

## **sbt evening prayer: May 20 - 18, 2024**

**Join us online to pray together at 5pm Wednesday and Friday.** We've also included readings for Monday, 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 (38; 39; 40; 41; 42; 43)

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

### **Second Reading:**

#### **Monday - Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

#### **Tuesday - Romans 8:12-17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

#### **Wednesday - John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where

it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**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***

Lord it is Night

**Lord, it is night.  
The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.**

**It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.**

**The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world  
and of our own lives rest in you.**

**The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us,  
and all who have no peace.**

**The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys, new possibilities.  
In your name we pray. Amen.**

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