

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 awake, 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.

We give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep.

God, you are good and your mercy endures forever. Hold our prayer this day and always in your tender care. We pray for ourselves, for others, for enough, for mercy, for direction, for ever. Through the Spirit we find the words to pray. Through Jesus we find the courage to pray. Let it be so. **Amen.**

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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Please depart in silence following the Acolyte

Lent Wednesday Service

Let it be so...for me.

March 8, 2023

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER *(congregation please read the words in bold)*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. **My Lord, fill it.**

I am weak in the faith; **strengthen me,**

I am cold in love; **warm me and make me fervent,**

that my love may go out to my neighbor.

I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.

O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

In you I have sealed the treasure of all that I have.

I am poor; **you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

I am a sinner; **you are upright.**

With me, there is an abundance of sin; **in you is the fullness of righteousness.**

Therefore I will remain with you, **of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.**

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

ELW 651

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.

I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

**C: I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.**

**I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.**

**C: Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon,
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

P: Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon, and
forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

READINGS

Psalm 86:1-13 *Congregation please read the verses in bold)*

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.**

In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

**For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**

Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.**

For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

1 Corinthians 13:1-12

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

SERMON

Pastor Jen Kindsvatter

HYMN

Change My Heart O God

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