

Luther's Evening Prayer

- C** In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

The Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
C Amen!

Closing Hymn: TLH #381 "I Know My Faith is Founded"

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing Unmoved I stand upon His Word.
Man's reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;
Who trusts her subtle wisdom Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure,
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with Thee beside me, I shall be undismayed;
And led by Thy good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance To every evil foe.
3. In faith, Lord, let me serve Thee; Though persecution, grief and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure Take Thou me home to Thee
And let me there inherit All thou hast promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Thy heaven I gain,
Where I by Thy great mercy The end of faith attain.

"Sing with Exiles" Lenten Schedule



Feb. 17: "God Has a Word for That" (Isaiah 41:14-16)
Feb. 24: "He Only Has Eyes for You" (Isaiah 43:1-7)
Mar. 3: "Marked" (Isaiah 44:1-5)
Mar. 10: "Breaking Down the Gates" (Isaiah 45:1-8)
Mar. 17: "Get Out!" (Isaiah 48:17-22)
Mar. 24: "One Little Word Can Fell Him" (Isaiah 49:1-6)
Good Friday: "All" (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)
Easter Sunday: "We Are Going Home" (Isaiah 55:6-13)



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Midweek Lent 6

Opening Prayer

Hymn: WS #775

"Thy Strong Word"

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Invocation

- P** We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Behold the Father's love, *(John 3:17)*
C For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.
P Behold the Son's grace, *(Matthew 20:28)*
C The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.
P Behold the Spirit's patient teaching, *(1 Corinthians 2:12)*
C Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God,
that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

- P** Please come to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
C Show us Your love, show us Your grace, and bind us together through Your Gospel of peace.
P Father in heaven, we come before You out of need. You provide all that we need for body and life. You shower us with blessings too numerous to count. But our response to your generous care falls short in every way.
C We are sinful from birth, and we have also sinned against You daily through things we have said, thought, and done. We can do nothing to erase the record of our sins, and so we come before You seeking help for our greatest need. Forgive us Father, and take away our guilt.

Hymn: TLH #323 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"

1. With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pardoning grace is rich and free, -- O God, be merciful to me!
 4. Nor alms nor deeds that I have done, Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee, -- O God, be merciful to me!
- P** God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
(1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)
5. And now, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell, My raptured song shall ever be, God has been merciful to me!
 6. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

✠ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord ✠

Hymn: WS #724 "Jesus, Remember Me"

1. Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom.
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Confession of Faith **Explanation to the 2nd Article**

- C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Sermon

Isaiah 49:1-6 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him-- for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- ⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

✠ One Little Word Can Fell Him ✠

Sermon Hymn: Tune of TLH #384 "Sing We Exiles"

1. Sing we exiles in our sadness, Though we wander dispossessed;
Sing for hope of future rest. Jesus is our Way, our gladness,
Straight'ning crooked paths we roam, Leading to our Father's home.
2. Words from God shall never falter, Ev'ry promise proved and sure;
Flee to Him and stand secure. Just one word of Christ can alter
Earthly kingdoms made of stone, Mountains moved to save His own.
3. Sing we exiles in our yearning To be healed from ev'ry wrong;
Sing the distant triumph song. Father, guide us in returning
With repentance to Your will, Lead us ever homeward still.