai - ly need; Oh, blest the hour when - ev - er To
 pride and pow'r, All that the world may cher - ish Will



path - ways dark and grim. He reach - es out his hand,
 shows his pow'r and love. He helps in ev - 'ry need,
 he is at my right. I un - to him com - mend
 him our thoughts can speed, For all the time we spend
 van - ish in that hour. But though in death they make

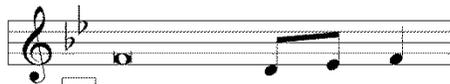


His might - y pow - er shar - ing, My bur - dens
 From sin and shame re - deems me, From chains and
 My bod - y, soul, and spir - it— They are his
 With - out him is but wast - ed, Till we his
 The deep - est grave our cov - er, When there our

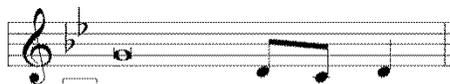


ev - er bear - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 bonds re - claims me; From death I, too, am freed.
 own by mer - it— All's well, then, at the end.
 joy have tast - ed, The joy that has no end.
 sleep is o - ver, Our God will us a - wake.

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.

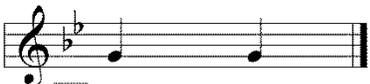


L In righteousness I shall see you.



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

L: Be present, O merciful God and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



G A - men.

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

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”
Christian Worship # 592

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1 All praise to thee, my God, this night For all the
 2 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
 3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, My soul with



bless - ings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me,
 lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die so
 heav'n - ly thoughts sup - ply; Let no ill dreams dis -



King of kings, Be - neath thine own al - might -
 that I may Rise glo - rious at the awe -
 turb my rest, No pow'rs of dark - ness me



y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear
 full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re -
 dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings



Son The ill that I this day have
 pose And may sweet sleep mine eye - lids
 flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be -



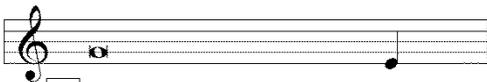
done, That with the world, my - self, and thee
 close, Sleep that shall me more vig - 'rous make
 low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;



I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 To serve my God when I a - wake.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

CANTICLES

GOSPEL CANTICLE



L Guide us waking, O Lord,

G and guard us sleep - ing,

L that awake we may watch with Christ

G and asleep we may rest in peace.

SONG OF SIMEON

G In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part according

to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion,

which you have prepared for every peo - ple, a light to light - en the

Gen - tiles and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

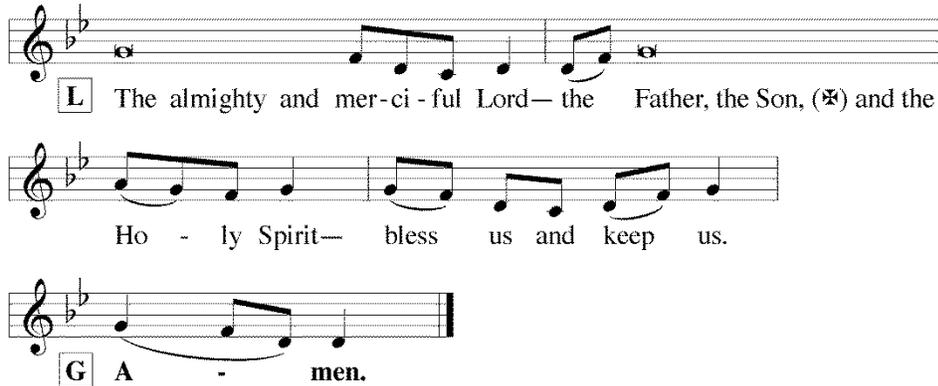
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G and guard us sleep - ing,

L that awake we may watch with Christ

G and asleep we may rest in peace.

BLESSING



L The almighty and mer-ci - ful Lord— the Father, the Son, (✠) and the
Ho - ly Spirit— bless us and keep us.

G A - men.

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