

Lenten Series:

"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"



“Thy Kingdom Come”

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Evening Prayer - Vespers

Wednesday, March 11 - 7:00 p.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”* arr. By R. Todd Webb

***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]

Daniel 7:9-14

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹¹ I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the
horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death and
its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for
the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives
were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³ As I watched in the night
visions, I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 150 1-6 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

² **Praise him for his mighty deeds;**

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ **Praise him with tambourine and dance;**

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ **Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

Praise the Lord!

[we stand]

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Matthew 25:31-40**

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

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

MESSAGE

“Thy Kingdom Come”

*Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

Hymn # 759

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

Offertory

“Be Thou But Near”

J. S. Bach/arr. David Paxton

[we stand]

Offertory Hymn

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

Hymn # 186

*Litany

℣ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

℣ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

℣ **Lord, have mercy.**

℣ 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.

℣ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

℣ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

℣ **Lord, have mercy.**

℣ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence is kept by all.

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

℣ **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**

“You Are The Way”

Hymn #758

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

***Dismissal**

***Postlude** *“O Thou Who Comest From Above”*

- C. Wesley/S. Wesley

***Congregation stands**

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