

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 #144 "Jesus, Grant that Balm..."

1. Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Thy holy wounds I find,
Every hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me ere its first beginning.
2. Should some lust or sharp temptation Prove too strong for flesh and blood,
Let me think upon Thy Passion, And the breach is soon made good.
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard, Saying,
"Christ for me was wounded," That the Tempter flee confounded.
3. If the world my heart entices On the broad and easy road
With its mirth and luring voices, Let me think upon the load
Thou didst carry and endure That I flee all thoughts impure,
Banishing each wild emotion, Calm and blest in my devotion.
4. Every wound that pains or grieves me, By Thy stripes, Lord is made whole;
When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet Every bitter cup I meet;
For Thy all-atoning Passion Has procured my soul's salvation.

"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)



March 17, 2021



Midweek Lent 5

Opening Prayer

Hymn: TLH #414

"The Man is Ever Blest"

1. The man is ever blest Who shuns the sinners' ways, Among their counsels never stands, Nor takes the scorners' place.
2. But makes the Law of God His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night.
3. He like a tree shall thrive, With waters near the root;
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heavenly fruit.
4. Not so the ungodly race, They no such blessings find;
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff Before the driving wind.
5. How shall they bear to stand Before that judgment-seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand In full assembly meet?
6. He knows, and He approves, The way the righteous go;
But sinners and their works shall meet A dreadful overflow.

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 48:17-22 "Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. ¹⁸ Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; ¹⁹ your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me." ²⁰ Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!" ²¹ They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split the rock and the water gushed out. ²² "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

✠ Get Out! ✠

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. From His holy city driven, Stripped of ev'ry earthly good, Owing just His flesh and blood—Even these are freely given For us exiles in our loss, Strength'ning us to bear the cross.
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.