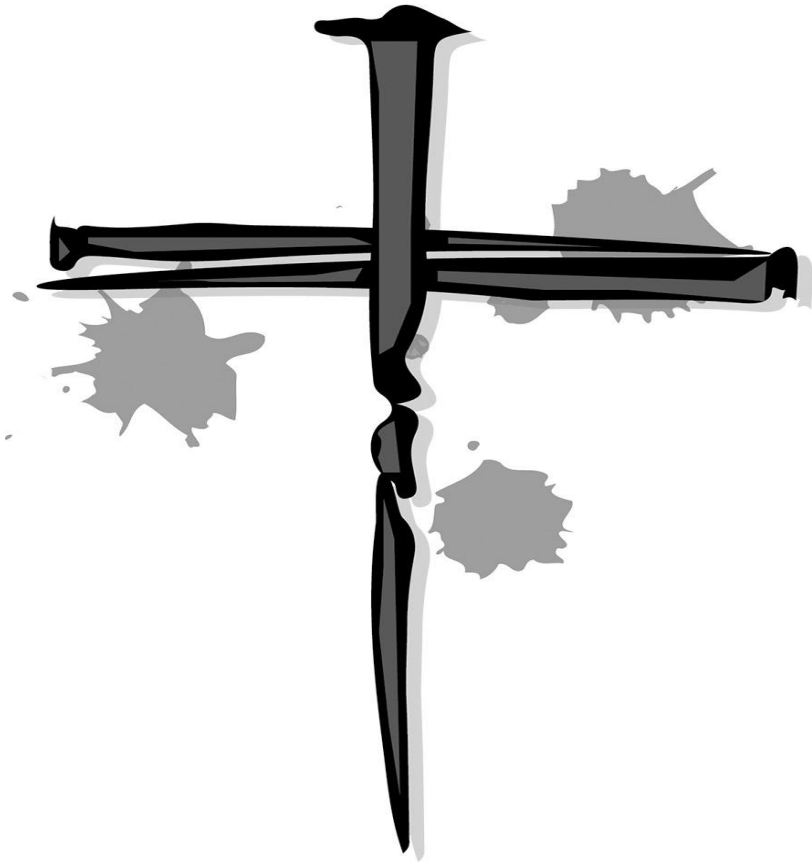


Three Words



of
TRUTH

SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Tonight's order of worship is an adapted version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God's forgiveness and security under the shadow of His wings.

OPENING PRAYER

M: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, Creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, giving us reason to sing in the evening. As You have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night. Keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear, for You are our light and salvation and the strength of our life. To You be the glory for endless ages.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING RESPONSES

M: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen.**

M: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: **To sing praise to Your Name, O Most High;**

M: To herald Your love in the morning,

C: **Your truth at the close of day.**

M: Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.

C: **Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.**

OPENING HYMN #120

What Wondrous Love Is This?



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this That caused the Lord of
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

A moment of silence for self-examination

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PASSION HISTORY

Plot, Passover, and Lord's Supper

Luke 22:1-38

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ² and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present. ⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." ⁹ "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. ¹⁰ He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" ¹² He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there." ¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him." ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. ²⁴ Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." ³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they answered. ³⁶ He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷ It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about

me is reaching its fulfillment.”³⁸ The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.” “That is enough,” he replied.

HYMN #110

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
to their King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their
blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at
life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'ring



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.
goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Love One Another

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

PRAYERS

M: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night,

C: So that we who are wearied by the changes and chaos of this fleeting world may rest in Your eternal changelessness.

M: O God our Father, by Your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

C: We place into Your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what You bless will prosper.

M: To Your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love,

C: Knowing that You alone are our sure Defender.

M: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

C: Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying – all for Your love's sake.

M: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,

C: That awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son (+), and the Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us this night and always.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #593

Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way;
2 Je - - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way
3 Let my near and dear ones be
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give;
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend,



Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
All that I've done wrong to - day.
Safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.
You once died that I might live.
You will love me to the end.



Ask - ing you to watch and keep
Make me ev - er more like you,
Oh, bring me and all I love
All your pre - cious gifts are free—
Let me love you more and more,



And to send me qui - et sleep.
Good and gen - tle, kind and true.
To your hap - py home a - bove.
Oh, how good you are to me!
Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.