

# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Contrasts of the Cross

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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
<b>Hebrews 10:23</b>	- <b>Betrayal and Faithfulness</b>
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 betrayal and faithfulness in the light of the cross. How does a faithful God deal with people who have turned their backs on him? 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

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last. A - men. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, To sing praise to your name, O Most High;". The score includes guitar/lute chords indicated by letters in boxes: L (Lute), G (Guitar), and A (Acoustic). The melody is simple and contemplative, with a final long note on the word "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.**

LENT

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## What Grace Is This!



1 What grace is this! My Lord and  
2 What grace is this— That ve - ry  
3 What grace is this! Though Lord of  
4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -  
5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in  
6 What grace is this? How can it



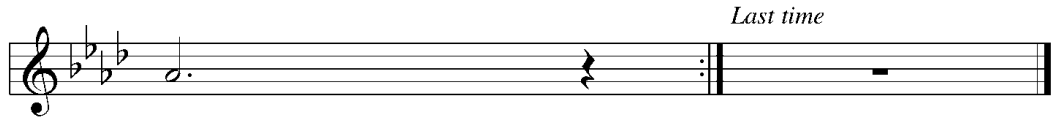
King Has set his face to suf - fer -  
God Would stoop to lift a cross of  
all, He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's  
ies! With com - mon thieves he hangs and  
cloths And gent - ly laid in man - ger -  
be? He wears this raw hu - mil - i -



ing. My God e - ter - nal dies to  
 wood And walk a road of rock and  
 law And lets the Ro - man ham - mers  
 bleeds. The sin - less Son bears each mis -  
 trough, He's ta - ken, dead, from wretch - ed  
 ty To lift me to e - ter - ni -



bring E - ter - nal life to  
 blood, A sin - ner's road, for  
 draw A rush of blood for  
 deed. He pays for all, for  
 cross And wrapped a - gain for  
 ty. Such grace—sweet grace— for



me.  
 me.  
 me.  
 me.  
 me.  
 me.

*This hymn helps us recognize the nature of divine grace, which is entirely independent of anything we are or can offer to God. God's grace willingly acts on behalf of rebellious sinners, as especially displayed in the suffering and death of our Savior.*

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 Tune: WHAT GRACE (44 886) G. A. Hennig, b. 1966 © 2005 G. A. Hennig. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

## READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

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## In the Hour of Trial



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me  
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm  
3 Should your mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,  
4 When my life is end - ing, Though in grief or pain,



Lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.  
Or its tempt - ing trea - sures Spread to work me harm,  
Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,  
When my bod - y chang - es Back to dust a - gain,



When you see me wa - ver, With a look re - call,  
Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne  
Grant that I may nev - er Fail your cross to view;  
On your truth re - ly - ing, Through that mor - tal strife,



Nor for fear or fa - vor Ev - er let me fall.  
Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on you.  
Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, To e - ter - nal life.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.  
Tune: ST. MARY MAGDALENE (65 65 D) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

SERMON

Hebrews 10:23

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”*

### Contrasts of the Cross: Betrayal and Faithfulness

STAND

**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.

## 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.

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