sbt evening prayer: April 29 - May 4, 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 (23; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28)

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Second Reading:

Monday - Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Tuesday - 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Wednesday - John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. **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 Peace - Isaiah 2.2-5

In the days to come the mountain of the house of the Lord shall tower as the highest of mountains and be raised above the hills.

There shall all the nations flow; many peoples shall come and say,

"Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,

that God may teach us right ways that we may walk in God's paths."

For the law shall go out from Zion, from Jerusalem the word of the Lord.

God shall judge between the nations and decide for many peoples.

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, their spears into pruning-knives; nation shall not lift sword against nation; they shall never train for war again.

O people of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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