

Confession & Absolution

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. Amen.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
to herald Your love in the morning,
Your truth at the close of the day.

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 redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 38

- ¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath!
²For your arrows have sunk into me,
and your hand has come down on me.
³There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones
because of my sin.
⁴For my iniquities have gone over my head;
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
⁵My wounds stink and fester
because of my foolishness,
⁶I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
all the day I go about mourning.
⁷For my sides are filled with burning,
and there is no soundness in my flesh.
⁸I am feeble and crushed;
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.
⁹O Lord, all my longing is before you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.
¹⁰My heart throbs; my strength fails me,
and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.
¹¹My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague,
and my nearest kin stand far off.
¹²Those who seek my life lay their snares;
those who seek my hurt speak of ruin
and meditate treachery all day long.
¹³But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear,
like a mute man who does not open his mouth.
¹⁴I have become like a man who does not hear,
and in whose mouth are no rebukes.
¹⁵But for you, O LORD, do I wait;
it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.
¹⁶For I said, “Only let them not rejoice over me,
who boast against me when my foot slips!”

¹⁷For I am ready to fall,
and my pain is ever before me.
¹⁸I confess my iniquity;
I am sorry for my sin.
¹⁹But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty,
and many are those who hate me wrongfully.
²⁰Those who render me evil for good
accuse me because I follow after good.
²¹Do not forsake me, O LORD!
O my God, be not far from me!
²²Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation!

Gospel

Mark 14:53–62

⁵³And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶¹But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶²And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Sermon

Prayer

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.

Benediction

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
Amen.