

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



SIMPLE EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays in Lent 2021

7:30 pm

March 3, 2021

Simple Evening Prayer

Lenten Season 2021

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

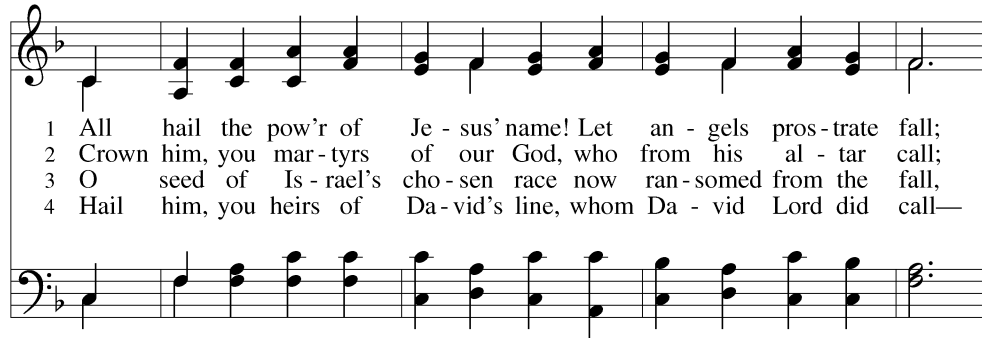
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

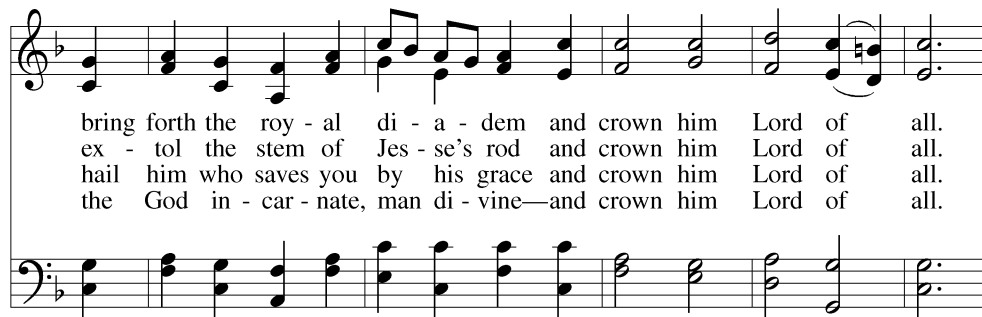
OPENING HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

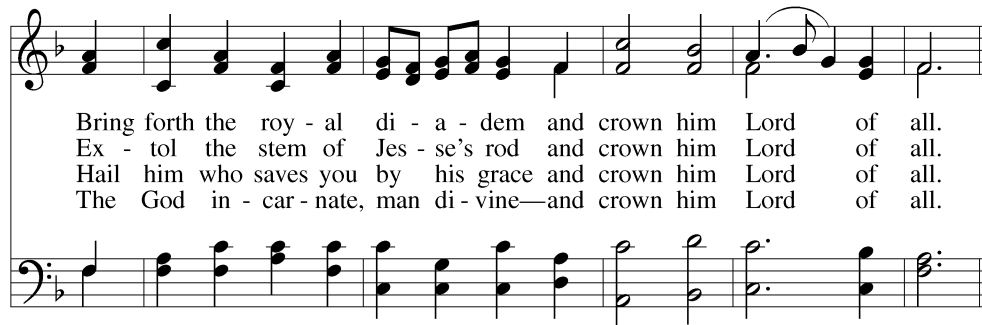
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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 the wormwood and the gall,
 go spread your trophies at his feet
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

REVELATION 5:1-14, 7:1-17

John describes a vision of the suffering love of the One who dies for others and rules at the heart of all that is. Washed in the blood of the Lamb who was slain, a redeemed humanity is coming into being.

¹Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
¹⁰you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. ²I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

⁴And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel:

⁵From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

⁶from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

⁷from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

⁸from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal ;they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

LESSON

"White Robes Washed in the Blood of the Lamb"

DISCUSSION WITH Q&A

(See Expository Notes on Revelation 4-9 at end of bulletin)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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. Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2. Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3. To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,

5
Are Yours O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By Whose self - of - fring we are made God's peo - ple;
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,

9
For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre - a - tion
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and na - tions,
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry giv - en,

13
Called in - to be - ing.
Called to God's ser - vice.
Now and for - ey - er.

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Revelation 4-9 The Lordship of Jesus Christ

The description of the throne room is important in explaining other visions that John reports. This image is central in showing that Jesus Christ is Lord and He will accomplish His purpose both in history and against the anti-godly powers.

Revelation 4:2 – The Throne: This represents the LORD, the Great I AM, and God of Israel, who was, who is, and who is to come (Isaiah 6).

Revelation 4:4 – The Twenty-Four Elders: The 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles of Jesus represent all of God’s people from the Old and New Testament times.

Revelation 4:6-7 – The Four Living Creatures: The four creatures who are like a lion, ox, human face, and eagle represent the summation of all creatures from humankind to the animal kingdom (Ezekiel 1:4-28). St. Irenaeus connected the four Evangelists with this vision – Mark is the lion, Luke is the ox, Matthew is the human, and John is the eagle.

Revelation 5:1 – The Sealed Scroll: This is the scroll of all world history that depicts the type of events that will lead up to the end event. The Book of Life is used later in Revelation to depict the final judgment.

Revelation 5:6 – The Lamb who was Slain: This represents the incarnation, life, passion, sacrificial death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (John 1:29).

Revelation 6:1-7 – The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse: The first four of the seven seals reveal War (6:1-2), Discord (6:3-4), Famine (6:5-6), and Death (6:7-8). These are permitted to act but are set limits by God (re: 6:8 authority over a fourth of the earth to kill). Another vision similar may be found at Zechariah 1:7-15 and 6:1-8, These are symbolic of the horrors of human history.

Revelation 6:9-11/7:13-17 – The Fifth Seal and White Robes: What happens to the righteous dead? These martyrs are with the Lord. They even cry out “How long?” as horror continues to the Last Day. The white robes symbolize purity – the gift of belonging to Christ.

Revelation 7:3 – The Mark: The people who belong to God are marked for salvation and ultimate resurrection (Ezekiel 9:4-5).

Revelation 7:4 – The 144,000: 12x12x1000 = the complete Israel, the twelve tribes and twelve apostles with symbolic number 1,000 meaning “many” on earth.

Revelation 8:1 – The Silence: This is the prelude for the consummation that will be depicted in Revelation 19:11-22. The next things John sees is the seven trumpets that take us back to the future again to see different aspects of Christ’s Lordship. When we pray “Thy Kingdom come” we are praying for the end of this world and the fulfillment of God’s Kingdom. Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46).

Revelation 8:7 – The First Trumpet Hail and Fire: This returns to the end event now mirroring the experience of the plagues of Egypt, specifically at Exodus 9:23-25. There is again a boundary where a third are destroyed.

Revelation 8:8-9 – The Second Trumpet Sea becoming Blood: Like the plague on the Nile River, many of the creatures within it die (Exodus 7:20).

Revelation 8:10-11 – Wormwood: This is an extremely bitter plant associated with judgment (Jeremiah 9:12-16 and Lamentations 3:15, 19).

Revelation 9:11 – 1st Woe the demonic locusts led by Abaddon/Apollyon: Both names mean Destroyer. There may be an allusion to the Greek god Apollo with whom the Roman Emperors Caligula, Nero, and Domitian claimed a special relationship. This vision is of a great host that destroy like a locust swarm. The demonic are permitted to torture the demonic people.



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