



**Midweek Lenten Worship**  
**Undeclared**  
**Our Journey to the Empty Tomb**  
**March 25, 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 (L and G).

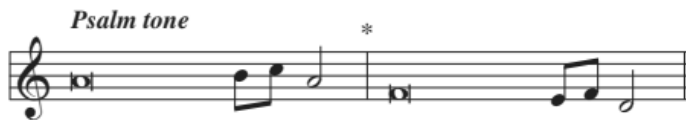
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## PRAYER

- 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.**



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger\*  
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,\*  
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me\*  
like a burden too heavy to bear.

*Refrain*

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;\*  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;\*  
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,\*  
O Lord my Savior.

**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 our God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son and his sighing was not hidden from you. In your kindness look also to us, your children, weighed down with sins, and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PASSION HISTORY

**The Praetorium**

## 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 115

**He Stood Before the Court**

**He stood before the court On trial instead of us;  
He met its pow'r to hurt, Condemned to face the cross --  
Our King, accused of treachery;  
Our God, abused for blasphemy!**

**These are the crimes that tell The tale of human guilt;  
Our sins, our death, our hell -- On these the case is built.  
To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays dumb.  
The guilt is ours, no answers come.**

**The sentence must be passed, The unknown pris'ner killed;  
The price is paid at last, The law of God fulfilled.  
He takes our blame, and from that day  
Th' accuser's claim is wiped away.**

**Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is done;  
We live, for he has died, Our condemnation gone.  
In Christ are we both dead and raised,  
Alive and free -- his name be praised!**

## Do You See the Hero in the Narrative of Life?

### 1. He Understands the Anguish in the Darkness

### 2. He Owned the Darkness to Bring Us Peace

## Jesus Before Pilate

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

<sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup> “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

<sup>22</sup> “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

<sup>23</sup> “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

### **The Soldiers Mock Jesus**

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

### **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 willingly took on for us and for our salvation. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for your great love that moved you to suffer ridicule, rejection and abuse at the hands of your own people that we might be saved from the curse and punishment of sin. Lead us to see not only the seriousness of sin in 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 trust you as the true hero for all in every moment of this life. May we please you in all we do as we reflect your love to those around us. Lord Jesus, you gave yourself for us. We now give ourselves to you.

And, then, loving Lord, we ask you specifically to shine as this world's light in the midst of this world pandemic. Stop the virus. Heal the sick. Spare the dying. Comfort with your gospel. And, when death must come, bring your people safely home in Jesus. Strengthen us to love your world as we respect our governor, share your good news, bring joy to those around us at home, and give of ourselves in service to those in need. 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 128

## Not All the Blood of Beasts

**Not all the blood of beasts  
On Israel's altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away,  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.**

In faith I place my hand  
 On that dear head divine,  
 As penitently here I stand  
 And lay on him my sin.

My soul looks back to see  
 The burden you did bear  
 When hanging on the cursed tree  
 I know my guilt was there!

Believing, we rejoice  
 To see the curse remove;  
 We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
 And sing his bleeding love.

### 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.**

## MINISTRY CONTINUES

- **Online Worship:** All online worship resources are available on our [website](#). Our traditional weekend worship service will be 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 order of service will be available for download on our website so you can join in the songs and responses.

**The Bridge** will be livestreamed on Sunday at 10:15 am as always 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.

- Follow along with Pastor Panitzke in his daily Bible reading plan found [here](#). And his daily devotion and discussion about the readings [here](#).
- Follow St. Paul's Resident Artist Mike Westendorf on Facebook for updates on his next Facebook Live concert.



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.

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