



Luke Live! Evening 3

Luke's Gospel with Songs & Meditations

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Tonight's Gospel: segments of Luke Chapters 9 through 19 Please note, we will have a Q & A session and time to discuss the Meditations at the conclusion of the evening's proclamation.

I Opening Prayers

II Solo Song: *Panis Angelicus* by César Franck (1822-1890) G. Schirmer, Inc. Distributed by Hal Leonard, Milwaukee, WI 53219

III Meditation # 1: What feelings are evoked in you on hearing the story of the Transfiguration? (Luke 9: 28-36)

Recall moments of clarification in your life-times when you arrived at a deeper understanding of your life and purpose and God's providence? How may you relate these events to the Transfiguration?

How is it that some of our greatest insights come after great suffering and struggle? What are some of your thoughts and feelings about these realities?

IV Congregation Song: *Into The Fire* - Reprise from the previous evening

*May your strength give us strength, May your faith give us faith,
May your hope give us hope, May your love give us love . . .*

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V Meditation # 2: What past hurts, guilt, fears keep you from joy in God's presence today? **(Reflection on Luke 9: 51-62)**

What daily responsibilities become stumbling blocks for your attentiveness to Christ in our midst?

What aspects of your faith must you draw upon to live more fully in the "present moment?"

VI Congregation Song: *Healer Of Our Every ILL* by Marty Haugen
Please Stand

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc. (In Gather Comprehensive)

Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Verse 1: You who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with your peace and gladness
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain

Verse 2: In the pain and joy beholding,
How your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision, God of Love. Refrain

Verse 3: Give us strength to love each other,
Every sister, every brother,
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain

Verse 4: You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain

VII Meditation # 3: How may observing God in nature address your current worries and anxieties? **(Reflection on Luke 12: 22-34)**

In what ways does nature distract you from faith in God or trouble your faith?

What gives you your greatest sense of security in your life?

How may this add to and/or detract from your relationship with God and your fellow disciples? To what degree are you open to change?

**VIII Congregation Song: *Canticle Of The Sun* - Your Missal/Hymnal # _____
Please Stand**

**IX Solo Song: *In Dreams* -from *Lord of the Rings*, Reprised from yesterday
By Fran Walsh & Howard Shore ©2001 New Line Tunes**

X Congregation Song: *We Shall Rise Again!* by Jeremy Young **Please Stand
Text: Psalm 23; Matthew 11:29-30; John 11; 2 Timothy 2; Jeremy Young
Tune: RESURRECTION; with Refrain Jeremy Young © 1987 GIA Publications**

Verse 1: Come to me, all you weary, with your burden and pain.
Take my yoke on your shoulders and learn from me;
I am gentle and humble, and your souls will find rest,
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Refrain: We shall rise again on the last day
With the faithful, rich and poor.
Coming to the house of Lord Jesus,
We will find an open door there, We will find an open door.

Verse 2: Though we walk through the darkness, evil we do not fear.
You are walking beside us with your rod and your staff.
Only goodness and kinds follow us all our lives.
We shall dwell in the Lord's house or so many years to come!
Refrain

Verse 3: We depend on God's mercy, mercy which never fades.
We remember our covenant and the promise Jesus made;
If we die with Christ Jesus, we shall live with him,

And if we are faithful, we shall reign with him! Refrain

XI Meditation # 4: What aspects of the story of the prodigal son and the forgiving father resonate most with you in today's proclamation? Do you find the story more inspiring or troubling? **(Luke 15: 11-32)**

If the prodigal son had no true contrition—his words motivated only by hunger and dire need—how could his father's forgiveness offer him any benefit?

Was it the older brother's righteousness that made him resentful toward his brother and angry with his father? Or do you think his resentment was aroused because he lacked his father's affection and approval?

How may this story play on our own insecurities and doubts about ourselves, and our insecurities and doubts about God?

By forgiving one, and affirming the other, what opportunities does the father offer each son?

Are there aspects of other parts of Luke's Gospel that may help us understand how and why God may forgive those who are "less than contrite"? In what ways may God offer healing to those who feel resentful toward God and others?

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