

Order of Lenten Evening Prayer (March 18, 2026)

1. Gathering in Silence
 2. Lighting of the Christ Candle
 3. Lighting of Individual Candles
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4. Opening Chant

Refrain:

*Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray.*

5. Opening Sentence
 6. First Reading (Bonhoeffer – “Cheap Grace”)
 7. Silence
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8. Psalm (spoken responsively)

Psalm 130

Leader

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.

People

Let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplication.

Leader

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

People

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

Leader

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.

People

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

Leader

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;

People

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

9. Chant

Refrain:

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.*

10. Gospel Reading

11. Silence

12. Second Reading (Bonhoeffer – “Costly Grace”)

13. Guided Reflection / Silent Meditation

14. Group Reflection

15. Chant

Refrain:

*O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer,
when I call, answer me.*

16. Third Reading (Bonhoeffer – “The Call to the Cross”)

17. Prayers of the People

18. Chant

Refrain:

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer,

when I call, answer me.

19. The Lord’s Prayer

20. Closing Prayer

21. Final Reading (Bonhoeffer – “The Cross and New Life”)

22. Closing Chant

Refrain:

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.*

23. Extinguishing of Candles

24. Blessing

25. Dismissal