

Prayer at the Close of Day

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

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“Prayer at the Close of Day” is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. It is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God’s forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings. We thank Pastor Bryant from St. Timothy in Lombard for sharing God’s Word with us this evening!

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Opening Hymn 108 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

L – Leader (Minister)

G – Group (Congregation)

L The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last. **G** A -
- - men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the
Lord, **G** To sing praise to your name, O Most High;
L To her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** Your
truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber

me when you come in - to your king - dom.

G Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -

to your king - dom.

Confession and Absolution

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G: **Who made heaven and earth.**

L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,

G: **We have sinned against you in our thoughts,
in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

L: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
And in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in peace until the rising of the sun
When we shall serve him in newness of life.

G: **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 84 on Page 96

Passion Reading # 6 – Jesus' Death On The Cross

L In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. **G** In - to your
hands I com-mend my spir - it. **L** You have re-deemed me, O
Lord, God of truth. **G** In - to your hands I com-mend my
spir - it. **L** Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **G** In - to your
hands I com - mend my spir - it.
L Hear my prayer, O Lord. **G** Lis - ten to my cry.
L Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye; **G** Hide me
in the shad - ow of your wings. **L** In right - eous -
ness I shall see you. **G** When I a - wake, your
pres - ence will give me joy.
G A - men.

Sermon Hymn 127 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Sermon Text – Hebrews 10: 19 – 25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sermon Theme – Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests

Offering – Paula Danekas, piano - "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"
by Keith Getty

Prayer for Lent

Lord's Prayer –



G Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us

not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
 e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
 yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Hymn 112 – There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, **G** And guard us sleep -
 ing; **L** That a - wake we may watch with Christ, **G** And a -
 sleep we may rest in peace.
G In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant now de -
 part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
 va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

Blessing

L: The almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, (+) and the Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.

G: Amen.

Extinguishing of the Candles

Serving Us:

In the Chancel: Pastor Bryant

On the Organ: Jan Henriksen

Instrumentalist: Paula Danekas

Midweek Lenten Services

Midweek Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and continue through Wednesday, March 21st.

Food for the body will be served at 5:30 pm.

Food for the soul will be served at 7 pm.

Our theme for this year is, "Jesus Is Our Great High Priest."

Good Shepherd will once again be participating in a Lenten Rotation with Pastor Joshua Free of Abiding Peace, Elgin; Pastor Philip Schupmann of Resurrection, Aurora; Pastor Edward Bryant St. Timothy, Lombard; and Pastor Jonathan Kehren from Jerusalem, Morton Grove. Pastor Kehren also serves as our Circuit Pastor. We welcome these men and thank them for sharing God's Word with us this Lenten season!

We hope you can join us for these extra opportunities this Lenten season to worship and praise, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29.

March 21st – Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests
(Hebrews 10: 19 – 25) Pastor Bryant; St. Timothy, Lombard