

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

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“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God’s house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERIES

We look at the cross of Christ as more than just a morbid spectacle of suffering. Indeed, we boast in the cross of Christ! We do not shy away from this instrument of death and torture, nor do we simply lament the horror which our Lord endured for our sake and because of our sins. The cross teaches us the love of God. It teaches us the nature of grace. It teaches us the seriousness of sin. It teaches us about the Christian life. It teaches us about glory. It teaches us about the Savior who hangs on it—our compassionate God. This Lenten season, we will use our mid-week devotions as a time to reflect on what we learn when we survey the wonderful cross.

When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

March 1	Those Who Bear the Cross	Mark 8:34-38
March 8	Those Who Lament the Cross	Luke 23:27-31
March 15	Those Who Nail to the Cross	Acts 2:22-23
March 22	Those Who Revile the Cross	Matthew 27:38-44
March 29	Those Who Glory in the Cross	1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Prayer at the Close of Day

Remain seated

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,**
to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,
your truth at the close of day.

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Confession

CW 226

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
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.

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.
Amen.

In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of

truth. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your

hands I com - mend my spir - it.

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Passion History Reading

550 Lamb of God

CW 550

Sermon

Those Who Revile the Cross

Matthew 27:38-44

³⁸Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴²"He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Prayer

CW 228



Hear my prayer, O Lord;



lis - ten to my cry.



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.



In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

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Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who / sleep.* Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's / sake;



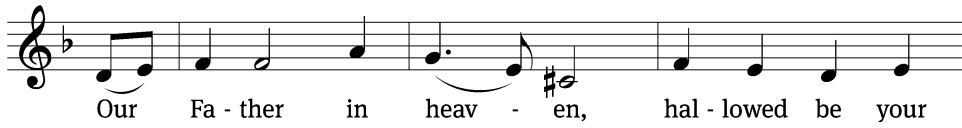
through Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - - men.

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Lord's Prayer

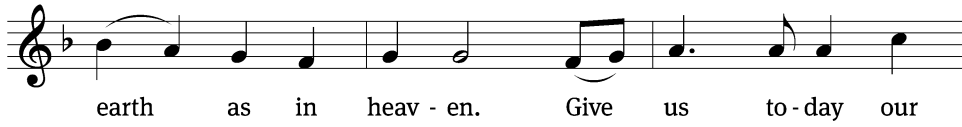
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Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your



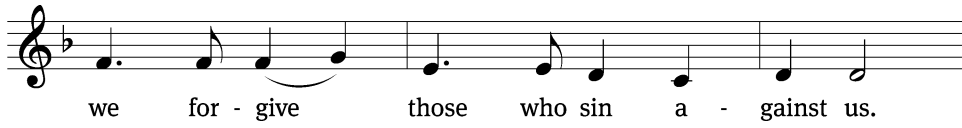
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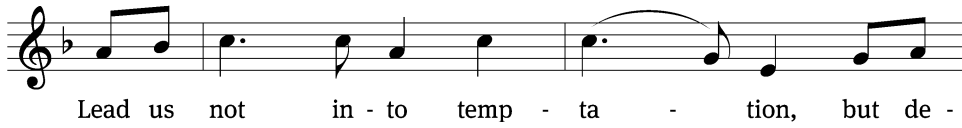
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dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as



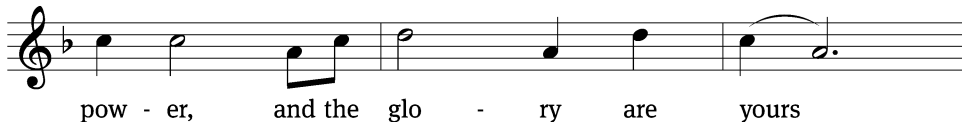
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -



liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the



pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours



now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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Song of Simeon

CW 231



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



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.



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing

that a - wake we may watch with Christ
and a - sleep we may rest in peace,
in peace, in peace.

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Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us
and keep us.
Amen.

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