# 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!

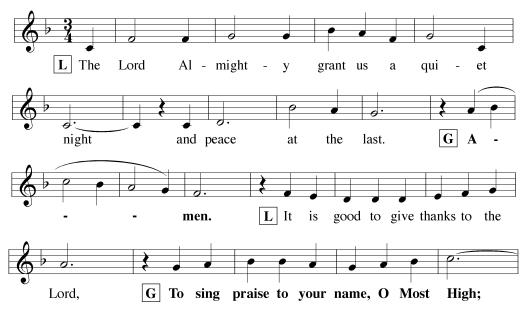
Musician: Mr. Isaac Roeseler

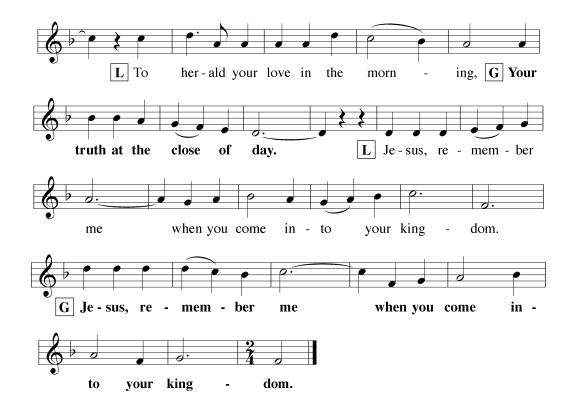
## PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

Compline: Setting II

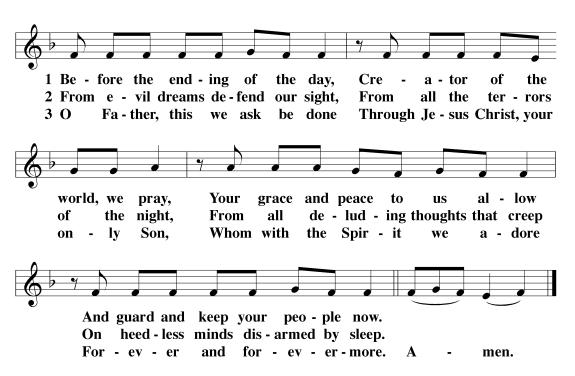
"Prayer at the Close of Day" is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God's forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

#### REMAIN SEATED





#### **EVENING HYMN**



### **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.

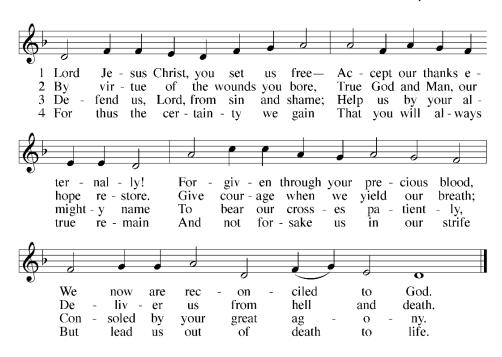
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

[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

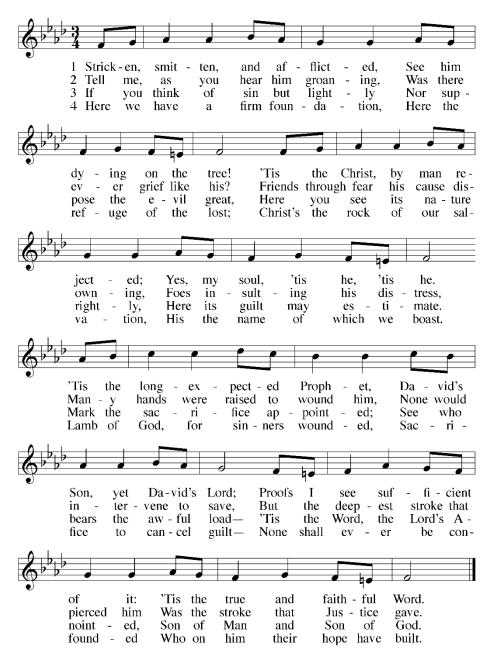


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#### READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

#### **HYMN 127**

#### Stricken Smitten and Afflicted



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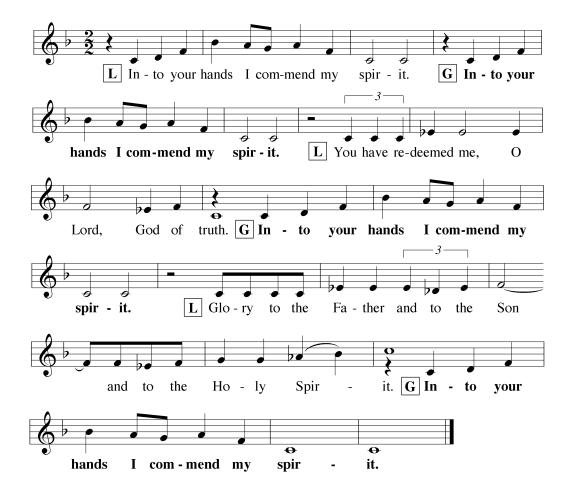
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SERMON 2 Corinthians 5:21

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**

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#### **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]: 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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