COVENANT COMMUNITY ONLINE

Tuesday Evening Prayer

Tuesday, 02 June 2020 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

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.**

**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 97**

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

let the many coastlands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him and consumes his adversaries on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;

and all the peoples behold his glory.

All worshipers of images are put to shame,

those who make their boast in worthless idols;

all gods bow down before him.

Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice,

because of your judgments, O God.

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil;

he guards the lives of his faithful;

he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

and give thanks to his holy name!

**Matthew 26.6–30**

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ ” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the word of 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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