

# Liturgy for Lenten Evening Prayers

Mondays thru Thursdays,  
Fourth Presbyterian Church  
South Boston

**6:00pm GATHERING MUSIC** (A time for meditation)

**6:10 OPENING SENTENCES**

My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

*Call:* From parched places I have cried to You.

*Response:* O Lord, hear my voice.

*Call:* With my whole heart I want to praise  
You.

*Response:* O Lord, hear my voice.

*Call:* If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

*Response:* Who could stand? who could stand?

I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in God's Presence do I hope.

**\*EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH (standing and in unison)**

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;  
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;  
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;  
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;  
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day  
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;  
and though the night is here, today I believe.

**HYMN**

## SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

### PRAYERS

*C:* In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

*R:* The Lord is my light & my salvation; whom shall I fear?

*C:* The Lord is the refuge of my life;

*R:* of whom shall I be afraid?

*All* I believe I shall see  
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
O wait for the Lord! Have courage and wait,  
wait for the Lord.

*C:* Let us pray...

(The liturgist then leads a time of prayer, during which all may share out loud particular prayers.)

Concluding Prayer shared by liturgist: As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night. Give light for our comfort. come upon us with quietness and still our souls, that we may listen for the whisper of Your 'spirit and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams. Empower us to rise again in new life to proclaim your praise, and show Christ to the world, for he reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER** (within a gathered circle)

Response: "Amazing Grace" (verse one)

### BENEDICTION & PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### A Blessing

See that ye be at peace among yourselves, my children,  
and love one another.

Follow the example of good men and women of old  
and God will comfort you and help you,  
both in this world  
and in the world which is to come.

#### Songs for Lenten Evening Prayers

**SANCTUARY (#701)**

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure & holy, tried & true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

OH LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER (#471 in songbook, twice)  
Oh Lord hear my prayer (2x) When I call answer me  
Oh Lord hear my prayer (2x), come and listen to me

TAKE O TAKE ME AS I AM (#698)  
Take O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS  
I have decided to follow Jesus (3x) No turning back (2x)

ABIDE WITH ME (#836 – vs. 1,5)  
Abide with me, fast falls the evening tide,  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heavn's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee,  
In life in death, O Lord, Abide with me.

O CHRIST SURROUND ME (#543)  
God be the love to search and keep me  
God be the prayer to move my voice  
God be the strength to now uphold me  
O Christ, surround me (2x)

Walking behind to hem my journey  
Going ahead to light my way  
And from beneath, above, and all ways  
O Christ, surround me (2x)

LORD I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN (#729)  
LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER (#525)

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