

The Order of Compline - Spoken
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Imperial NE
Tuesday of Holy Week
April 7th, 2020
7:00 PM

L The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
C Amen.

L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

L to herald Your love in the morning,
C Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession

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

Silence for self-examination.

L Holy and gracious God,
C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
L By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.
C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 71:1–14

¹In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame!
²In your righteousness deliver me and | rescue me;*
incline your ear to me, and | save me!
³Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may contin- | ually come;*
you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my | fortress.

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the | wicked,*
from the grasp of the unjust and | cruel man.

⁵For you, O Lord, | are my hope,*
my trust, O LORD, | from my youth.

⁶Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;
you are he who took me from my | mother's womb.*
My praise is continually | of you.

⁷I have been as a portent to | many,*
but you are my strong | refuge.

⁸My mouth is filled | with your praise,*
and with your glory | all the day.

⁹Do not cast me off in the time of | old age;*
forsake me not when my | strength is spent.

¹⁰For my enemies speak con- | cerning me,*
those who watch for my life consult together

¹¹**and say, "God has for- | saken him;**
pursue and | seize him,*
for there is none to de- | liver him."

¹²O God, be not | far from me;*
O my God, make haste to | help me!

¹³May my accusers be put to shame | and consumed;*
with scorn and disgrace may they be covered
who | seek my hurt.

¹⁴But I will hope con- | tinually*
and will praise you yet | more and more.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading

John 12:23–50

²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

⁴⁴And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. ⁴⁵And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. ⁴⁶I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. ⁴⁷If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. ⁴⁹For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

Silence for reflection.

Responsory

LSB 255

- L** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
- C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.
- L** You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
- C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

Sermon

Prayer

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** listen to my cry.

- L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
- C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

- L** In righteousness I shall see You;
- C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

LSB 257

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 258

Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace.
Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.
Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace.

Benediction

LSB 259

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
C Amen.

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