

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Contrasts of the Cross

Mid-week Lent

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THEME FOR TODAY

The Christian life is all about the cross. During Lent we are especially focused on the cross of Christ. This Lent, we examine the contrasts of the cross—the ways that a holy God reconciles sinful people by triumphing in a moment of agony. Only in the cross can we comprehend how these contrasts must be understood:

Romans 6:23-		Sin and Grace
Hebrews 10:23	-	Betrayal and Faithfulness
Isaiah 53:3-4		Sorrow and Joy
2 Corinthians 5:21	-	Justice and Mercy
Galatians 6:14	-	Shame and Glory

This week we examine the contrast of justice and mercy in the light of the cross. How can God maintain perfect justice and yet show mercy? The answer is found in the cross!

Musician: Mr. Isaac Roeseler

PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

Compline: Setting II

“Prayer at the Close of Day” is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God’s forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

REMAIN SEATED

L The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last. **G** A -
- - men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the
Lord, **G** To sing praise to your name, O Most High;

[L] To her - ald your love in the morn - ing, [G] Your
truth at the close of day. [L] Je - sus, re - mem - ber
me when you come in - to your king - dom.
[G] Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -
to your king - dom.

EVENING HYMN

1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your
world, we pray, Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore
And guard and keep your peo - ple now.
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[L]: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[G]: **Who made heaven and earth.**

[L]: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

[L]: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

[G]: **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.**

[L]: 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.

[G]: **Amen.**

HYMN 123

Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you set us free— Ac - cept our thanks e -
2 By vir - tue of the wounds you bore, True God and Man, our
3 De - fend us, Lord, from sin and shame; Help us by your al -
4 For thus the cer - tain - ty we gain That you will al - ways

ter - nal - ly! For - giv - en through your pre - cious blood,
hope re - store. Give cour - age when we yield our breath;
might - y name To bear our cross - es pa - tient - ly,
true re - main And not for - sake us in our strife

We now are rec - on - ciled to God.
De - liv - er us from hell and death.
Con - soled by your great ag - o - ny.
But lead us out of death to life.

Text: Christoph Fischer, 1520–97; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Tune: WIR DANKEN DIR, HERR JESU CHRIST (LM) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

HYMN 127

Stricken Smitten and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
 3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup -
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the



dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
 ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
 pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture
 ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -



ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
 own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
 right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
 Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
 in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
 bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
 fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

Tune: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN (87 87 D) *Geistliche Volkslieder*, Paderborn, 1850.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Contrasts of the Cross: Justice and Mercy

STAND

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

[L] In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. [G] In - to your
hands I com-mend my spir - it. [L] You have re-deemed me, O
Lord, God of truth. [G] In - to your hands I com-mend my
spir - it. [L] Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. [G] In - to your
hands I com - mend my spir - it.

The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There are also dynamic markings like 'L' (Lento) and 'G' (Grave), and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

PRAYER

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.**

[L] Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, [G] And guard us sleep -

ing; [L] That a-wake we may watch with Christ, [G] And a -

sleep we may rest in peace.

[G] 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. In peace, in peace.

[L]: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, (✠) and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

[G]: Amen.

Reminder: On-line giving is available on our website should you be unable to join us for worship. Remember to watch the worship service online when you are not here!

THE WEEK AHEAD

THURSDAY	5:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting
SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper

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