

# Midweek Prayer Service

Wednesday January 13, 2021 - 7:00 pm

## Greeting

## Invocation

- L In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**  
L Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,  
C **For in Your wisdom You have formed us,**  
L You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.  
C **We bless You and praise Your name forever.**  
L You set free those who are bound.  
C **We bless You and praise Your name forever.**  
L You raise up those whose courage falters,  
C **We bless You and praise Your name forever.**  
L You provide for our every need.  
C **Accept our grateful praises.**  
L You have called us from all peoples.  
C **We rejoice and bless Your name forever.**  
L You bless Your people with peace.  
C **We bless You and praise Your loving grace.**  
L Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,  
C **For in Your wisdom You have formed us.**

## Opening Hymn

### "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

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1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and  
all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -  
sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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## Collect and Prayer of the Day

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**
- L Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love toward us You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### The First Reading

*Psalm 118:1-9*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."  
Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."  
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."  
Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.  
The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?  
The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.  
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.  
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

- 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.**

### The Second Reading

*Galatians 5:13-15*

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Reading

*John 8:31-36*

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

- L This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

- L God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Concluding Prayer**

- L Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

- C **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.**

### **Blessing**

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;  
 Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;  
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
 Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.

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