



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Evening Prayer of Lent

+ April 9, 2025 +

“If we will only return to Him, He does not even bear to call in question our former deeds, only let us quit them. It is sufficient apology with Him, that we have returned. Not only He Himself calls not in question, but if another does so, He stops his mouth, though the accuser be one of good repute. Let us return! How long do we stand afar off? Let us perceive our dishonor, let us be sensible of our vileness. Sin makes us swine, sin brings famine to the soul; let us regain ourselves, and be sober again, and return to our former high birth, that we may obtain the good things which are to come, in Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom to the Father together with the Holy Spirit be glory, might, honor, now and ever and world without end.”

— St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on Philippians*

## EVENING PRAYER

### *“To Share in His Suffering”*

*Please stand*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

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PSALM: IN CONVERTENDO

*Psalm 126*



When the Lord restored the fortunes of | Zion,\*  
we were like | those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,\*  
and our tongue with | shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great | things for them.”\*  
The Lord has done great things for us; | we are glad.**

Restore our fortunes, | O Lord,\*  
like streams in the | Negeb!

**Those who | sow in tears\*  
shall reap with | shouts of joy!**

**He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for | sowing,\*  
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his | sheaves with him.**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*Please be seated*

**OFFICE HYMN**

**All for Christ I Have Forsaken**

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Philippians 3:8-14*

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

**MEDITATION**

*A Concluding Thought to Lent*

*Please stand*

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**PRAYER**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

**Be Thou My Vision**

*This medieval Irish hymn is written as a prayer of the Son to the Father;  
we pray this same prayer, having been united to the Son.*

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day and by night;  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, I Thy dear Son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3 Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r;  
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

5 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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