

**sbt evening prayer: May 6 - 11, 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 2.*

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 (29; 30; 31:1-12; 31:13-24; 32; 33)

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

**Second Reading:**

**Monday -Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**Tuesday - 1 John 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Wednesday - Luke 24:44-53**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**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*

Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

**My soul proclaims your greatness, O God;  
my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior,**

**for you have looked with favour on your lowly servant**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
for you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,  
and holy is your Name.**

**You have mercy on those who fear you  
from generation to generation.**

**You, O God, have shown strength with your arm,  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**

**You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.**

**You have come to the help of your servant Israel,  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham, Sarah and their children forever.**

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 (Taize 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