

Joy Lutheran Church

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

The Gathering

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their baptism.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, Source of all goodness and life,
who clothes us with †Christ Jesus and makes us one by the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God forever.

"Kyrie"

Assisting Minister



In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All



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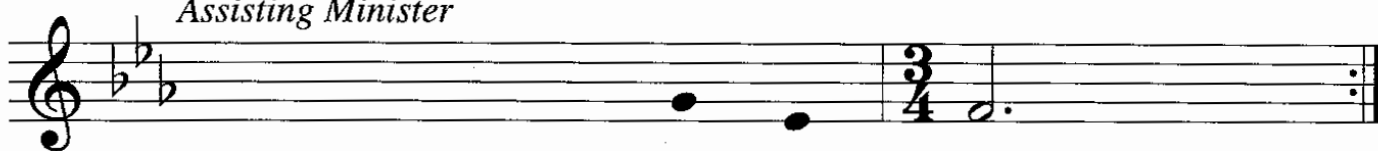


Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -



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Assisting Minister



Petition..... let us pray.

Assisting Minister



Help, save, com-fort and de - fend us, O

All



God.

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To the Prayer of the Day

To the Evening Hymn of Praise



men.

men.

Gathering Music

(Verse 1 and 3 Only)



1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each
 (2. You) walk with us a - long the way, your
 (3. Re-) freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing
 Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at
 wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



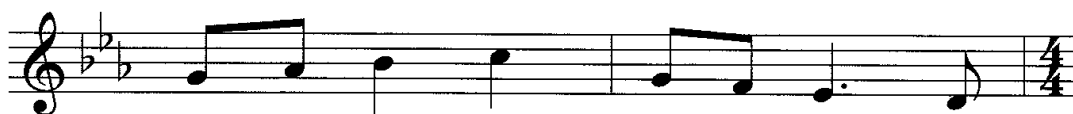
on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your
 close of day, our un - known guest, our host and
 fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at



praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you
 feast. Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the
 home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and
 faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that
 sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O



bind - ing us to your dear Son, re -
 hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by
 mer - ci - ful, im - mor - tal One, O



newed our life, de - stroyed our death. 2. You
 grace your pres - ence we re - ceive. 3. Re -
 bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...
Amen

The Word of God

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

(Please be seated)

The Homily

(Stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day "When In Our Music God is Glorified"

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3 So has the Church in lit - ur - gy and song,
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue,
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Offering

As we remember and give thanks for the ministry of all God's people, our Wednesday Evening Lenten offering will be designated for Wright's Residential in Wellford.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Watch, O Lord

Refrain

All

Watch, O Lord, with all those a -
wake this night. Watch, O Lord, with all those who
weep. Give your an - gels and saints
charge o - ver all who sleep.

Verses

Assisting Minister *All* *Assisting Minister*
in your love, Lord.
All *Assisting Minister*
in your love, Lord.
All *To Refrain*
in your love, O Lord of all.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray:

Creator of the stars of night, we give you thanks for this gift of life.
Increase our faith and open our eyes that we might recognize Jesus
in all whom you call us to love and serve.
Abide with us as darkness deepens and be our hope and highest joy,
until at last with all your saints we dwell in your unfailing Light.

Amen.

The Blessing

Holy God, Blessed Trinity,
strengthen your faith, increase your hope,
deepen your love, † and give you peace this night and always.
Amen

Sending Hymn

Let Evening Fall



1. Let eve - ning fall on field and for - est, on
2. Let moun - tain now re - sound with chant - ing, and
3. Let those who la - bor in the day - light now
4. Let ev - 'ry heart that har - bors ha - tred re -
5. Let day - light fade and shad - ows length - en when
6. O Mak - er of cre - a - tion's choir, O



des - ert me - sa, can - yon deep; let
mead - ow ech - o an - ti - phon; let
bring their work - ing to an end; let
lease its hold, re - ceive your grace; let
those we love draw near to death; at -
Song of love sung out for all, O



coy - ote prowl and night hawk cir - cle while
dusk - y breez - es rus - tle as - pen while
oth - ers rise to keep the vig - il, the
ev - 'ry mouth that spoke in an - ger seek
tend our prayers, our weak faith strength - en as
Spir - it, breath of all our sing - ing, let



sol - emn owl her wise watch keeps.
lake and land join ev - en - song.
weak to guard, the sick to tend.
par - don's peace, then sing your praise.
you re - ceive their fi - nal breath.
praise a - rise, let eve - ning fall.

(Silent meditation as the candles are extinguished.)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Rest in God. Rise to serve.

Thanks be to God.

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