

BLESSING

M: 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.

EVENING

783 Stay With Us, Lord, the Sun Descends



1 Stay with us, Lord, the sun de -
2 Stay with us, Lord, and share the
3 Stay with us, Lord, and be the
4 Stay with us, Lord, till morn - ing



scends And night is draw - ing near.
weight Of sor - row, guilt, or pain
light That shines when day de - parts,
comes And, through the si - lent hours,



The shad - ows length - en on the
That robs our wea - ry hearts of
Whose rays can pierce the star - less
Re - new in us the strength we



land; The stars will soon ap - pear.
rest— Christ, make us whole a - gain.
night And reach the dark - est heart.
need To serve with all our pow'rs.

The Emmaus disciples' invitation to Jesus— "Stay with us, for it is evening"—resonates with our faith-filled longing that Jesus never leave our side.

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Baptized into his Death

Needed By All

HYMN: CW 387

Drawn to the Cross

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

C: who keeps his promise for ever.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph. We thank you that in the water of our baptism you made us one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and raise us with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

THE NEW LIFE OF BAPTISM

M: I ask you, with the whole Christian Church, to confess your baptismal faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

M: Let us pray.

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN: CWS 761 (see insert) **Christ Is With Me**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.
God of grace and mercy, we bow before you in humble sorrow for our sins.
C: **We are unworthy to receive the least of your blessings.**
M: Lord, you gave Jesus into death for us, and for his sake you for give us our sins.
C: **May your great love for us work faithful love in us.**
M: Keep us always in your care. We pray in his name.
C: **Amen.**

PASSION READING **Matthew 26:57-75**
Trial Before the High Priest

M: All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus
C: **were baptized into his death.**

HYMN: CW 117 (verses 1-2,4-6) **O Dearest Jesus**

DEVOTION

John 3:5-8

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

OFFERING

EVENING PRAYERS

M: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give our 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.
C: **Amen.**

Special prayers and petitions may follow

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: Hear us as we pray as Jesus taught.
C: **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.**