

Prayers For the Body of Christ

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: listen to my cry. (*Psalms 102:1*)

Pastor: Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

People: hide me in the shadow of Your wings. (*Psalms 17:8*)

Pastor: In righteousness I shall see You;

People: when I awake, Your presence will give me joy. (*Psalms 17:15*)

Pastor: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Be our light in darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord watch over you and protect you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen

Hymn: LSB 715 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"



“I Don’t Even Know the Man!”

Thur., Mar. 11

Hymn: LSB 765 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

Pastor: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

People: Amen.

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

People: to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

Pastor: to herald Your love in the morning,

People: Your truth at the close of the day.

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

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
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First Reading: Isaiah 53:6

Call to Worship

Pastor: For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written:

People: “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

Pastor: Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for
People: “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Pastor: But the law is not of faith, rather
People: “The one who does them shall live by them.”

Pastor: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a
curse for us – for it is written. .
People: Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

Pastor: so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to
the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”
(Galatians 3:10-14)

Prayer of the Day

Passion Reading

+ Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the
maidservants of the High Priest came and saw Peter warming himself.
She looked at him closely as he sat in the light of the fire, and said, “You
also were along with the man from Nazareth, that Jesus.”

+ Peter denied it and said, “I do not know what you mean.” He went out
to the forecourt.

Another maidservant saw him there and said to those who were
standing around, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Peter denied it again with an oath, “I do not know the man.”

A little later those standing around said to Peter, “Surely you are
one of them. You are a Galilean. Your accent gives you away.”

Peter took an oath calling down a curse upon himself, “I do not
know the man.”

+ And immediately while he was still speaking, the cock crowed a second
time, and the Lord turned and looked on Peter. Then Peter remembered
that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me
three times.” Peter broke down, and went out, and wept bitterly.

HYMN: LSB 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

**Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish,
Of Your suff’ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

**Pe -ter follow – ed with Saint John, There to see the e - nd.
Know – ing that it was fore – gone, He sat there to men - d.
Then they asked him to his face: “Did I see you with Him?”
He de – clared there in that place: “I know not what you mean.”**

**Then they asked him once a – gain: “Sure – ly you were with Him.”
Then with oath and through much pain, He denied Him a – gain.
Then the third time you said “No!” Your Lord looked upon you,
You turned your head from the blow, It was your sin, you knew.**

SERMON: “I don’t even know the Man!” (Peter’s Denial)

+ As soon as it was morning the chief priests with the elders and the scribes
held the court session with all the Sanhedrin. Then they bound him, led him
away, and turned him over to Pilate. Then Judas, who had betrayed him,
when he saw that he was condemned, was sorry and brought back the thirty
pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned. I have
betrayed innocent blood.”

+ They said, “What is that to us? That is your affair.” Judas threw down the
pieces of silver in the temple and departed. He went and hanged himself.

+ The chief priests took the silver pieces and said, “It is not lawful to put
them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.” They took counsel
and bought with them the potter’s field to bury strangers in. That is why to
this day that field has been called “the field of blood.”

+ In this way was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,
“They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had
been set by the children of Israel, and gave them for the potter’s field.”

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**O – ver – whelmed through – out his soul, Ju – das saw no way out.
The darkness co - vered him in whole. He saw no re – dou – bt.
“I have sinned against this blood! Take this Sil - ver! Se - ver!”
“What is that to us?” said they. So he left for – ev -er.**

SERMON: “I have sinned. One of the saddest moments in Scripture”