

# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



## **SIMPLE EVENING PRAYER**

**Easter Season 2020**

**Wednesdays ~ 7:00 pm**

**April 29, 2020**

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## Easter Season 2020

*Jesus Christ is the light of the world. (John 8:12)*

*The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”*

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1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, have mercy upon us.

**O Christ, have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*Mark 10:47*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

### **THE 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.**

## Congregational refrain:

The Lord is my shep-herd, I shall not want. The  
 Lord is my shep-herd I shall not want.

1. The pastures are fresh where You give me rest; Calm waters lift up my soul.  
 You lead me on paths that are righteous and good; Your name is hallowed by all.

## Refrain:

2. Though I am brought down to the valley deep, No evil great will I fear;  
 The strength of Your rod and the pow'r of Your staff Will give me comfort and cheer.

## Refrain:

3. A feast You have held in the sight of foes; Oil has anointed my head;  
 My cup overflows with Your mercy and love: With blessings great I am fed.

## Refrain:

4. Today and for all of my days to come Goodness and love follow me,  
 And now I will dwell in the house of the Lord As long as life there shall be.

## Refrain:

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## SCRIPTURE READING

## 1 PETER 3

<sup>1</sup>Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your husbands, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct, <sup>2</sup>when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. <sup>3</sup>Do not adorn yourselves outwardly by braiding your hair, and by wearing gold ornaments or fine clothing; <sup>4</sup>rather, let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight. <sup>5</sup>It was in this way long ago that the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves by accepting the authority of their husbands. <sup>6</sup>Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. You have become her daughters as long as you do what is good and never let fears alarm you.

<sup>7</sup>Husbands, in the same way, show consideration for your wives in your life together, paying honor to the woman as the weaker sex, since they too are also heirs of the gracious gift of life so that nothing may hinder your prayers.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For

"Those who desire life  
and desire to see good days,  
let them keep their tongues from evil  
and their lips from speaking deceit;  
<sup>11</sup>let them turn away from evil and do good;  
let them seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

<sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## LESSON

*"Christ's Descent into Hell"*

*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*

*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

## THE EVENING LITANY AND PRAYERS

Answer me when I call,

*Psalm 4:1-5*

**O God of my righteousness.**

You have given my relief when I was in distress.

**Be gracious to me hear my prayer!**

O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

**How long will you love vanity?**

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;

**the LORD hears when I call to Him.**

Be angry, and do not sin;

**ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

**and put your trust in the LORD.**

Grant O Lord this night

**to keep us without sin.**

*Te Deum of St. Ambrose*

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**let my cry come before You.**

*Psalm 102:1*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by *prayer* (talk to God always!) and *supplication* with *thanksgiving* let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Psalm 103:1*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

*2 Corinthians 13:13*





1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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