

# Taize' Evening Prayer

*New Life Lutheran Church*

*Third Mid-Week Lenten Service*

*March 3, 2021*

*7:00 PM*

This evening we will use a style of music developed near the village of Taize' in France. It consists of short meditative passages of Scripture set to simple melodies and repeated many times. The purpose of the repetition is to give us time to reflect and internalize the truths of these words of Scripture.

Our goal as we gather at our mid-week Lenten services, is to find quiet, meditative time, so that we can escape the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, to hear of Jesus and to sing His praise and address Him in prayer. May the Lord bless us as we worship Him in prayer, meditation, and praise!

*Welcome by the Pastor*

*Remain Seated*

P: Now is the time of God's favor;

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

P: Turn to 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.**

(sing 3 times)

The musical score is for a hymn in G minor, 3/4 time, with a tempo of 72. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo of 72 and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then / Bleib mit dei - ner Gna - de bei uns, Herr Je - su Christ. Ach,". The second system continues the lyrics: "stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness. / bleib mit dei - ner Gna - de bei uns, du treu - er Gott." The score includes piano (p) and mezzo-forte (mf) markings, and a *p subito* instruction. Chords are indicated above the staff: Gm, Cm, D, Gm, Dm, Gm, Eb, Cm, F, Bb, Cm, Bb, F, Gm, D.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

# The Psalmody: Psalm 37

## Refrain:

Capo 2

(Dm) Em (Dm/C) Em/D (Bb6) C6 (C) D

1 O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.

(F/A) G/B (Bb) C (Gm6) Am6 (A) B (Dm) Em (Dm/C) Em/D

when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the

(Bb6) C6 (C) D (F6) G6 (Gm) Am (A) B (Dm) Em *Fine*

Lord, hear my prayer; come and lis - ten to me. 2 The  
Lord is my praise. God, the well-spring of life.

P: Do not fret because of evil men.

C: **or be envious of those who do wrong.**

P: for like the grass they will soon wither,

C: **like green plants they will soon die away.**

P: Trust in the Lord and do good;

C: **dwel in the land and enjoy safe pasture.**

P: Delight yourself in the LORD

C: **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

P: Commit your way to the LORD

C: **trust in Him and He will do this:**

P: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,

C: **the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

## Refrain:

The Psalm Prayer:

P: Lord God, in this changing world we look to You as our unchanging rock of refuge and hope. Hear us as we plead for Your mercy, and grant us Your saving grace and protection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Passion Reading: **LESSON TWO—Evangelical Heritage Version**

Seasonal Response:

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: **But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**

A Lenten Hymn: (sing 2 times)

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass clef part has the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The second system is identical to the first. The key signature and time signature are the same. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The guitar part includes a capo 1 instruction and several chord changes: Eb(D), Fm(Em), Bb(A), Eb(D), Cm(Bm), Fm(Em), Bb(A), and Eb(D). There are also some guitar-specific markings like a 7 bar line and a 7 fret marker.

The Sermon Text: **John 18:4-11**

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

<sup>5</sup> "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am He," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Again He asked them, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. If you are looking for Me, then let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This happened so that the words He had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those You gave Me."

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given Me?" (NIV 2011)

The Sermon Theme: **HANDS OF THE PASSION—HANDS OF MISGUIDED ZEAL**

A Lenten Hymn: **CW 109** "When O'er My Sins I Sorrow"

**When o'er my sins I sorrow, Lord, I will look to You  
And hence my comfort borrow That You were slain for me.  
Your precious blood was offered For me, oh, most unworthy,  
To take away my guilt.**

**Oh, what a marv'lous off'ring! Behold, the Master spares  
His servants, and their suff'ring And grief for them He bears.  
Our God comes down from heaven; For me, His guilty creature,  
He deigns as man to die.**

**My manifold transgression Henceforth can harm me none  
Since Jesus' bloody passion For me God's grace has won.  
His blood my debt has canceled; Of hell and all its torments  
I am no more afraid.**

**Therefore I will forever Give thanks continually,  
O Jesus, loving Savior, For what You did for me.  
I'll spend my breath in praises For Your sad cry, Your suff'rings,  
Your wounds, Your guiltless death.**

The Offering (*Place your offering in the plate located on the table in the entryway.*)

## The Prayer of the Church:

P: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in Your eternal changelessness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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, all our worries about the future, 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, and have the ability to protect us from every harmful disease, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick—especially those suffering from the plague of Covid-19, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for Your love's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look down, O Lord, from Your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with Your celestial brightness, that by night as by day, Your people may glorify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

A Lenten Hymn: (sing 2 times)

A - do - ra - mus te Chris - te, be - ne - di - ci - mus ti - bi,  
We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name;

qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum,  
tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing,

qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum.  
tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing.

P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet un-trodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us, Your love supporting us and with the knowledge that You will always remember us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: CW 590 “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

God, who made the earth and heaven, Darkness and light,  
You the day for work have given, For rest the night.  
May Your angel host defend us, Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,  
Holy dreams and hopes attend us All through the night.

And when morn again shall call us To run life's way,  
May we still, whate'er befall us, Your will obey.  
From the pow'r of evil hide us; In the narrow pathway guide us;  
Never be Your smile denied us, All through the day.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, And, when we die,  
May we in Your mighty keeping All peaceful lie.  
When the last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,  
But to reign in glory take us With You on high.

Holy Father, throned in heaven, All-holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, freely given -- Blest Three in One,  
Grant us grace, we now implore You, Till we lay our crowns before You  
And in worthier strains adore You While ages run.

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Announcements

*Thank you to Pastor William Schubert from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Zion, IL for serving as our guest preacher this evening.*

*The Church Council will have its monthly meeting immediately following this service.*

*Next Wednesday, Pastor David Carlovsky from Lord and Savior Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake will be here, preaching on the theme: Hands of the Passion—Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas).*