

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and fellow ministry of the Church of Christ, by his authority and in his stead, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

HYMN #93 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

PSALM 19:7-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12:28-34

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

HYMN #453 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

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God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, in your mercy;

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

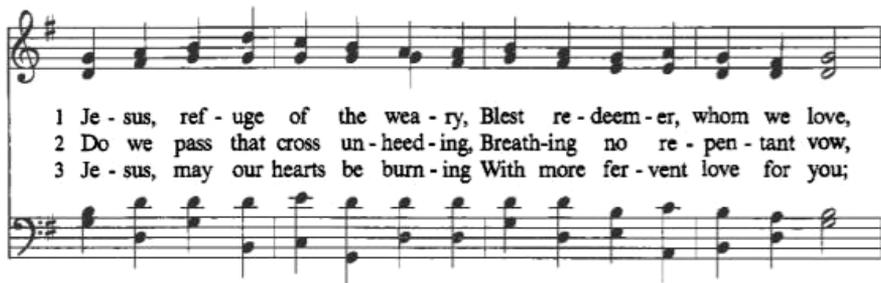
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

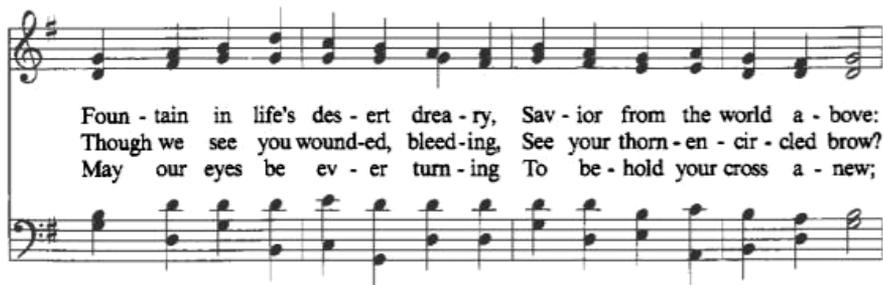
**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

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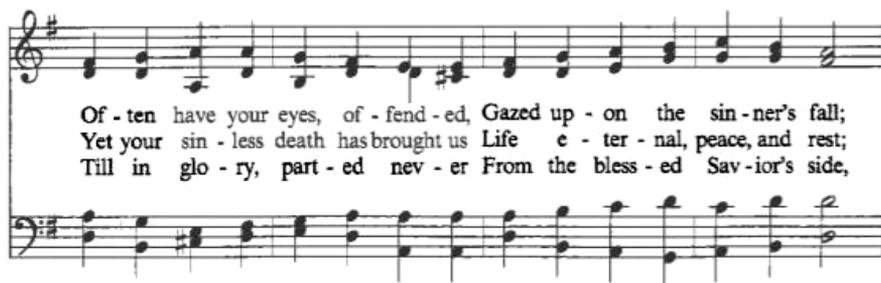
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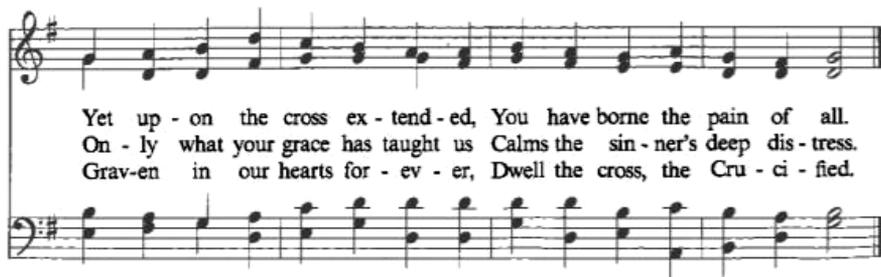
1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest re - deem - er, whom we love,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent love for you;



Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:
Though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?
May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be - hold your cross a - new;



Of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;
Yet your sin - less death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;
Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,



Yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
On - ly what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
Grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

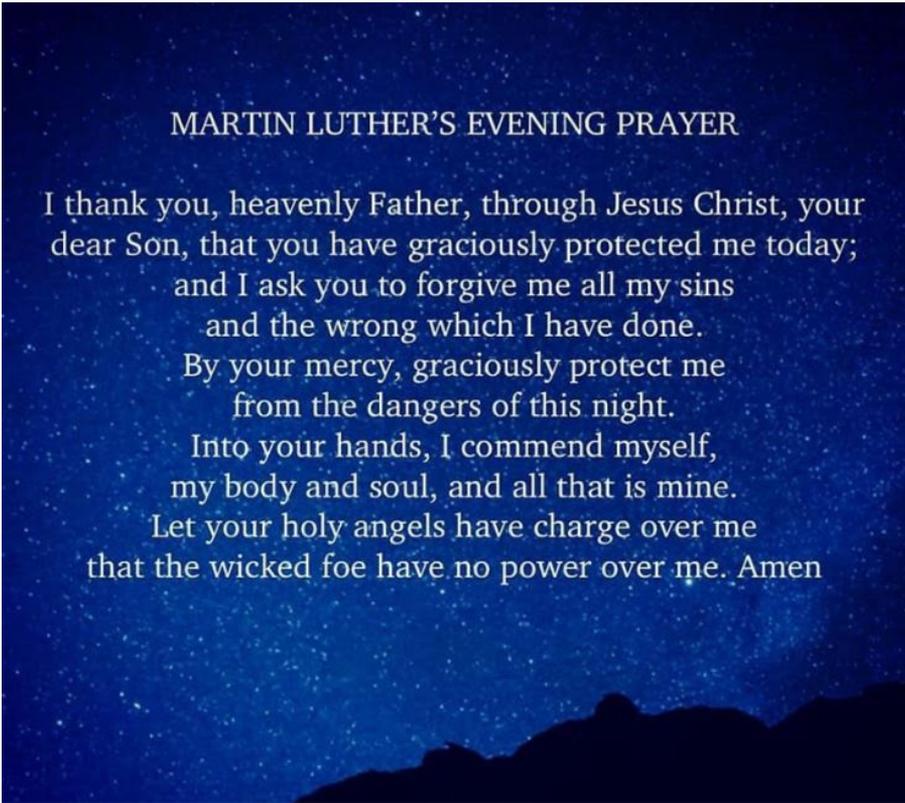
"IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU"

1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your
 2 What gain is there in futile weep-ing, In help-less
 3 In pa-tient trust a-wait his lei-sure In cheer-ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un-swer-ving, Of-fer your

con-fi-dence in him, You'll find him al-ways there be-
 an-ger and dis-tress? If you are in his care and
 hope, with heart con-tent To take what-e'er your Fa-ther's
 ser-vice faith-ful-ly, And trust his word; though un-de-

side you, To give you hope and strength with-in. For those who
 keep-ing, In sor-row will he love you less? For he who
 plea-sure And all-dis-cern-ing love have sent; Doubt not your
 serv-ing, You'll find his prom-ise true to be. God nev-er

trust God's change-less love Build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev-'ry loss.
 in-most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.
 will for-sake in need The soul that trusts in him in-deed.



MARTIN LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today; and I ask you to forgive me all my sins and the wrong which I have done.
By your mercy, graciously protect me from the dangers of this night.
Into your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all that is mine.
Let your holy angels have charge over me that the wicked foe have no power over me. Amen



MARTIN LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I ask you to protect me this day also from sin and every evil, that in all I do today I may please you. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angels watch over me, that the wicked foe have no power over me. Amen