

Lenten Series:

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



“Thy Will Be Done”



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**Evening Prayer - Vespers**

Wednesday, March 18 - 7:00 p.m.

**“Thy Will Be Done”**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*“I Surrender All”*

**\*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]

**James 4:11-17**

<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters.  
Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another speaks evil  
against the law and judges the law, but if you judge the law, you are  
not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is one lawgiver and  
judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to  
judge your neighbor?

<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such  
and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making  
money." <sup>14</sup> Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring.  
What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while  
and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes,  
we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your  
arrogance; all such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> Anyone, then, who knows the  
right thing to do and fails to do it commits sin.

**Psalm 146:1-10** (read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;**

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.**

9 The Lord watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 **The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

**Praise the Lord!**

[we stand]

*The gospel is announced:* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**\*Matthew 26:36-46**

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." 39 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." 40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? 41 Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

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

**MESSAGE**

**"Thy Will Be Done"**

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

**Offertory Anthem**

*“Have Thine Own Way Lord”*

[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**

*“Beneath The Cross of Jesus”*

**Hymn #338**

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

**\*Dismissal**

**\*Postlude**

*“Living For Jesus”*

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**\*Congregation stands**

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**LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER 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).**

**Wednesday, March 25** 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper

[Congregational Potluck Meal]

Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

**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”