COVENANT COMMUNITY ONLINE WORSHIP

Tuesday Evening Prayer

**TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Be swift, O God, to save us. **Come quickly, Lord, to help us.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of his Son, crying **‘Abba Father!’**

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning is now, and shall be forever. Amen**

**Minister:** Let us pray.

O God, we confess the blindness

that is not even aware of sinning;

The pride that dare not admit it is wrong;

The selfishness that can see nothing but its own will;

The righteousness that knows no fault;

The callousness that has ceased to care;

The defiance that does not regret its own sins;

The evasion that always tries to make excuses;

The coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent.

God, we are sinners. Be merciful to us. Amen.

*Brief silence*

To all who truly repent this is God’s gracious word:  
'Your sins are forgiven'. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**The Prayer of the Evening**

**Minister:** God and Father of all as this day ends

we offer up its hours in praise to you.

As we take our rest, unite us by your Spirit,

in praise of Christ our Lord, the Alpha and Omega,

the First and Last,

in whom we make our prayer. **Amen.**

**Psalm 103**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our

transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his

children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass;

they flourish like a flower of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Luke 15.3–10**

Jesus told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

This is the word if the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Blessed are you eternal God,

**to be praised and glorified forever.**

Hear us as we pray for your holy, catholic Church:

**make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:

**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ’s name:

**Give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world, especially as we navigate this global pandemic:

**guide them and all people in the way of justice and peace**

Make us alive to needs of our community:

**help us share each other’s joys and burdens**

Look with kindness on our homes and families in this time of social distancing:

**grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Inspire us to have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:

**in your presence may they find their strength.**

We remember those who have died:

**Father into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:

**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*We bring more personal intercessions to God….*

Heavenly Father, you have promised

to hear what we ask in the name of your Son:

we pray you to accept and answer our prayers,

not as we ask in our ignorance,

nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,

but as you know and love us in your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught his disciples we pray:

**Our Father….**

Lord our God

At the ending of this day,

And in the darkness and silence of this night,

Cover us with healing and forgiveness,

That we may take our rest in peace;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**

**The Benediction**

We will lie down in peace and take our rest;

**For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

**The Dismissal**

May the souls of the faithful,

Through the mercy of God,

Rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

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