

LENTEN MIDWEEK MARCH 23, 2022

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EVENING PRAYER

Adapted from the Lutheran Service Book Evening Prayer, this liturgy recalls

the Old Testament rhythm of prayer in the morning and the evening:

“When you lie down and when you arise” (Deuteronomy 6:7).

The liturgy of Evening Prayer, which grows out of the daily devotion of the home, has a simple, four-part outline: Service of Light, Psalmody, Readings and Responses, and Prayers.

The Service of Light began as a daily lamp-lighting service at the setting of the sun in the early centuries before gas or electric lights. The image of light in the midst of darkness is easily associated with Christ who is our light (John 1:9). We look forward to the day when we will no longer need lamp nor sun, for the Lord God will be our light (Revelation 22:5).



Opening Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733 sts. 4-6



4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
We fly for - got - ten as a dream Dies at the o - p'ning day.
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

Opening Words

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

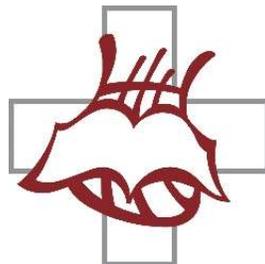
C: **Amen.**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: **to sing praise to Your Name, O Most High;**

P: to herald Your love in the morning,

C: **Your truth at the close of the day.**



Confession and Forgiveness

(Silence for reflection on the sins that trouble us).

Pastor: We begin with me confessing my sin... I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

P: I thank my heavenly Father for this Good News. Amen.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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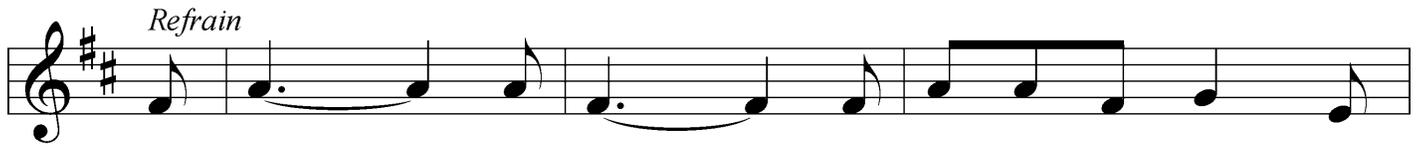
Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show



us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.



1 Kneels at the feet of His friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,	Var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we will serve;	These are the ones we will
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet,	Mas - ter who pours out Him - self	for them.
race;	Neigh-bors are near - by and far	a - way.
love;	All these are neigh-bors to us	and You.
feet:	This is the way we will live	with You.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Tune: Ghanaian; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1925–2000

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Old Testament

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9–18, 33–34 (ESV)

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy...

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.

¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or

put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

³³“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. ³⁴You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

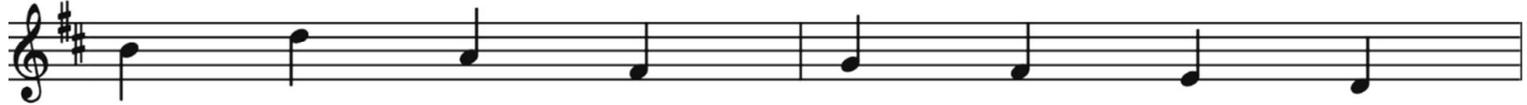
L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

Song of the Day

The Servant Song



1. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant. Let me be as Christ to you.
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney. We are broth - ers on the road.
 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing, When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
 6. Broth - er sis - ter let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.



Pray that I might have the grace to
 We are here to help each oth - er
 I will share your joy and sor - row
 Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 Walk the mile and bear the load.
 Till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my serv - ant too.

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Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. God of love, may we see Your love at work in this world. Give us a deep love for You, so that we can see the world as You see it, feel the compassion You feel, and be a people whose lives channel Your love to others. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes, so that we do not cross the road away from human need, but rather go to serve in Your Name and to Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Verses for Lent

2 Corinthians 6:2b; Psalm 85:4; 4:6; 37:6; 113:7

P: Now is the time of God’s favor;

C: **now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: **that the light of Your face may shine on us.**

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: **and may the poor be lifted up. Amen.**

**Sermon JESUS + JUSTICE IN CONVERSATION :
FRESH EYES**

Leviticus 19



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Song of Response

Micah 6:8

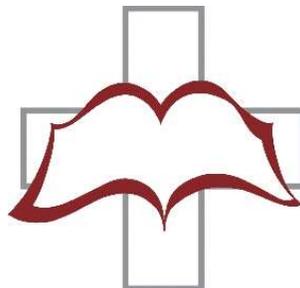
He has shown thee, _____ O man, _____ what is
good, and what the Lord _____ re - quires of thee; _____ He has
But to do just - ly, _____ and to love mer - cy, _____
_____ and to walk hum - bly with _____ thy God. _____

1.
2.

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. —I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Prayers of the Church

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: *Listen to my cry.*

P: Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

C: *Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.*

P: In righteousness I shall see You;

C: *When I awake, Your presence will give me joy.*

P: Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: *Amen.*

P: Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: *Amen.*

(Other petitions may be added here)

P: Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to You. We entrust to You the night; we rest in surety, for You are our help, and You neither slumber nor sleep.

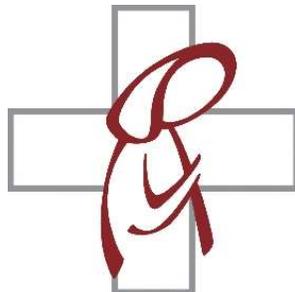
C: *Amen.*

(Silence for meditation)

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Benediction

P: Guide us waking, O Lord,

C: *and guard us sleeping,*

P: That awake we may watch with Christ

C: *and asleep we may rest in peace.*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700 sts. 1, 3



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88
Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87

Announcements



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 27

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Lent Wednesday, March 30

In-Person Worship*(In Sanctuary) – 6:30PM

Sunday, April 3

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Lent Wednesday, April 6

In-Person Worship*(In Sanctuary) – 6:30PM

Palm Sunday, April 10

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Maundy Thursday, April 14

In-Person Worship*(In Sanctuary w/Communion) – 6:30PM

Good Friday, April 15

In-Person Worship*(In Sanctuary) – 1:00PM

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 6:30PM

Easter Sunday, April 17

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday, April 24

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Contact the office if you have any questions about the schedule. Ushers, Readers, and various other volunteers are always needed for in-person worship and communion. If you are interested in volunteering for one of those roles, please contact the office at office@bethelgurnee.org.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER NOW THROUGH MARCH 27TH!

THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IS COMING UP IN JULY! BETHEL IS HOLDING A FUNDRAISER TO HELP FUND THIS EVENT FOR OUR KIDS WHO SIGNED UP TO GO. THE ENVELOPE GIVING BOARD, WILL RUN THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 27. CHOOSE AN ENVELOPE AND USE IT TO DONATE THE DESIGNATED AMOUNT. WHEN ALL THE ENVELOPES ARE DONE, IT WILL REVEAL A PHOTO OF THE KIDS ATTENDING THE EVENT. OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL IS \$4,500!

CHOOSE ANY ENVELOPE AND PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- NAME
- GIVING NUMBER (IF A BETHEL MEMBER)
- WRITE "YOUTH GATHERING" OR JUST "YOUTH" ON THE ENVELOPE
- WRITE "YOUTH GATHERING" ON THE MEMO LINE OF THEIR CHECK
- PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR TURN IN TO CHURCH OFFICE.

WHEN ALL THE ENVELOPES ARE DONE, IT WILL REVEAL A PHOTO OF THE KIDS ATTENDING THE EVENT. THE YOUTH GATHERING HAS BEEN HELD EVERY 3 YEARS SINCE 1980. IT PROVIDES THOUSANDS OF YOUTH AND ADULTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE TO BE ENCOURAGED IN THEIR WALK WITH JESUS CHRIST AND LEARN ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THEIR LUTHERAN IDENTITY.



OUR NYG YOUTH SAY THANK YOU!

