

Lenten Series:

# **"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"**



“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”



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**Evening Prayer - Vespers**

Wednesday, March 25 - 7:00 p.m.

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                    *“God The Father Be Our Stay”*                    -Samuel Scheidt

**\*Service of Light** (*A large, lighted candle is carried in.*)

**L** Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**C** **The light no darkness can overcome.**

**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.

**C** **And the day is almost over.**

**L** Let your light scatter the darkness.

**C** **And illumine your church.**

**\*Lenten Dialogue**

**L** Behold, now is the acceptable time;

**C** **now is the day of salvation.**

**L** Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

**C** **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

**L** May your justice shine like the sun;

**C** **and may the poor be lifted up.**

**\*Hymn of Light**

**Hymn # 815**

*“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”*

**\*Thanksgiving for Light**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Choir:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,  
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day  
and a pillar of fire by night;  
Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation,  
and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

 **Amen.**

[we sit]

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

<sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. <sup>25</sup> Brothers and sisters, pray for us.

<sup>26</sup> Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Psalms 145:9-20** (read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup> **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup> **to make known to all people your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and gracious in all his deeds.

<sup>14</sup> **The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>16</sup> **You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

<sup>17</sup> The Lord is just in all his ways  
and kind in all his doings.

<sup>18</sup> **The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.**

<sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.

<sup>20</sup> **The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.**

[we stand]

*The gospel is announced:* The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**\*John 6:41-51**

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”**

**\*Hymn**

**“In The Cross of Christ I Glory”**

**Hymn # 324**

Offering (All offerings received during the Mid-week Lenten services will go to New Foundations Home for Children.)

**Offertory**

**“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”**

**-setting by Ruth Gacchow Mackie**

[we stand]

**Offertory**

**“Create In Me a Clean Heart”**

**Hymn # 186**

**\*Litany**

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace from above, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the baptized people of God and for their varied ministries, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who are poor, hungry, homeless, or sick, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

***Silence is kept by all.***

**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

**C** **To you, O Lord.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**\*Blessing**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*Hymn                    “O Living Bread From Heaven”                    Hymn #542**

**(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)**

**\*Dismissal**

**\*Postlude                    “Our Father, Thou In Heaven Above”**

**-Johann Kruger**

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**\*Congregation stands**

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# LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

**Note: Both Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical (except for the Stripping of the Altar which will take place at the Evening Service for Maundy Thursday).**

**Thursday, April 2** – Maundy Thursday

[no meal] Maundy Thursday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Message: "Forgive Us As We Forgive Others"

**Friday, April 3** – Good Friday

[no meal] Good Friday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Message: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil"



**Sunrise Worship with Holy  
Communion**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast to follow**

**Worship Service with Holy  
Communion**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Note:** There will not be any Adult or Children's Sunday School classes.