

**Mid-Week Lenten Wednesday Worship**  
**“At the Name of Jesus”**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Worship Night Prayer**  
**(Compline)**  
**April 1, 2020**

*The Night Prayer service may be read and prayed individually or with others in your home. The hymns will be spoken as Litanies with a response. For the musically inclined, we encourage singing or playing the hymns during or at the conclusion the service. The arrangements are found at the end of the bulletin.*

**THE DIALOGUE**

*The dialogue may be spoken responsively or read individually.*

Almighty God, grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**Amen**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

**To sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

To herald your love in the morning;

**Your truth at the close of the day.**

**THE NIGHT HYMN**

*The night hymn will be spoken as a Litany. The response is: “All praise to thee, O God, this night.”*

**“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” ELW#565**

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 thine own almighty wings.

**Response: All praise to thee, O God, this night.**

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.

**Response: All praise to thee, O God, this night.**

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 awesome day.

**Response: All praise to thee, O God, this night.**

4 Oh, may my soul in thee repose,  
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
sleep that shall me more vig'rous make  
to serve my God when I awake!

**Response: All praise to thee, O God, this night.**

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

**Response: All praise to thee, O God, this night.**

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*You may kneel or sit as able.*

**Holy and gracious God,  
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.**

*We are reminded of God's mercy and forgiveness in the  
following words:*

By the mercy of God, we are united with Jesus Christ,  
in whom we are forgiven.  
We rest now in the peace of Christ  
and rise in the morning to serve. Amen

## OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE—Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The reading is announced:* A reading from Jeremiah

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was married to them, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*The reading is concluded:*

**Word of God, Word of Life**

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 25:1-10

*The Psalm may be read individually or in unison with others in the home.*

**<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

**<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.**

**<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

**<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

**<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

**<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.**

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **LENTEN FOCUS READING—PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

*The focus reading is read each week in its entirety; the reflections will be on one verse from this reading each week. written by the Vicar or Pastor followed by the reading.*

A reading from Philippians:

**<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,**

**<sup>6</sup>who, although being in the form of God,**

**did not regard equality with God**

**as something to be exploited,**

**<sup>7</sup>but relinquished it all,**

**taking the form of a slave,**

**being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,**

**<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself**

**and became obedient to the point of death —**

**even death on a cross.**

**<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him**

**and gave him the name**

**that is above every name,**

**<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus**

**every knee should bend,**

**in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

**<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess**

**that Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*The reading is concluded:*

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

*The reading of scripture is followed with the responsory.*

## **RESPONSORY**

*The responsory is read in unison.*

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.**

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**Into your hands, I commend my spirit.**

## **THE REFLECTION ON PHILIPPIANS FOR 4/1/20**

**BY VICAR KRENZ**

### **FOCUS VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:**

**“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus”  
(Philippians 2:5)**

This week is the final week of Lent prior to Holy Week. So, I wonder what was going through the mind of Jesus during this week. Historically – and biblically – this week we hear Jesus beginning (or continuing) his journey to Jerusalem. We know that this would be his last trip to Jerusalem, but do you think Jesus knew this?

I’m sitting in my home office, which has become a more permanent office now, with Salvador either next to me and my computer, on my lap, or at the door meowing quite loud. Sometimes, I look at him and think, does he know what is happening in the world right now...or perhaps does he care? All I can say for sure is he seems to be happier that I am home more and able to give him more attention – sometimes more than my work or classwork. There are memes (or pictures with funny explanations/captions) and cartoons on Facebook and other websites that poke fun at the pets and the current COVID-19

pandemic. Memes such as “the cats/dogs got together and planned this pandemic to make their humans stay home more and give them more attention.” Or cartoons that show a picture of a human sitting on the couch thinking “Working from home is going pretty well” and the cat writing in its journal “Day 5: [THE HUMAN] IS STILL IN MY SPOT.” So, what is Salvador thinking about...other than wanting to go outside?

Well...to be honest, I don't know, and, on some level, I don't care. But there is a page we can learn from our pets that Paul was talking about in his letter to the Philippians – “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” In other words, we can worry about the future, but trust in God. Since Jesus was fully divine as well as fully human, he knew what was coming his way when entering Jerusalem. We heard this in our gospel reading last Sunday, John 11:25-26, “Jesus said to [Martha], ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die...’” Jesus says this to Martha telling her that God is with Jesus, Martha, Mary, Lazarus, and all of us.

In this time of uncertainty and fear, are we not like Martha and Mary wondering where Jesus is and why he doesn't come to raise us from our death (or fear)? But do we also not get the words of Paul to be in the same mind as Christ – the same comfort that God is with us; that God listens and hears us; that God is working in our world and in our lives? God is with us (and our pets) working through us and through our medical personnel. As next week comes, Holy Week, we are reminded that Christ entered Jerusalem, ate with his disciples, was convicted and sentenced to death on a cross. **BUT HE ROSE AGAIN.** **EASTER** will happen and our resurrection from this pandemic will come. Therefore, “let the same [comforting – God knowing –] mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5) because God is here and the resurrection – the new life – is coming. Amen

## THE PRAYERS

*The prayers may be said individually or with others in the home. The opening is read in unison.*

**Hear my prayer, O Lord;**

**listen to my cry.**

**Keep me as the apple of your eye;**

**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

**In righteousness I shall see you;**

**when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Response: Our hope and our salvation.**

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, 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.

**Response: Our hope and our salvation.**

Be our light in the darkness, O God, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Response: Our light and our salvation.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, nullify the Coronavirus that threatens our health and our well-being; in the holy name of Jesus.

**Our healer and our salvation.**

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Response: Our protector and our redeemer.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who said the when we pray, we should say:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 BLESSING

*You may make the sign of cross during the blessing spoken individually or with others in the home.*

**Let us bless the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep us, this night and forevermore. Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN FOR MIDWEEK LENT: 4/1/20

*The closing hymn is spoken as a Litany; the response is: "To you I give my soul, my life, my all, O God."*

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**ELW#803**

1      *When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

**Response: "To you I give my soul, my life, my all, O God."**

2      *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

**Response: "To you I give my soul, my life, my all, O God."**

3      *See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

**Response: "To you I give my soul, my life, my all, O God."**

4      *Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**Response: "To you I give my soul, my life, my all, O God."**

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*For the musically inclined, we encourage singing or playing the hymns at the conclusion or during the service.*

## All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line marked with a '1\*' indicating a canon. The lyrics are: 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light. 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done; 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed. 4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close, 5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings. that with the world, my - self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be. Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day. sleep that shall me more vig - rous make to serve my God when I a - wake! praise God a - bove, ye heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*\* May be sung in canon.*

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Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

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## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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