

Words of Hope from the Cross
“Father Forgive Them”



Mid-week Lenten Worship
February 24, 2021 - 6:30pm

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Compline-Prayer at the Close of the Day

Prelude: "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"

Lisa Borman

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

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for Reflection & Self-Examination)

Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know-the thoughts, words, and deeds of which I am ashamed-but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

P: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32:1-7

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C: whose sin is covered.

P: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C: through my groaning all day long.

P: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

C: surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

P: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

C: you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Lord, God, You desired to keep from us Your wrath and so did not spare Your holy servant, Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are Your prodigal children, but we come back to You confessing our sins. Embrace us, that we may rejoice in Your mercy together with Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn: “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” - Insert

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:2b-16

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:15-23

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-34

The Responsory

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C: Into Your hands, I commend my spirit.

P: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C: Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Into Your hands, I commend my spirit.

Sermon-Pastor Christopher Martin

Hymn: “Jesus in Thy Dying Woes” – Insert

The Responsive Prayers

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: ...Taught by our Lord, and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

The Gospel Canticle

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

C: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed!" - Insert

Postlude

Lisa Borman

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the blessings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.

Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die, that so I may rise glorious at the awesome day.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Jesus in Thy Dying Woes

Jesus, in thy dying woes, Even when thy lifeblood flows,
carving pardon for thy foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Savior, for our pardon sue When our sins thy pangs renew,
for we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need, Be like thee in heart and deed,
when with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.

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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.

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