

sbt evening prayer: April 22 - 27, 2024

Join us online to pray together at 5pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We've also included readings for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, so you can pray on your own.

The leader will read the regular print.

We will all read the bold together.

Song lyrics begin on page 3.

We welcome you, Spirit of God;

nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord is here.

God's spirit is with us.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise, now and forever. **Amen**

Singing

A reading from Psalms (18:35-50; 19; 20; 21; 22:1-21; 22:22-30)

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading:

Monday - Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So

Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Tuesday - 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those

who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Wednesday - John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Thursday - the reading for Monday is used.

Friday - the reading for Tuesday is used.

Saturday: The reading for Wednesday is used.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Singing or Reading

We offer prayers, spoken or silent, for ourselves and for others. You can type your prayers into the comment section of the Facebook post or speak them aloud in your own home. You aren't being recorded so if you say them out loud we won't be able to hear you, but God will.

This time ends with the leader saying,
"Lord in your mercy," *and the group responds,*
"Hear our prayers."

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us, saying:

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. 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.

Singing

Song of the First-Born – Colossians 1.15–20

Christ is the image of the unseen God, the first-born of all creation, for in him were all things made, in heaven and on earth. Through him and for him were all things made, before all he exists, holds all things in one. The Church is his body, and he is its head. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that he might come to have first place in everything. God made all his fullness to dwell in him, to reconcile through him all creation to himself, everything on earth and everything in heaven, all gathered into peace by his death on the cross.

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels

charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen

Songs

*Songs are in alphabetical order by the first word of the song.

Abide with Me (Henry Francis Lyte)

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless

Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me...

Be at Rest (Gord Johnson)

Be at rest, once more, O my soul. Be at rest, once more, O my soul.
For the Lord has been good, Oh the Lord has been good, For the Lord has been good to you.

Calm, Quiet (Stephen Iverson)

Calm, quiet, open up your heart and let the one who knows your fears, the one who meets your needs, be welcome and adored.

Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your peace (love, joy, light, hope, rest), You alone O God are holy
Come and fill our hearts with your peace (love, joy, light, hope, rest), alleluia.

Come to My Help (Steve Bell)

Come to my help, O God
Lord hurry to my rescue

Even So Lord Jesus Come (Steve Bell)

Even so, Lord Jesus come
O divine and glorious son
Though we live as Your body
Here on earth
Even so Lord Jesus come

Gracious Father, Sovereign Lord
Your creations one adored
By Your hand we receive Your majesty
Even so, Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit, breath of life
Light a path through darkest night
In Your care we confess our deepest sigh
Even so, Lord Jesus come

God Who Watches Over You (Alana Levandoski)

God who watches over you, will never slumber nor sleep. (Repeat)
O my child lay your burdens down, lay them at my feet.
God who watches over you, will never slumber nor sleep.

Alleluia (Jim Reale)

In my body, God moves through me, may I move through God
In my breath, God breathes through me, may I breathe through God
In my heart, God loves through me, may I love through God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

O Gracious Light

O gracious Light,
Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes,
but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God
who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are
through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.
(Tune: Tallis's Canon)

O Lord Hear My Prayer

(Taizé Community, Psalm 101)

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.

Here I Am (Andrew Krahn)

Here I am, the servant of the Lord
Here I am, the servant of the Lord.

Let it be with me
Let it be with me
Let it be with me
According to your word

Jesse Tree (Gord Johnson)

Out of the root of the Jesse tree
I'm going to set my people free
Into the desert and into the night
I'm going to send my sweet pure light
And there'll be peace, joy, hope and love
Peace, joy, hope and love

May the Peace of Christ Go With You (Setting by Andrew Krahn)

May the peace of Christ go with you
Wherever he may send you
May he guide you through the wilderness
Protect you through the storm
May he bring you home rejoicing
At the wonders he has shown you
May he bring you home rejoicing
Once again into our doors

Only In God

Only in God is my soul at rest
in Him comes my salvation

He only is my rock, my strength and my salvation
My stronghold, my Savior.
I shall not be afraid at all
My stronghold, My Savior. I shall not be moved.

Only in God is found Safety
when the enemy pursues me
Only in God is found glory, when I am found meek
and found lowly.

Peace Be Still

(Stephen Iverson, based on Mark 4:39)

Peace. Be still. Peace. Be still. The storm rages.
Peace. Be still.

Surely God is in This Place (Stephen Iverson)

Surely God is in this place, holy ground. Surely
God is in this place, holy ground.

Take Lord

Take Lord, and receive
All I have and possess
You have give all to me and
I return it.

Refrain: Give me all of Your love and Your grace
That's enough for me
Your love and your grace, That's enough for me.

Take Lord and receive
All my liberty, my memory, understanding
My entire will: Refrain.

The Lord Upholds All Who Are Falling (Michael Morris from Psalm 145:14)

The Lord upholds, all who are falling, and raises up
all who are bowed down.

There is Something Deep (Gord Johnson)

There is something deep, deep inside us all
Some dark night waiting for the day
It remains a longing
Only You can fill, Only You can fill
Oh, when will we ever learn, only you can fill.

Though I Feel Alone

(Don Chaffer & Lori Chaffer, from Psalm 63)

Though I feel alone, I am never alone
Though I feel alone, I am never alone

For you are with me, you are with me
O my God

Ubi Caritas

**(Taize Community, “Where charity and love are,
God is there.”)**

U-bi Caritas et amor. U-bi Caritas Deus ibi est

Wait for the Lord (Taize)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart.

Who Condemns You Now (Gord Johnson)

Who condemns you now
Neither they nor I
Go and sin no more
Go and sin no more

You are my Hiding Place

(From Psalm 32)

You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance
Whenever I feel afraid I will trust in You

I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of the
Lord
I will trust in You