



A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH

Midweek Lent

BETHEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | York, NE

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assisted devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask one of our ushers. If you are visiting today, sign the guest book in the entryway or the connection card online.

SERVICE NOTES FOR TONIGHT

What a treasure Jesus gives us! He paid the price of our redemption for us. That price was not gold or silver, but his holy precious blood and his innocent suffering and death in our place. May we always consider the treasure he gives us to be the greatest we could ever have, one that we would never exchange for anything else.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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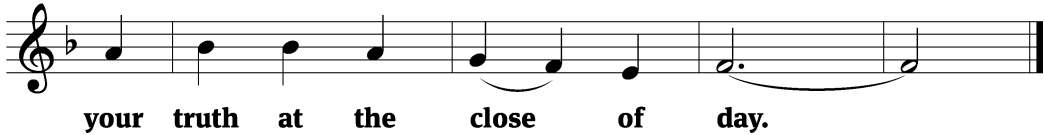
Remain seated

Opening Evening Song

CW 225

The Lord Al - mighty - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last.
A - men.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves contain the lyrics 'The Lord Al - mighty - y grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.' The fourth staff contains the word 'A - men.' with a long melisma line above it. The fifth and sixth staves contain the lyrics 'It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High,'. The seventh staff contains the lyrics 'to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a double bar line at the end of the first staff.



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Confession

CW 226

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

Psalm: 32A I Turn to You, O LORD

Refrain

I turn to you, O LORD, in time of
trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Tone

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."

And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.

Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

**Glorify be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Prayer

Lord, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgressions from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name. Amen.

Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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7 Enlarge, shrine of my heart, and swell
To hold this treasure given;
A treasure that does far excel,
The worth of earth and heaven.
Away, gold of Arabia,
Away, myrrh, aloes, cassia!
I've found a better portion.
My greater treasure, Jesus Christ,
Is your most holy, precious blood,
Which flowed for my salvation.

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Passion History Part 2

(Please leave the Passion History Booklets in the hymnal rack)

The following response is sung or spoken:

Into Your Hands

CW 227

The musical score is written in a single system with eight staves. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of truth. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it." The score includes a triplet of eighth notes on the line "You have re - deemed me" and another triplet on the line "Glo - ry to the Fa - ther". The final line of the score ends with a double bar line.

In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of

truth. **In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.**

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **In - to your**

hands I com - mend my spir - it.

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Hymn: 430 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord;
proofs I see sufficient of it:
'tis the true and faithful Word.
- 2 Tell me, as you hear him groaning,
was there ever grief like his,
friends through fear his cause disowning,
foes insulting his distress?
Many hands were raised to wound him,
none would intervene to save;
but the deepest stroke that pierced him
was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 If you think of sin but lightly
nor suppose the evil great,
here you see its nature rightly,
here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
see who bears the awful load;
'tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation,
here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the rock of our salvation,
is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
who on him their hope have built.

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A sermon or brief address may follow.

Sermon - More Precious than Silver or Gold

1 Peter 1:3–9

Praise to God for a Living Hope

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

²³For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Prayer

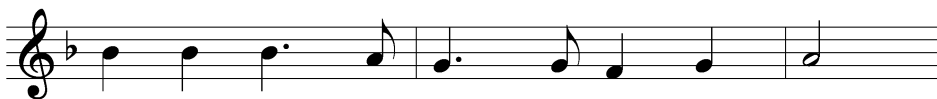
CW 228



Hear my prayer, O Lord;



lis - ten to my cry.



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.



In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

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One or more of the following prayers are spoken or sung:

Prayers

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial brightness, that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

CW 230

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on

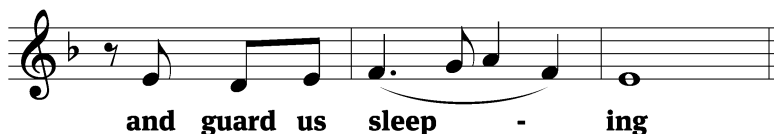
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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Song of Simeon

CW 231

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



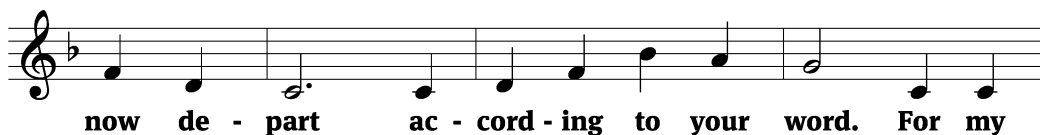
that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



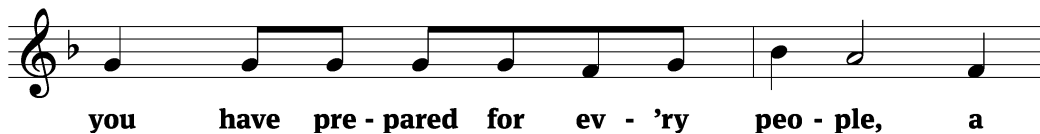
In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



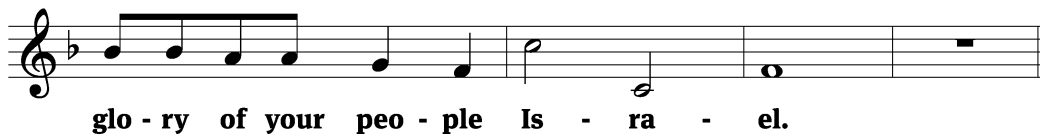
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a



light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace,



in peace, in peace.

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Benedicamus

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Hymn: 434 Upon the Cross Extended

- 1 Upon the cross extended,
see, world, your Lord suspended;
your Savior yields his breath.
The Prince of life from heaven
himself has freely given
to shame and blows and bitter death.
- 2 Who is it, Lord, that bruised you?
Who has so sore abused you
and caused you all your woe?
We all must make confession
of sin and dire transgression,
while you no ways of evil know.
- 3 I caused your grief and sighing
by evils multiplying
as countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered
with which your soul is cumbered,
your sorrows raised by wicked hands.
- 4 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
your head with thorns surrounded,
you died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
the crown for me securing,
you healed my wounds and set me free.
- 5 Your cross I place before me,
its saving pow'r restore me,
sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
be guiding and attending
my way to your eternal rest.

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