

EVENING MEDITATION

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RESPONSES

Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over. *Luke 24:29*

Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. *Matthew 28:20*

Your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you always. *Isaiah 58:10,11*

Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more;

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end. *Isaiah 60:20*

On no day will the gates of the Holy City ever be shut,

for there will be no night there. *Revelation 21:25*

HYMN: *Abide With Me*
#588 v. 1-4

PASSION HISTORY:

Condemned and Crucified

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement. It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

Then he released Barabbas, the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, and had Jesus flogged. He then surrendered Jesus to their will to be crucified.

The soldiers of the governor took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene named Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was passing by on his way in from the country. They seized him, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.

For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then 'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.

It was the third hour when they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left, and Jesus in the middle. Thus the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was counted with the lawless ones."

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened above his head on the cross. The written charge against him read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. The sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

HYMN:

Upon the Cross Extended
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SERMON:

Mark 14:55-65

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶² “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. ⁶⁴ “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

*Eyes On Jesus:
Murderous Eyes*

READING FROM CATECHISM:

Table of Duties

Employees

Obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.

Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.
(Ephesians 6:5-6)

Employers

Masters, treat your employees in the same way. Provide them with what is right and fair. *(Colossians 4:1)*

Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.
(Ephesians 6:9)

Young and Old

Young men, be submissive to those who are older. Clothe yourself with humility toward one another, because “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” *(1 Peter 5:5)*

Exhort an older man as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.
(1 Timothy 5:1)

A Word to All

Love your neighbor as yourself. This is the sum of all the commandments. *(Galatians 5:14)*

And continue to pray for everyone. *(1 Timothy 2:1)*

*Let each his lesson learn with care,
And all the household well shall fare.*

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Amen.

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Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face

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Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824



1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And
2 Our fo - cus flits and fails - to see The
3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -
4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As
5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That



yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive
One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the
neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and
Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and
ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our



held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.
dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.
set for loss; He sees us as His prize.
all our fears And tear in two our pall.
tears a - way And all is crys - tal clear.

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