

**A Service of Evening Prayer
April 13, 2022
Wednesday of Holy Week**



Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also. *John 12.26*

CP 130 Born In The Night

1 Born in the night, Mary's child,
a long way from your home:
coming in need, Mary's child,
born in a borrowed room.

2 Clear shining light, Mary's child,
your face lights up our way;
light of the world, Mary's child,
dawn on our darkened day.

3 Truth of our life, Mary's child,
you tell us God is good;
prove it is true, Mary's child.
Go to your cross of wood.

4 Hope of the world, Mary's child,
you're coming soon to reign;
king of the earth, Mary's child,
walk in our streets again.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 70

¹ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

² Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

³ Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

⁴ Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵ But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Hebrews 12:1-3

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 13:21-32

²¹ After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking.

²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him;

²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.

²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot.

²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.”

²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.

²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor.

³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 4610917 Beneath The Cross

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 I find a place to stand
 And wonder at such mercy
 That calls me as I am
 For hands that should discard me
 Hold wounds which tell me come
 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 My unworthy soul is won

2 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 His family is my own
 Once strangers chasing selfish dreams
 Now one through grace alone
 How could I now dishonor
 The ones that You have loved
 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 See the children called by God

3 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 The path before the crown
 We follow in His footsteps
 Where promised hope is found
 How great the joy before us
 To be His perfect bride
 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 We will gladly live our lives

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' 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 to the dead.
 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.**

Confession and Absolution

The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ,
 God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
 he welcomes sinners
 and invites them to his table.
 Let us confess our sins,
 confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us,
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

O God,
by the passion of your blessed Son,
you made an instrument of shameful death
to be for us the means of life.
May our lives be so transformed by his passion
that we may witness to his grace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 192 Were You There

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
 were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
 were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
 were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
 were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
 were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The Dismissal

Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and
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Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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