

## Luther's Evening Prayer

**C** In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.  
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

## The Benediction

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.  
**C** Amen!

## Closing Hymn: TLH #558 "All Praise to Thee, My God"

1. All praise to Thee, my God, this night  
For all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath Thy own almighty wings.
2. Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,  
The ill that I this day have done  
That with the world, myself and Thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
3. Teach me to live that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die that so I may  
Rise glorious at the awe-ful Day.
4. Oh, may my soul on Thee repose,  
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

## "Sing with Exiles" Lenten Schedule

Feb. 24: "He Only Has Eyes for You" (Isaiah 43:1-7)  
Mar. 3: "Marked" (Isaiah 44:1-5)  
Mar. 10: "Breaking Down the Gates" (Isaiah 45:1-8)  
Mar. 17: "Get Out!" (Isaiah 48:17-22)  
Mar. 24: "One Little Word Can Fell Him" (Isaiah 49:1-6)  
Good Friday: "All" (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)  
Easter Sunday: "We Are Going Home" (Isaiah 55:6-13)



February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

## Opening Prayer

**Hymn: TLH #154**

**"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty Maker, died For man the creature's sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do.

## Invocation

**P** We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Behold the Father's love, *(John 3:17)*  
**C** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.  
**P** Behold the Son's grace, *(Matthew 20:28)*  
**C** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.  
**P** Behold the Spirit's patient teaching, *(1 Corinthians 2:12)*  
**C** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

- P** Please come to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
**C** Show us Your love, show us Your grace, and bind us together through Your Gospel of peace.  
**P** Father in heaven, we come before You out of need. You provide all that we need for body and life. You shower us with blessings too numerous to count. But our response to your generous care falls short in every way.  
**C** We are sinful from birth, and we have also sinned against You daily through things we have said, thought, and done. We can do nothing to erase the record of our sins, and so we come before You seeking help for our greatest need. Forgive us Father, and take away our guilt.

**Hymn: TLH #323 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"**

1. With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.  
Your pardoning grace is rich and free, -- O God, be merciful to me!
  4. Nor alms nor deeds that I have done, Can for a single sin atone.  
To Calvary alone I flee, -- O God, be merciful to me!
- P** God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*(1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)*

5. And now, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell, My raptured song shall ever be, God has been merciful to me!
6. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**✠ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord ✠**

**Hymn: WS #724 "Jesus, Remember Me"**

1. Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom.  
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**Confession of Faith**      **Explanation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article**

- C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

**The Sermon**

**Isaiah 41:14-16** Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge, new, sharp, and having teeth; you shall thresh the mountains and crush them, and you shall make the hills like chaff; <sup>16</sup> you shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the tempest shall scatter them. And you shall rejoice in the LORD; in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.

**✠ God Has a Word for That ✠**

**Sermon Hymn: Tune of TLH #384 "Sing We Exiles"**

1. Sing we exiles in our sadness, Though we wander dispossessed; Sing for hope of future rest. Jesus is our Way, our gladness, Straight'ning crooked paths we roam, Leading to our Father's home.
2. Oft we fear to be forgotten, Trampled in the dust of sin, Lost and broken deep within. Christ, Redeemer, Sole-begotten, Raise your kinsman from the dead; You have crushed the serpent's head.
3. Sing we exiles in our yearning To be healed from ev'ry wrong; Sing the distant triumph song. Father, guide us in returning With repentance to Your will, Lead us ever homeward still.