

Edgebrook Lutheran Church

Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, April 1, 2020



Knowing that Jesus is with us in our brokenness,
our journey through Lent leads us to a place of healing and wholeness.
Tonight, as we reflect on the stories of the valley of the dry bones and of
Jesus and Lazarus, we are reminded of Jesus' eternal healing.
During worship, you are invited to light a candle (or candles)
for loved ones and for those whom you pray.

GATHERING

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
Amen.

By day, O God,
you grant your steadfast love,
and at night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

NIGHT HYMN

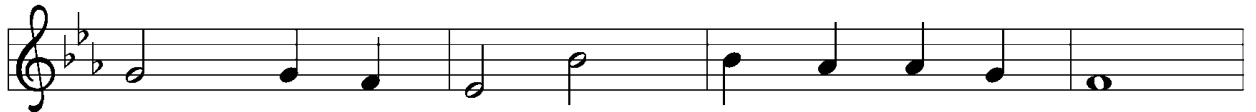
Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.

For God alone we wait in silence,
at the close of the day, in near-darkness.
To God alone we pour out our heart,
with simple songs and wordless prayers.
For God alone we wait in silence,
with the company of strangers and friends.
For God alone we wait in silence,
lighting a candle and watching its flame.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The leader invites the assembly into the confession.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The keeps silence for self-examination.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day.

Some of my sin I know—

the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—

but some is known only to you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness.

Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God

we are united with Jesus Christ,

in whom we are forgiven.

We rest now in the peace of Christ

and rise in the morning to serve.

Let us pray...

Into our shadows, doubt and despair, Come, Christ Jesus, be our light.

Into our sorrow, sickness, and grief, Come, Christ Jesus, be our comfort.

Into each conflict, division, and war, Come, Christ Jesus, be our peace.

Into this wounded world, Come, Christ Jesus, be our hope.

When we call to you, hear our cry. Do not abandon us, but draw near.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our life.

Amen.

READING – Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word, I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

PRAYER

We have gathered to pray, and to pray for one another.
The lights are dimmed, inviting silence and stillness,
as the Holy Spirit tunes our hearts to hear God's voice.
Our prayer is woven in silence, scripture and song.
In our singing, we are breathing prayer to God
and becoming living intercessions for those whom we pray.

In our caring for one another,
we know that many among us are troubled and afraid:
individuals, families, communities, churches, and nations.
Let us name friends and strangers, situations and places in our world
now filled with fear or deeply troubled.

As the prayers form on your lips and in your hearts, those who wish may light a
candle (or candles) as a symbol of God's eternal healing and everlasting grace
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
Hold near, O God, all for whom we pray,
and may we lead all people into your love, because you first loved us.

A song is sung as you pray.

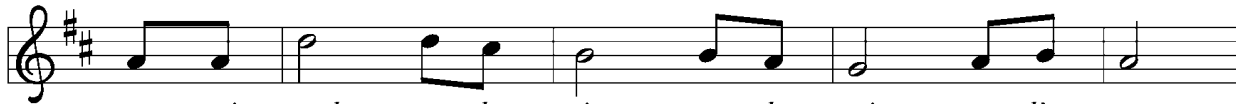
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



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As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

*When the prayers have come to a natural close and the music has ended, silence is kept.
Then the leader gathers the prayers, commending them to God.*

God of all compassion, you have bound yourself to us in love stronger than death and deeper than the tongue can tell. We give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night. We rest securely, knowing that you gather our prayers in your mercy, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;

you alone, O God, make me secure.

Let us bless the Lord.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

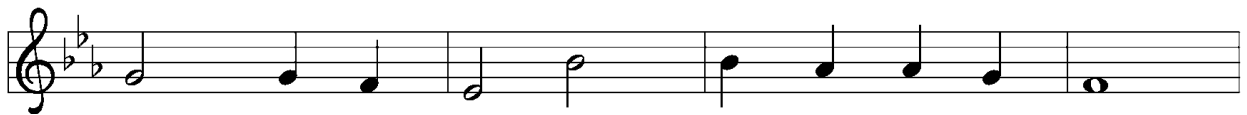
Abide with Me



4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,



ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
heav'n's morn-ing breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;



I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

PEACE

Christ's peace be with you always.

And also with you.