



Wednesday Lenten Services

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

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All: God of mercy, sometimes our grief feels too heavy to bear. In those moments, remind us of your presence. Let us receive the good news that nothing in this world has the power or strength to come between us and the love of Christ. Give us courage to offer our lament to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 88

¹ O LORD, God of my salvation,
at night, when I cry out before you,

² let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.

³ For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.

⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,

⁵ like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.

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⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*
⁸You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise you? *Selah*
¹¹Is your steadfast love declared in the grave
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
¹²Are your wonders known in the darkness
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?
¹³But I, O LORD, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴O LORD, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.^[a]
¹⁶Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.
¹⁷They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.
¹⁸You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

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