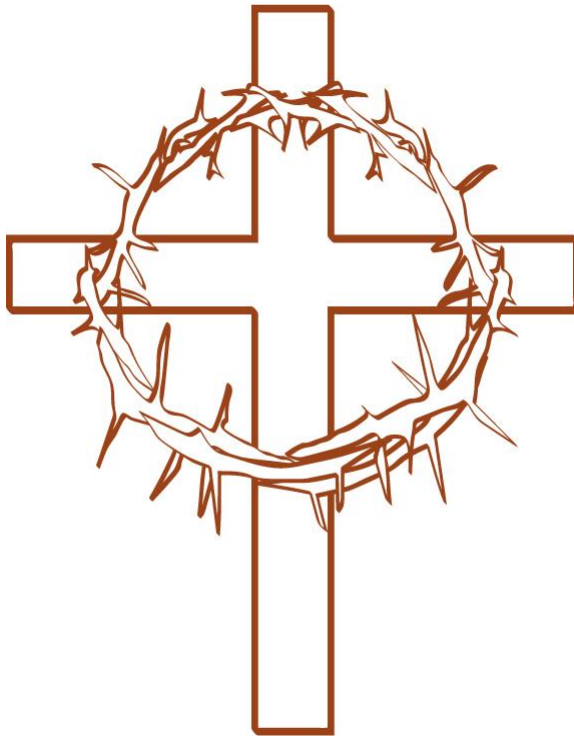


Wednesday in Holy Week
Holden Evening Prayer
March 31, 2021



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tamaqua, PA

The Pre-service Music

* The Gathering Hymn

“Glory Be to Jesus”

No. 95

**Glory be to Jesus, who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the lifeblood from his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion, infinitely kind.**

Service of Light

* The Procession (*Sung*)

JESUS CHRIST, YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD;

the light no darkness can overcome;

STAY WITH US NOW, FOR IT IS EVENING,

and the day is almost over.

LET YOUR LIGHT SCATTER THE DARKNESS

and shine within your people here.

* The Evening Hymn (*Sung by all*)

Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,

You who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race.

Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you,

God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,

of the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.

Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,

Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,

make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.

Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,

Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

* The Evening Thanksgiving (*Sung*)

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL,

(*Sung*) **And also with you;**

LET US SING OUR THANKS TO GOD,

It is right to give God thanks and praise,

BLESSED ARE YOU, CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE - FROM OLD YOU HAVE LED YOUR

PEOPLE BY NIGHT AND DAY. MAY THE LIGHT OF YOUR CHRIST MAKE OUR DARKNESS

BRIGHT, FOR YOUR WORD AND YOUR PRESENCE ARE THE LIGHT OF OUR PATHWAYS, AND

YOU ARE THE LIGHT AND LIFE OF ALL CREATION.

Amen.

The Psalmody, Readings and Canticles

* The Psalm #141

*The Psalm is sung as a canon (round) Congregation and choir sing the first two lines together. At the beginning of the third line ("O God") **the choir begins**. Congregation begins to sing (the same words) two measures later. Cantor and pastor will lead the congregation, follow them.*

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Keep watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

All praise to the God of all, Creator of life; all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

(Silence for meditation)

MAY OUR PRAYERS COME BEFORE YOU, O GOD, AS INCENSE, AND MAY YOUR PRESENCE SURROUND AND FILL US, SO THAT IN UNION WITH ALL CREATION, WE MIGHT SING YOUR PRAISE AND YOUR LOVE IN OUR LIVES.

(Spoken) **Amen.**

The Readings - Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm 70

Hebrews 12:1-3

* The Gospel – John 13:21-32

(Silence for Meditation)

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

(Spoken) **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

The Sermon

The Offering & Offertory

* The Doxology *(Sung)*

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

* The Annunciation

AN ANGEL WENT FROM GOD TO A TOWN CALLED NAZARETH TO A WOMAN WHOSE NAME WAS MARY. THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "REJOICE, O HIGHLY FAVORED, FOR GOD IS WITH YOU. YOU SHALL BEAR A CHILD, AND HIS NAME SHALL BE JESUS, THE CHOSEN ONE OF GOD MOST HIGH." AND MARY SAID, "I AM THE SERVANT OF MY GOD, I LIVE TO DO YOUR WILL."

* The Magnificat *(Sung by all)*

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,

You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.

Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness ever more.

How you favor the weak, and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.

You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart,

You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.

Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice strong your love,

As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,

You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.

The Litany and Prayers

* The Litany

R/ (Sung) God of mercy, hold us in love.

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, WE PRAY TO YOU:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR PEACE AND SALVATION, WE PRAY TO YOU:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS, FOR PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLES:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR WE WHO ARE GATHERED TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE YOU:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR ALL OF YOUR SERVANTS WHO LIVE OUT YOUR GOSPEL:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR ALL THOSE WHO GOVERN, THAT JUSTICE MIGHT GUIDE THEM:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR ALL THOSE WHO LABOR IN SERVICE TO OTHERS:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

GRANT WEATHER THAT NOURISHES ALL OF CREATION:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

KEEP WATCH ON OUR LOVED ONES AND KEEP US FROM DANGER:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

FOR ALL THE BELOVED WHO REST IN YOUR MERCY:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

HELP US, COMFORT US, ALL OF OUR DAYS:

Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

GREAT AND MERCIFUL GOD, SOURCE AND GROUND OF ALL GOODNESS AND LIFE, GIVE TO YOUR PEOPLE THE PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, AND THE WILL TO LIVE YOUR GOSPEL OF MERCY AND JUSTICE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

(Spoken) Amen.

GOD, REMEMBER US IN YOUR LOVE, AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

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 Final Blessing

LET US BLESS OUR GOD:

(Sung) Praise and thanks to you.

MAY GOD, CREATOR BLESS US AND KEEP US, MAY CHRIST BE EVER LIGHT FOR OUR LIVES, MAY THE SPIRIT OF LOVE BE OUR GUIDE AND PATH, FOR ALL OF OUR DAYS.

(Sung) Amen.

* The Sending Hymn

“Nearer My God, to Thee”

Additional Hymnal No. 25

Nearer my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee. E'en though it be a Cross That raiseth me.

Still all my song shall be. Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer to Thee.

Though like a wanderer, the sun gone down. Darkness be over me My rest a stone.

Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer to Thee.