

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

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Lententide

- P** Jesus is the Light of the world
- C** **the light no darkness can overcome**
- P** Stay with us Lord, for it is evening
- C** **and the day is almost over**
- P** Let your light scatter the darkness
- C** **and illumine your church**

Hymn: O Light Whose Splendor

- 1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens
With radiance brighter than the sun,
Pure gleam of God's unending glory,
O Jesus, blest Anointed One;
- 2 As twilight hovers near at sunset,
And lamps are lit, and children nod,
In evening hymns we lift our voices
To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.
- 3 In all life's brilliant timeless moments,
Let faithful voices sing Your praise,
O Son of God, our Life-bestower,
Whose glory lightens endless days.

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P Joyous light of glory:

C of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.

We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.

O Son of God, O Giver of life: The universe proclaims your glory.

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your ancient people in the wilderness 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.

C Amen.

Psalmody: Psalm 141

C Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

C Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P Let us pray...

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C **Amen.**

Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed

P God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ Jesus. Living in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: Down at the Cross

1 Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my sin was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!

Refrain: Glory to His name,
Glory to His name;
There to my sin was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!

2 I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His name.

3 Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His name.

4 Come to this fountain so rich and sweet;
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His name.

Author: E. A. Hoffman (1878)

▪ SCRIPTURE READINGS

+ Psalm 121 *(Congregation reads text in bold print)*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

**²My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

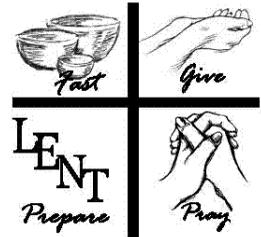
C Thanks be to God.

+ Second Reading

P In many and various ways, God spoke to
His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

HOMILY



Hymn: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
From the cross my ransomed soul
Nothing then shall sever.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me.

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadow o'er me.

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I see my Savior's face,
Leave His presence never.

THE LITANY (*response is spoken*)

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** 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**
- P** For all who now gather to offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord **C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** For all bishops and pastors in Christ, for all servants of the church and for all your people everywhere, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** For public servants, for all leaders of government and those who serve us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** For those who give offerings, those who do good works in our congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all your people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy**

- P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**
- P** Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Silence for meditation

- P** 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.**
- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **C** **Amen**

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

- P** Let us bless the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**
- P** The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. **C** **Amen.**

HYMN: The Way of the Cross Leads Home

1 I must needs go home
By the way of the cross,
There's no other way but this;
I shall ne'er get sight
Of the Gates of Light,
If the way of the cross I miss.

*Refrain: The way of the cross leads home,
The way of the cross leads home;
It is sweet to know, as I onward go,
The way of the cross leads home.*

2 I must needs go on
In the blood-sprinkled way,
The path that the Savior trod,
If I ever climb
To the heights sublime,
Where the soul is at home with God.

3 Then I bid farewell
To the way of the world,
To walk in it nevermore;
For my Lord says "Come,"
And I seek my home,
Where He waits at the open door.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.