

Evening Prayer

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Service of Light

We Stand



☐ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, ☑ **the light no darkness can over- come.**



☐ Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning, ☑ **and the day is almost o- ver.**



☐ Let your light scat- ter the dark-ness, ☑ **and illumine your Church.**

Hymn

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef.

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf-fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef.

Christ, your-self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef.

through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Musical notation for the fourth system of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef.

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.



☐ Joy-ous light of glo - ry: ☑ of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther;



heav - en - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.



We have come to the set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it: You are wor - thy of



be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,



O Giv - er of life: The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people

Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar of fire by night:

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp

to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,

and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. ☑ **A - men**

**We sit
The Psalmody**

☩ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

Ⓜ O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick-ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

Ⓜ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

Ⓜ Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Ⓜ Let not my heart in-cline to an - y e - vil thing; let me not be oc - cu -

pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers. **Ⓜ** But my eyes are

turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

Ⓜ Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

Ⓜ as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

☩ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence for Meditation

P) Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with the purified minds we may sing Your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify you forever and ever.

C) Amen

Psalm 23: (ESV) is read responsively by whole verse:

A PSALM OF DAVID.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Silence for Meditation

**We Stand
Hymn**

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

We Sit

The First Lesson Ezekiel 34:25–31 (ESV)

²⁵“I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. ³⁰And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord GOD. ³¹And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD.”

P) The word of God for the people of God **C) Thanks be to God**

We Stand

The Gospel: John 10:7–10 (ESV)

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P) The Gospel of the Lord. **C) Praise to you O Christ**

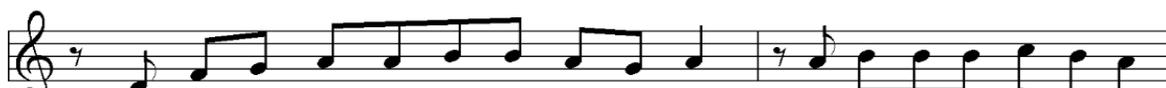
Homily

Silence for Meditation

P) In many and various ways God Spoke to his people of old by the prophets

C) But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son

We Stand



☐ My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-joic-es in



God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser-vant.



From this day all gen-er-a-tions will call me bless-ed.



The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.



He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the



proud in their con-ceil. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones,



and has lift-ed up the low-ly. He has filled the



hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.

He has come to the help of his ser- vant Is - ra - el,
 for he has re- mem-bered his prom- ise of mer- cy, the prom- ise he
 made to our fa- thers, to A- bra- ham and his chil- dren for- ev - er.
 Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A - men

We sit
The Litany

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord. **To You O Lord**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord. **To you, O Lord.**

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your Servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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**

Silence for meditation

**We Stand
Hymn**

He Leadeth Me

1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow - ers bloom,
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.

His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Prayer

C) Lord we thank you that you have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that thereby we may be strengthened in faith, perfect holiness, and comforted in life and in death. Amen

The Blessing

Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

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

C) Amen

Disciples Serving Today

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We are thankful and blessed that you chose to worship with us this evening.

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Tuesday at 9 - "Coffee Fellowship" at Lake Mountain Coffee 110 W Broad Street.

Tuesday at 7:00 Young Life in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 30 5:30- Soup and Sandwich followed by Evening Prayer at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

WINGS Mission Project for March is cans of soup for Iredell County Christian Ministries. Everyone can bring cans of soup on Sunday's and place in the *Big Soup Pots* located in the *WINGS* corner in the Narthex.

Wednesdays, April 6 at 5:30 we will have a "**Soup and Sandwich**" meal followed by Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6:30. Sermon theme is "Who is Jesus?" A sign-up sheet for soup and sandwiches is in the hall. We need sandwiches.