

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



SIMPLE EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays in Lent 2021

7:30 pm

March 24, 2021

Any offerings received during the Lenten Evening Prayer Services will be sent to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center - A Domestic Violence Shelter. The Home serves as a temporary shelter for clients to work on goals to establish new housing, jobs, daycare, etc. while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. Other services provided include counseling, court advocacy, support group meetings for women and children's programs. When the families leave, the staff wants them to be strong, hopeful for the future and know that there is always someone only a phone call away if help is needed.

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

“The Only Son from Heaven”

LBW #86



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!
3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,
in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,
and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly
grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en
be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, “Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us and bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!”

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt.
Music: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

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.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 22

The last chapter of the last book of the Bible gives a promise for the end of all things. Jesus is coming to set all things right.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

⁷See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; ⁹but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

¹⁰And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

¹²See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book;" ¹⁹if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book."

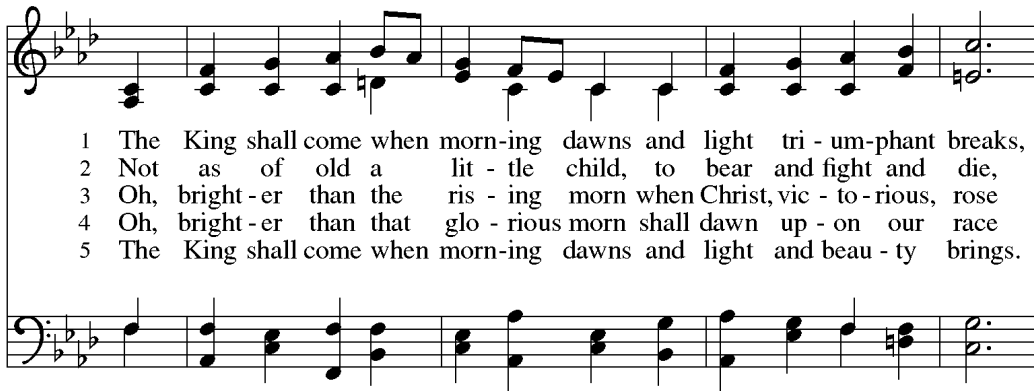
²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

LESSON

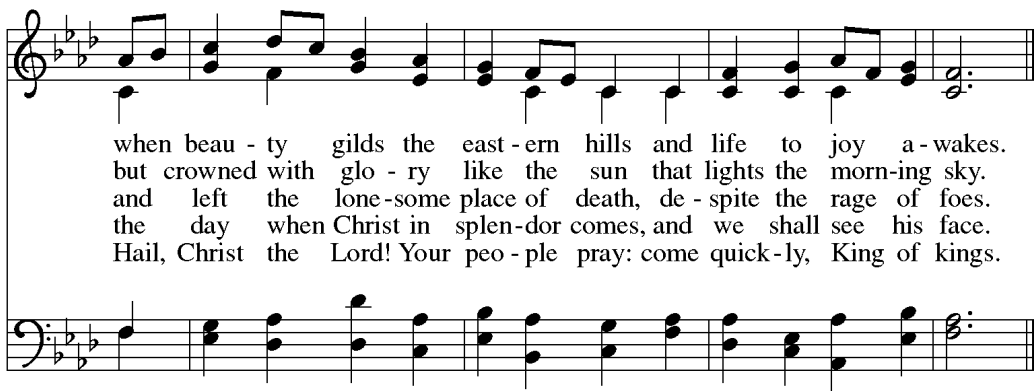
“Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!”

DISCUSSION WITH Q&A

(See Expository Notes on Revelation 21-22 at end of bulletin)



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

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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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Chapter 21-22 The Consummation of All Things Part Two

With the final chapters of Revelation, a portrait of ultimate hope is given for all who trust in Jesus Christ. A summary from the apocalyptic teaching in Mark 13 is also provided along with notes on the end of life. After our death we will be with Jesus, the Lamb of God forever.

Revelation 21:1 – new heaven and new earth: The present world will pass away but it does not mean the present creation will be destroyed. Instead, it means the creation will be totally renewed (Revelation 5:9, 21:5, Isaiah 65:17-25, Romans 8:19-22) free from corruption, purified, transfigured, glorified. All shall be well (**Showings**, Julian of Norwich).

Revelation 22:14 – Blessed are those who wash their robes so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates: This is the final of the seven beatitudes of Revelation (1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, and 22:14) and connect the reader again to the creation story in Genesis. All who trust in Jesus are washed and restored to God’s intention from the beginning.

Revelation 22:20 – Maranatha: Come Lord Jesus is the prayer at the close of the book and the close of the Bible. This is our situation – we await the Last Day when Jesus Christ will put all things right.

On the End Event – from Mark 13

2021 is the year of St. Mark in the Revised Common Lectionary used by Lutheran Chapel and many churches in the one, holy, Christian Church. The teachings from our Lord Jesus in Mark 13 is a summary of much we have studied together in Revelation this Lent.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

- There will be an end to all things.

Mark 13:24-25 The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heaven will be shaken.

- The end will come after a series of cosmic catastrophes.

Mark 13:14, 22 The desolating sacrilege...false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.

- The anti-godly powers will wage war against the godly. The godly will bear the cross until the end.

Mark 13:32, 37 But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father...Keep watch.

- The end will come as a surprise for all. The godly “keep watch” aware that the Last Day is coming and trusting Jesus day by day until it comes.

Mark 13:26 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.

- The Son of Man, Jesus the Christ, will return to judge the living and the dead. Jesus is the true and only rightful Judge. He died for us that all may be saved. None will be separated from Him except those who choose to be separate from Him.

Excursus - On My Personal Ending

The following are biblical teachings and counsel around end-of-life issues that I have gleaned over the years. Let us attend to the wisdom that God has given each of us in His Word.

For everything there is a season and a time...I perceived that there is nothing better for them (human beings) than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also, that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil – this is God’s gift to man (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 14).

- Live alert. We are mortal. Choose to value each moment God gives realizing the seasons of life, toiling/working to His glory and fully aware that there will be an end.

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the sinner’s wealth is laid up for the righteous (Proverbs 13:22). Then Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather yourselves together that I may tell you what shall happen...” (Genesis 49:1).

- Loving your loved ones well means putting affairs in order. Have I considered life insurance to care for family? Have I considered a last will and testament telling my loved ones what I want to happen? Have I considered how to use possible medical resources and issues around organ donation, medical power of attorney, etc.? Let us each give an inheritance of faith, love, and life shared well with those close to us.

Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end (John 13:1).

- What do we do when we face death? What do we do when our loved ones face death? Do as Jesus did. **Love to the end.**

Into Your hand I commit my spirit (Psalm 31:5). You let Your servant go in peace (Luke 2:29).

- It is also useful that we form the habit of daily commending ourselves to God, with soul and body, wife, children, servants, and all that we have, against every need that may arise (**Large Catechism**, Martin Luther). There is death. Then there will be eternal life.

Sources: **Oxford Annotated Study Bible**, 1989, **Revelation** (Continental Commentary) by Jurgen Roloff, 1993, *Revelation Study* (Our Daily Bread) – ChristianUniversity.org/NT228, 2021, **The Lutheran Study Bible**, 2009, **The Orthodox Study Bible**, 2008.

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