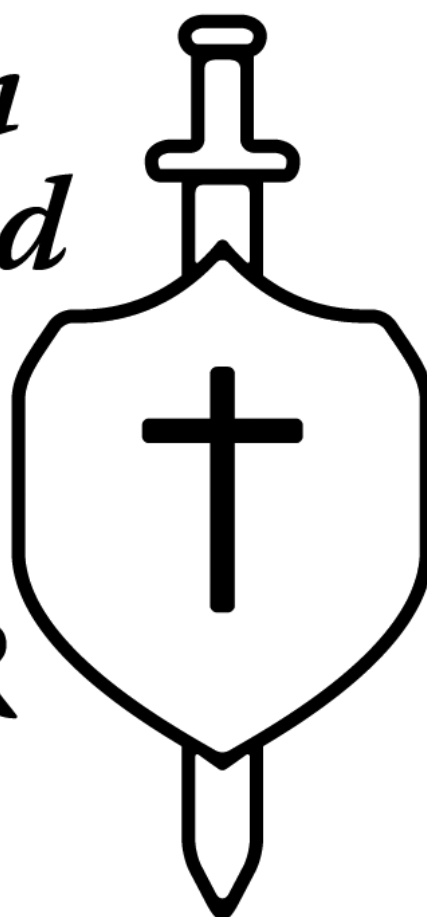


Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

*The Son
of God*
**GOES
FORTH
TO WAR**



COMPLINE III

“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.



L The Lord Al -



might - y grant us a qui - et 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 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.

1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land, field, and
2 The rule of day is o - ver And shin - ing jew - els
3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, Oh, spread your wings a -
4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this night will

mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies. But you, my
cov - er The heav - en's bound - less blue. Thus I shall
bove me And shield me from a - harm. Though Sa - tan
sure - ly From per - il guard your heads. Sweet slum - bers

heart, a - wak - en, With prayer and song be tak - en;
shine in heav - en, Where crowns of gold are giv - en
would as - sail me, Your mer - cy will not fail me;
may he send you And bid his hosts at - tend you

Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
To all who faith - ful prove and true.
I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.
And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us (I John 1).

G: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me (Psalm 51).

L: If anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2).

G: Amen.

PSALM 134

G Praise the Lord, all you ser-vants of the

Lord, who min-i-ster by night in the house of the Lord. Lift

up your hands in the sanc-tu-ar-y and praise the

Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zi-on, he who

is the Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth. Praise the Lord, praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

L: Lord Jesus, where two or three gather in your name, you promised to be with them and share their fellowship. Look on us, your family, and graciously bless us with unity and harmony; for you live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G: *(spoken)* Amen.

PASSION HISTORY - Lesson 3

Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest’s courtyard with Jesus. But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in.

The servants and guards were standing around a fire of coals that they had made because it was cold. While they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them, warming himself too.

One of the servant girls of the high priest came there. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, “You were also with Jesus the Galilean.”

But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, “I don’t know what you are talking about. Woman, I do not know him.”

When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, “This is one of them. This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, “I do not know the man.”

After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them, because even your accent gives you away. You are a Galilean!”

Then he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about! I do not know the man!”

At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times." He went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. Why are you questioning me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said."

When he said this, one of the guards standing there hit Jesus in the face. "Is that how you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

"If I said something wrong," Jesus answered, "testify about what was wrong. But if I was right, why did you hit me?"

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally, two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

The high priest stood up and said to him, "Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?" But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!"

Jesus said to him, "It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! What do you think?"

They answered, "He is deserving of death!" Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?" The guards also took him and beat him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both chief priests and experts in the law. They brought Jesus into their Sanhedrin and said, "If you are the Christ, tell us."

But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

They all said, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He said to them, "I am what you are saying."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!" Then the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law, together with the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

Then 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 and said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem."

He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money." They reached a decision to buy the potter's field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. Then 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, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord commanded me.

Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?"

They answered him, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

The Jews said, "It's not legal for us to put anyone to death." This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

Prayer at the Close of Day

Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

“It is as you say,” Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Pilate questioned him again, “Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”

But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

“You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

“What is truth?” Pilate said to him.


After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”

But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here.”

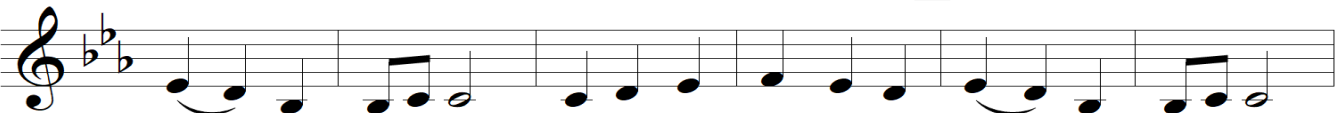
When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him. Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.


The following sentences are sung.




L In - to your hands I com -



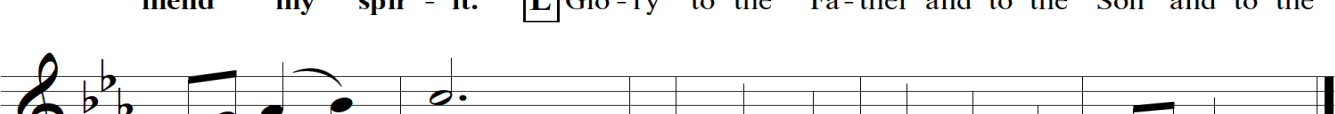
mend my spir - it. **G** In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth. **G** In - to your hands I com -



mend my spir - it. **L** Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Spir - it. **G** In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

HYMN 125

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

SERMON - The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers (John 6:66-68)

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER

The following is sung or said.

G Let my
prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift-ing up of my
hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I call to you;
come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to
you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

PRAYER

L: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer is sung as follows:



Our Fa - ther in

hea - ven, hall - owed be your name, your king - dom come, your

will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give

us to - day our dail - y 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'r and the glo -

ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

HYMN

170 vv 1,3,5 Draw Us to Thee

1 Draw us to thee, For then shall we
Walk in thy steps forever
And hasten on Where thou art gone
To be with thee, dear Savior.

3 Draw us to thee; Oh, grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way Lest we should stray
And from thy paths be driven.

5 Draw us to thee Unceasingly;
Into thy kingdom take us.
Let us fore’er Thy glory share;
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

L: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping: that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Song of Simeon

G Lord, now you let your ser-vant de-part in
peace ac-cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen, my
eyes have seen your sal-va-tion, which you have pre-pared be-
fore the face of all peo-ple, a light to light-en the
Gen-tiles, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles, and the
glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

BLESSING

L first time,
G on repeat. **L** The Lord bless you and keep you; the
Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to you; the
Lord look on you with fa-vor and give you his peace. **G** The
peace. **L** A-men. **G** A-men. **L/G** A-men.

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