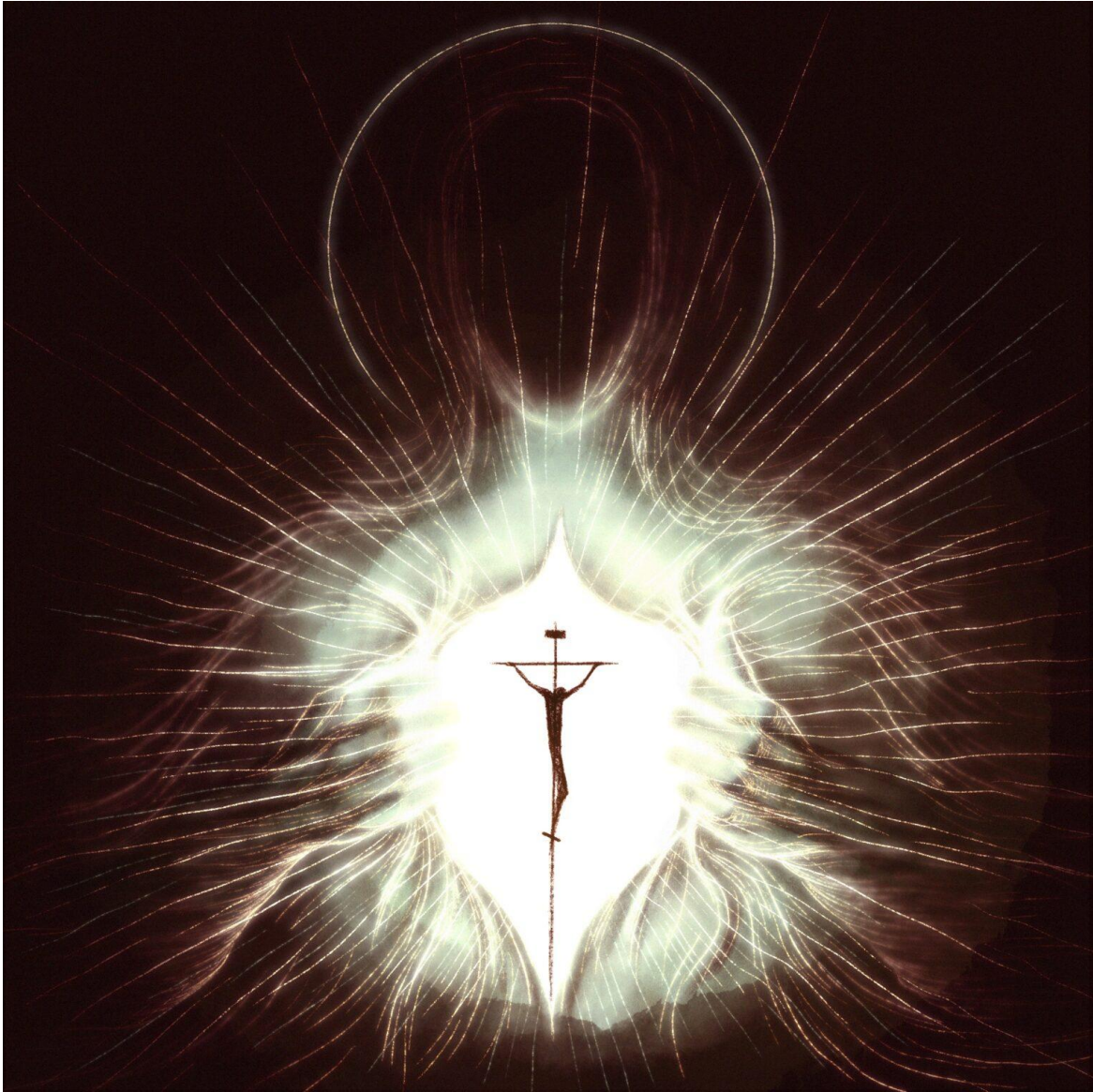


Prayer at the Close of the Day

Wednesday Compline Service



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Sanctuary
7PM, December 3, 2025*

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

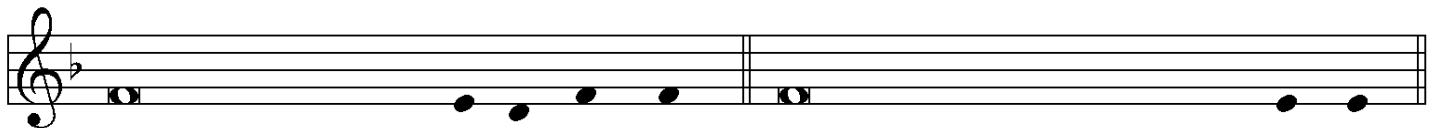
Setting Gordon Young (1919-1998)

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

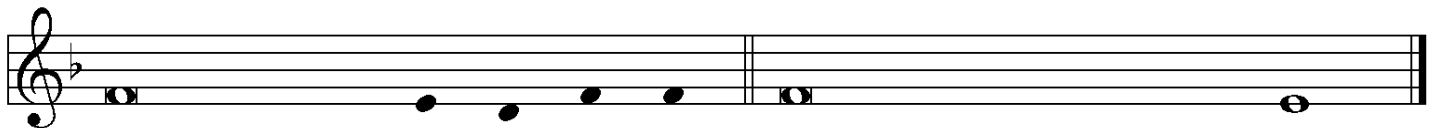
C Amen



L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, **C** the light no darkness can over- come.



L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve- ning, **C** and the day is almost o- ver.



L Let your light scat- ter the dark- ness, **C** and illumine your Church.

P The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C Amen

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

P to herald your love in the morning

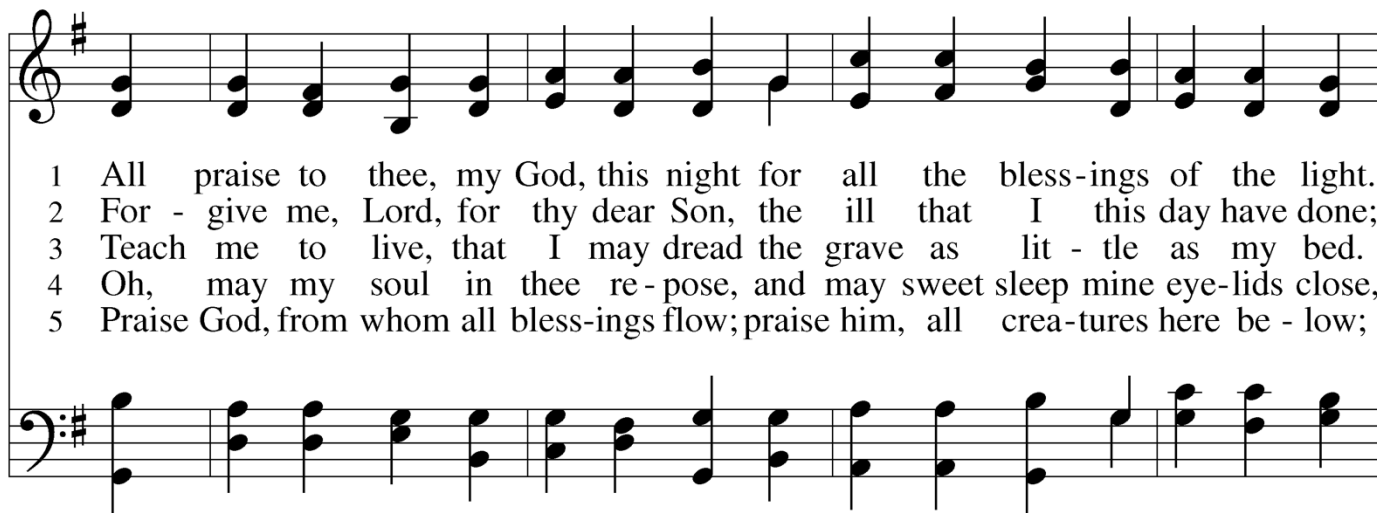
C your truth at the close of the day.

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

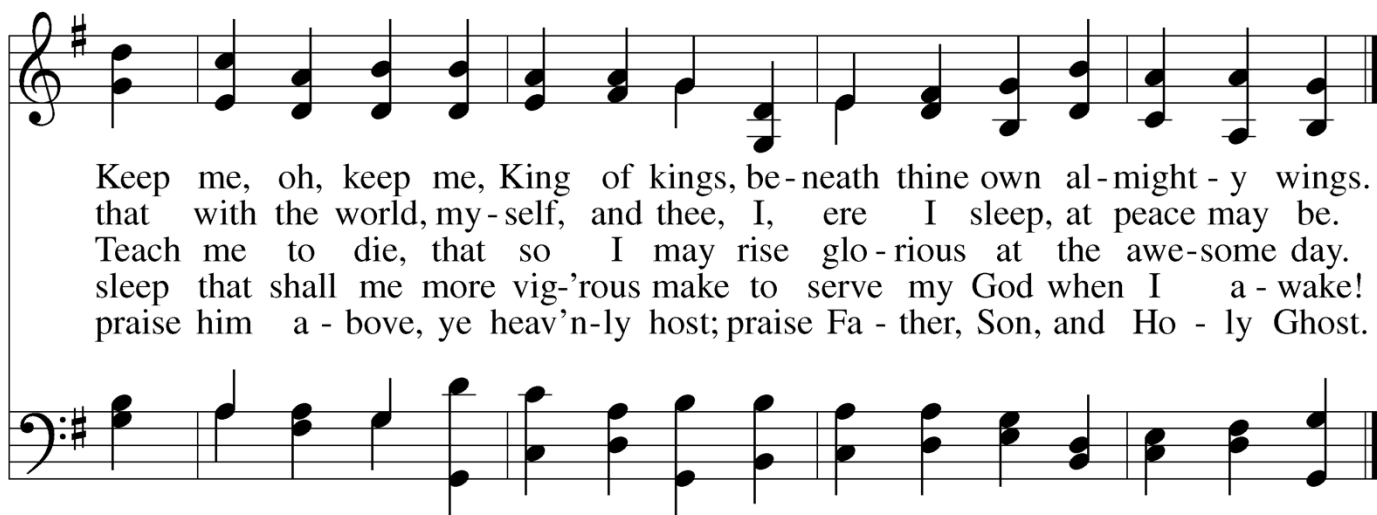
P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

P By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.
2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.
4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,
5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



6 Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
7 that with the world, my - self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
8 Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.
9 sleep that shall me more vig - rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
10 praise him a - bove, ye heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, c. 1505–1585

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

JAMES 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

P Here ends the reading.

C Amen

PSALM 1 (read responsively by line)

1 Blest and merry is the man
2 **who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**
3 And in the way of sinners does not stand,
4 **And in the seat of mockers does not sit;**
5 But rather in Yahweh's Instruction is his delight,
6 **And on His Instruction he meditates day and night.**
7 And he is like a tree planted by streams of waters,
8 **Who yields his fruit in his season,**
9 And his leaf does not wither,
10 **And whatever he does prospers.**
11 Not so the wicked!
12 **But rather they are like the chaff that Spirit-wind blows away.**
13 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
14 **Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

15 For Yahweh knows the way of the righteous,

16 But the way of the wicked shall perish.

Praise to Yahweh, the God of Israel! From everlasting and unto everlasting. Amen! Yes! Amen!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:1-17

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

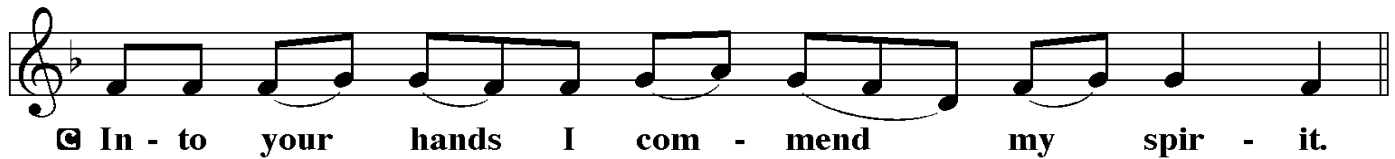
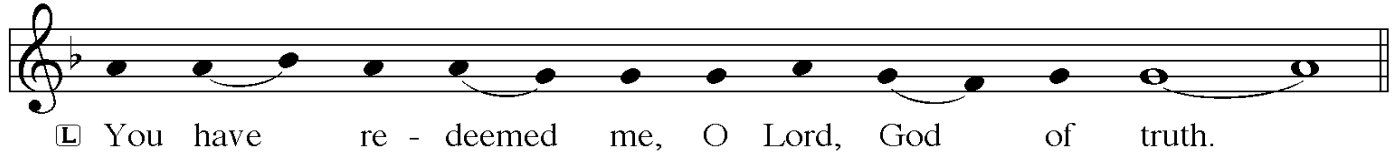
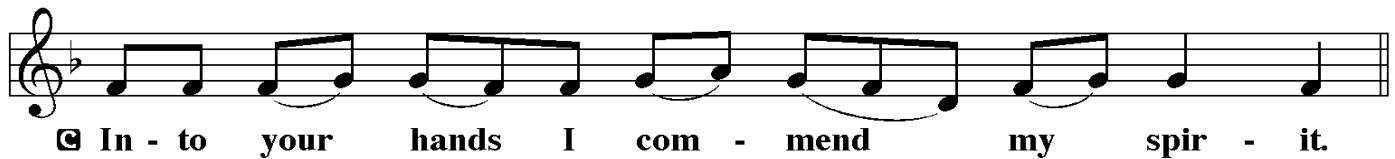
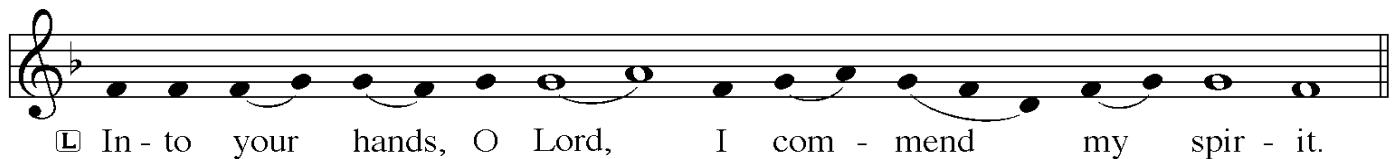
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C Amen

THE HOMILY


PASTOR JUSTIN BAKER

THE RESPONSE






1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

THE PRAYERS

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** **listen to my cry.**
- L** Keep me as the apple of your eye;
- C** **hide me in the shadow of your wings.**
- L** In righteousness I shall see you;
- C** **when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those who are lonely, desolate, hurting, and ill, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in poverty, imprisonment, sin, and darkness, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those who will gather with friend and family in celebration, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those for whom we offer now our prayers, either silently or aloud:
~ A period of time is given for names to be offered to the Lord in prayer ~
Let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

☞ Amen

ℒ Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest in surety, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep.

☞ Amen

**☞ Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

- ☐ Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears. (John 14:27)

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. (1 Peter 5:6-9a)

CLOSING HYMN | THE DOXOLOGY

LBW 564

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

- ☐ Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
- ☐ Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
- ☑ **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**
- ☐ Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
- ☐ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
- ☑ **Amen**

The congregation exits the sanctuary.

POSTLUDE

Come Lord Jesus

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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