

- P: O Lord, open my lips.
- C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.
- P: Hasten to save me, O God.
- C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

### Let My Prayer Rise Before You - Psalm 141



- P: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in our time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

# THE SECOND ARTICLE – Our Redemption - Colossians 2:9-15 To lead us to repentance and renewal of faith we focus on the Second Article, our redemption. Tonight, Christ's person.

<sup>9</sup>For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup>and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup>having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

P: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C: By his wounds we are healed.

HYMN – "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

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Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did thy foes accuse thee -- Thence I gain security.

Comfortless thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou has suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me.

Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, For thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

## TWO KINDS OF PRISONERS: Barabbas and Jesus

Mark 15:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup>A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. <sup>9</sup>"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup>knowing it was out of envy that the chief

priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them. <sup>13</sup>"Crucify him!" they shouted.

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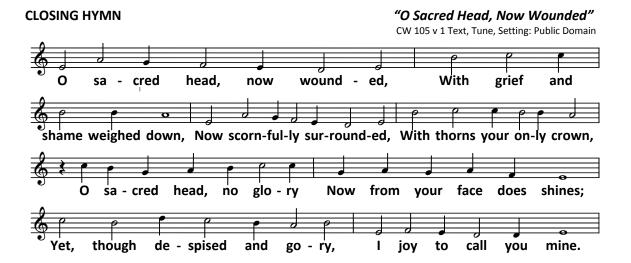
#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**LORD'S PRAYER** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.



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