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**Reformation Vespers
October 31, 2017**

Before Service Prayer: In the name of God the Father, Son, and 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.

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Pastor's Welcome

WALKING WITH GOD

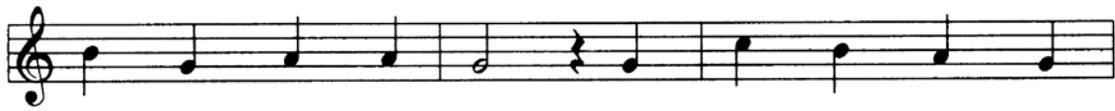
Opening Hymn: **CW 431 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"**

Stand

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,
C: the light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C: and the day is almost over.

P: Be our light and scatter the darkness.
C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where-fore you are through



blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

P: Lord God, we thank You for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with Your forgiving love in Christ. May Your Word keep our faith burning brightly *that we may walk in the light of Your presence* though the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Be Seated



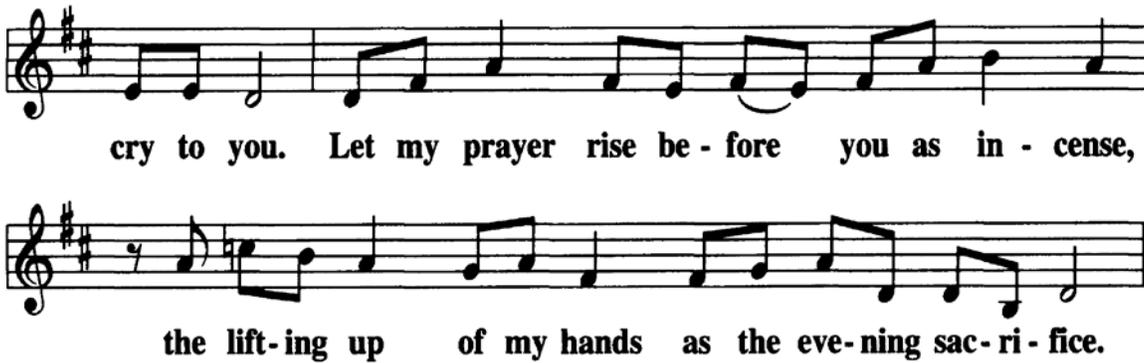
C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing



up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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

C: Amen.

First Lesson: **Genesis 5:21-24** (*Enoch walked with God*)

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.²² After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Evening: **Psalm 46** (a hymn version TLH 262)

**A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe:
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

(If you like you can try singing verse 1 in German)

**Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott,
Ein' gute Wehr und Waffen;
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not.
Die uns jetzt hat betroffen.
Der alt' böse Feind,
Mit Ernst er's jetzt meint;
Gross' Macht und viel List
Sein' grausam' Rustung ist;
Auf Erd' ist nicht seingleichen.**

With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?--
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth, Lord,
And there's none other God,
He holds the field forever.

Tho' devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They cannot overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain,
Nor any thank have for it;,
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won:
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Psalm Prayer

P: Lord God, our refuge and strength, when the restless powers of this world and the fury of Satan rise up against Your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Be with us in every time of trouble and bring us to the new Jerusalem where You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Second Lesson: **1 John 1:5 – 2:2** (*Walking in the light means walking in the truth.*)

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word is not in us.

¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (NIV 2011)

The Hymn: CWS 771 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 24:15-27** (*Walking with Jesus means being instructed by Jesus*)

¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing Him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

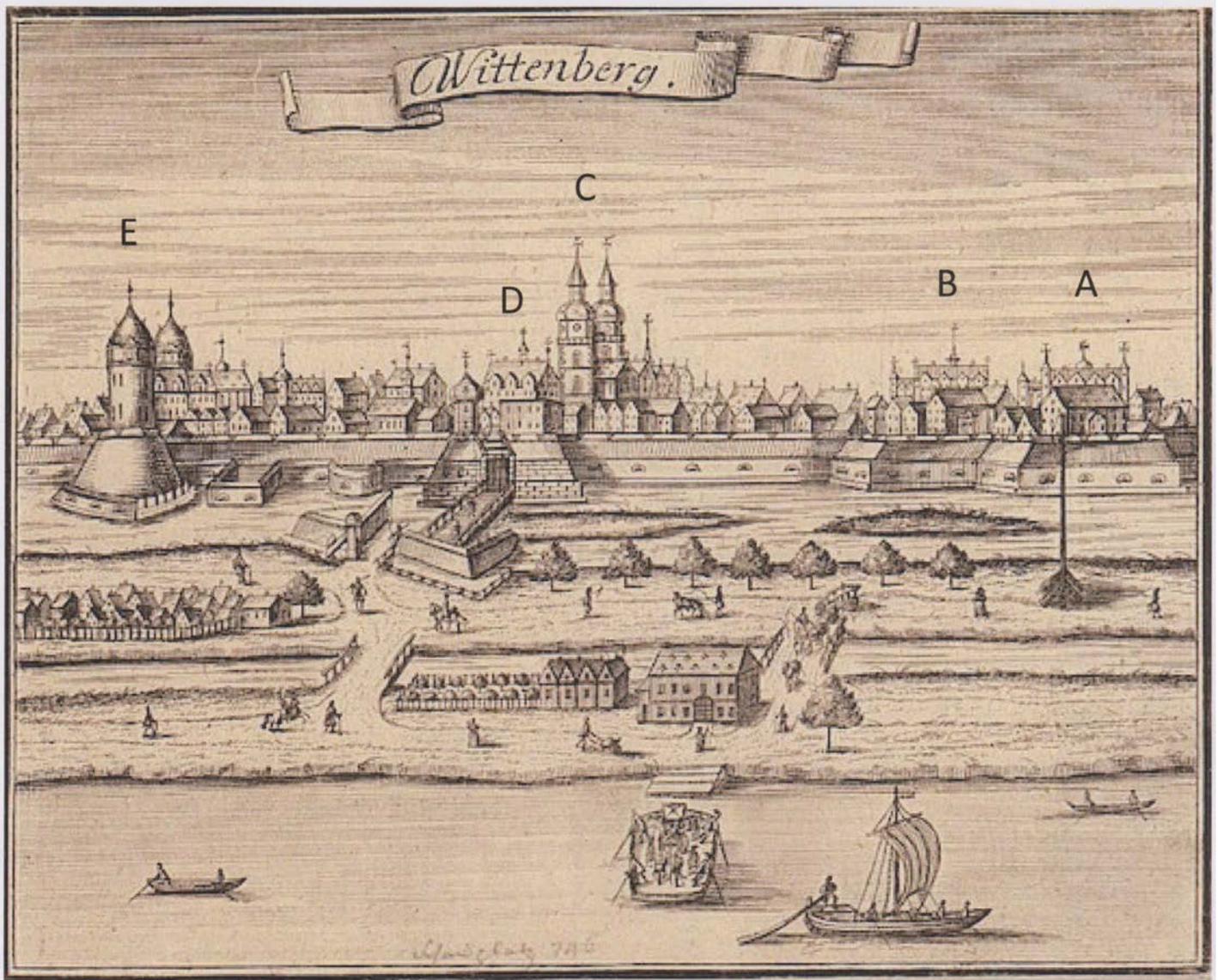
They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” He asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him; ²¹but we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn’t find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself. (NIV 2011)

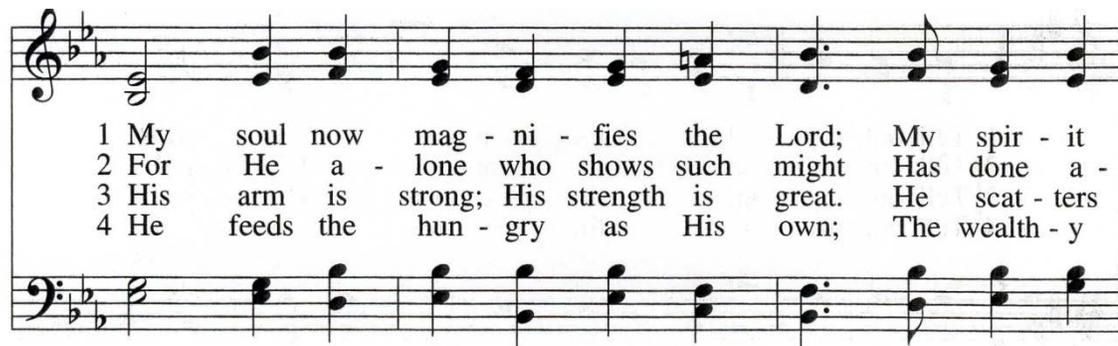
The Hymn of the Evening: CWS 780 “Stay With Us”



- A. Augustinian Monastery (Black Cloister)**
- B. The University**
- C. The City Church, St. Mary's**
- D. City Hall**
- E. The Castle Church**

The Sermon

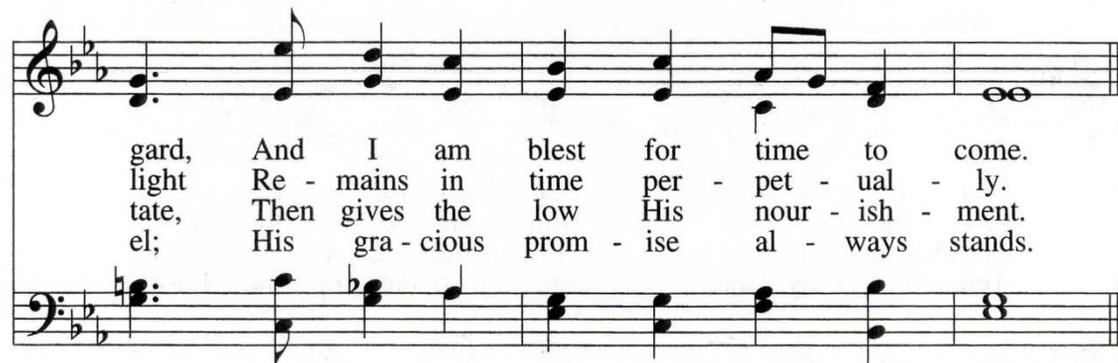
Post Sermon Hymn: The Magnificat (Mary's Song of Praise)



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.
el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

The Prayer

P: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in Your eternal changelessness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: O God our Father, by Your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into Your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what You bless will prosper. To Your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that You alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for Your love's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Give courage to Your people who often waver in our faith, that no matter how difficult, we may always walk with You, abiding in the truth of Your word while at the same time condemning everything that contradicts Your saving word.

C: Amen.

P: Look down, O Lord, from Your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with Your celestial brightness, that by night as by day, Your people may glorify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

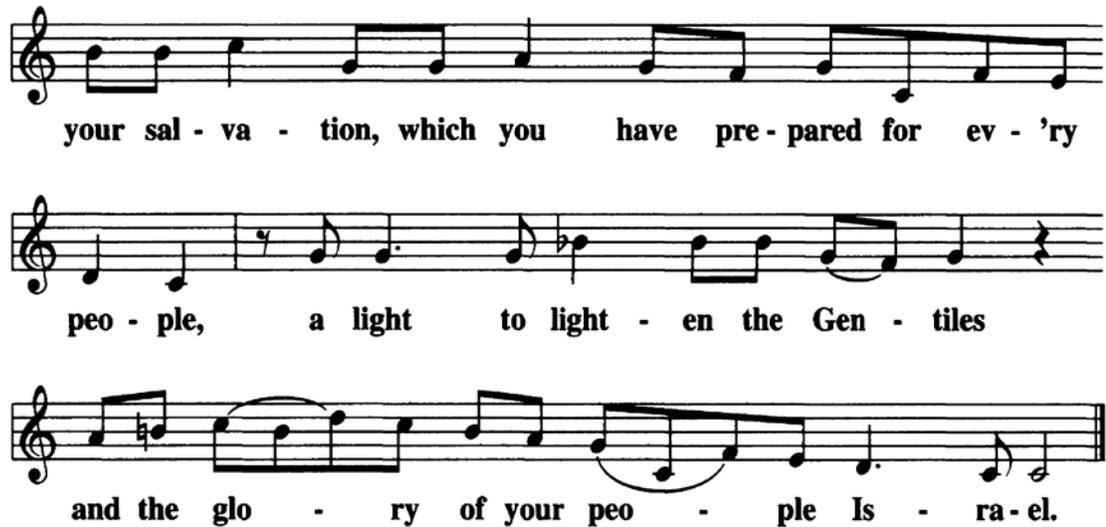
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours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

Prayer for Peace

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from You. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song of Simeon



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

The 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.

The Closing Hymn: CW 452 vs. 1 & 4

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us
And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading,
Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me.
Savior, lead; I follow Thee.

**Let us gladly live with Jesus;
Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, Thou art now our head.
We are truly Thine own members;
Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly,
Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee,
Also there eternally.**

Announcements

If you brought an offering this evening, you can place it in the baskets alongside the doors exiting the chapel.



