

+ WORSHIP THE LORD +

425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

P He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

C **Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

C **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Glory be 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.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son into death for our sin. Take our lives, Lord, and use them to lift up Your Son so that all will be drawn to Him and find eternal life; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 126 NIV

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

² Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.

⁵ Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12–13 NIV

¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was

dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

779 *COME, MY SOUL, WITH EVERY CARE*

Sts. 1-2, 5-6

1 Come, my soul, with ev’ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.

2 Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow’r are such
None can ever ask too much.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

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SERMON

Dangerous Prayer Pt 3

CREED

Apostles' Creed

**☞ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

956 CREATE IN ME

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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RESPONSIVE LITANY

P Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Let our cry come to You.

P Lord God, in our journey through this life, help us to
build our hopes not on what we have done for You

C but on what You have done for us,

P and help us to find peace not by searching within
ourselves

C but by looking to Christ and His cross;

P for our hearts are restless

C until they find their rest in You.

P Gracious God, be with all who are lost and searching,

C and draw their hearts to Christ,

P that they may know Him as the way, and the truth, and the life,

C and find in Him a peace that surpasses all understanding;

P for He is the stairway to heaven,

C and through Him the door to paradise is open.

P Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.***

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ,
Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this
day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body
and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

☐ The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring
you to everlasting life.

☐ Amen.

761 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

- 2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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