

HOPE & GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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Wednesday Evening Worship

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Prayer at the Close of the Day (Compline)

Invocation

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P: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: Amen

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

C: to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

P: to herald your love in the morning,

C: your truth at the close of the day.

The Confession

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P: 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.

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

Psalms 4

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- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Lesson

1 Peter 5: 6 - 9a

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

Sermon

The Responsory

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- P: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.
P: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.
P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

The Hymn

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- P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C: listen to my cry.
P: Keep me as the apple of your eye;
C: hide me in the shadow of your wings.
P: In righteousness I shall see you;
C: when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen

Prayer

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P: Visit your dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord's Prayer

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C: The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 Gospel Canticle

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P: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

C: 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 every people.

The Benediction

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P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: Amen