

Taize' Evening Prayer

New Life Lutheran Church

Sixth Mid-Week Lenten Service

April 1, 2020

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.

As the altar candles are lit, the evening hymn is sung.
(sing 3 times)

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,

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.

Chords: Gm, Cm, D, Gm, Dm, Gm, Eb, Cm, F, Bb, Cm, Bb, F, Gm, D

Dynamic markings: *p*, *mf*, *f*, *p subito*

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 51a

Refrain:

Capo 2

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

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

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

P: Have mercy on me, O God,
C: according to Your unfailing love.

P: Wash away all my iniquity,
C: and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions,
C: and my sin is always before me.

P: Against You, You only, have I sinned
C: and done what is evil in Your sight.

P: Surely I was sinful at birth,
C: **sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

P: Hide Your face from my sins,
C: **and blot out all my iniquity.**

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C: **and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

Refrain:

The Psalm Prayer:

P: Almighty and merciful Father, You freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Passion Reading: **Part 5, Matthew 27:27-66, Death and Burial (KJV)**

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)

Capo 1

Chords: Eb(D), Fm(Em), Bb(A), Eb(D), Cm(Bm), Fm(Em), Bb(A), Eb(D)

Lyrics: Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

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The Sermon Text: **Isaiah 42:13**

¹³ The LORD will march out like a champion, like a warrior He will stir up His zeal; with a shout He will raise the battle cry and will triumph over His enemies. (NIV 2011)

The Sermon Theme: **The Son of God Goes Forth to War—The Promised Warrior**

A Lenten Hymn: **“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”**

The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.
Saint Ste - phen, look - ing to the sky, Saw heav'n be - yond the grave—
A glo - rious band— the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came—
A no - ble ar - my, robed in white, From ev - 'ry tribe and race,

4
His blood - red flag streams wide and far; Who fol - lows in his train?
The Son of Man by God on high, And called on him to save.
Be - cause sure hope in Christ they knew At peace met cross and flame.
A - round the Sav - ior's throne de - light To see his glo - 'rious face.

8
All those who drink Christ's cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain,
Like Christ, who par - don rare dis - played, While on the cross in pain,
They suf - fered ri - di - cule and scorn, With ha - tred they were slain.
They held the nar - row path to heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.

12
And pa - tient bear their cross be - low— They fol - low in his train.
This saint for his as - sail - ants prayed— Who fol - lows in his train?
Now crowns their faith - ful heads a - dorn— Who fol - lows in their train?
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

The Offering (*Place your offering in the plate located on the podium 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 two 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,

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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”**

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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.

