



Lent Wednesday Worship
March 17, 2021



Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Joyous light of heavn'ly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

Lenten Dialog

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine upon us.

May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

We call upon you, O Lord; come quickly and give ear to our voices as we call to you. Let our prayers be counted as incense before you and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch before our mouths, O Lord, and guard the door of our lips. Let not our hearts incline to any evil thing; let us not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. But let our eyes be turned to you, O Lord God. For in you we take our refuge. Glory 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.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Psalm 145:1-13

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

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.

L: Word of God; word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Luke 10:25-29

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

L: Word of God; word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Homily: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Hymn of the Day: Let My Prayer Rise Up

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Keep watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

All praise to the God of all - Creator of life; all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Prayers

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;

when I wake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you. Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Benediction & Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty and merciful God, Father,+ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Day by Day

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.