

Ash Wednesday

"Hallowed Be Thy Name"

February 14, 2024

7:00 PM

As We Gather

Our Lent Midweek series, "Lord Teach Us To Pray," focuses on The Lord's Prayer. Once when Jesus disciples observed Him praying, they asked Him to teach them how to pray. In response He gave them the prayer we know as The Lord's Prayer. This prayer serves as both a prayer to pray and pattern for structuring our daily time in prayer. But above all, it reveals what our Lord knows we need on our Lenten journey.

Our prayer begins with praise, an acknowledgment of the holiness of the name of God. Such acknowledgement of His holiness also entails a confession of our lack of holiness. And yet, because His holy name has been placed on us in Baptism, we share in His holiness.

Welcome

Gathering

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us " LSB 915

1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us;
The Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Imposition of Ashes

As each person comes forward, the pastor makes the sign of the cross on his or her forehead or hand with ashes, saying:

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

"Savior, When in Dust To Thee" LSB 419

1 Savior, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe
Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

2 By Thy helpless infant years,
By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of deep distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of the insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;
Hear our penitential cry!

3 By thine hour of dire despair,
By thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh;
Hear our penitential cry!

4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored,
Mighty, re-ascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wickedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

First Reading: Numbers 6:23-27

"Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ "'The LORD bless you

and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you

and give you peace.'"

²⁷ "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 99:1-9 Read Responsively

Reader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

People: Great is the LORD in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

Reader: Let them praise your great and awesome name— He is holy.

People: The King is mighty, He loves justice— you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Reader: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His footstool; He is holy.

People: Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel was among those who called on His name; they called on the LORD and He answered them.

Reader: He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept His statutes and the decrees He gave them.

People: LORD our God, You answered them; You were to Israel a forgiving God, though You punished their misdeeds.

Reader: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:5-14

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray:

““Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’

¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You O Christ

Catechism

P: What is the First Petition?

C: **Hallowed be Thy name.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

P: How is God’s name kept holy?

C: **God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

Sermon

“Hallowed Be Thy Name”

Prayers

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

Musical Offering

Sanctuary Choir

"Touch Me With Ashes"

By Joseph M. Martin and Stacey Nordmeyer

Touch me with ashes,
Teach me Your way.
Here in this silence,
Reach me, I pray.

Kneeling before You,
Lord, I implore You:
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Grant me Your mercy.
Show me Your face.
Here in this moment,
Clothe me in grace.

Kneeling before You,
Lord, I implore You:
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Life is a vapor,

A dream fading fast.
Only the things
of the Spirit will last.
We are like dust,
With beginning and end,
A flower that fades,
A reed in the wind.

Lord, I am weary
Weak and alone.
Lord, I am list'ning;
Speak to my soul.

Kneeling before You,
Lord, I implore You:
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

The 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.

Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: **Amen.**
(Take and drink)

Distribution

"Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" LSB 788

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| 1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered
care,
For songs of praise for food and harvest
press,
While of Your richer gifts we're unaware: | 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
That gives as Christ gave, never counting
cost,
That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine,"
Assured that only what's withheld is lost. |
| 2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and
grace,
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
That shows Your message ever new and
near. | 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not
fast,
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the
soul,
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies
vast
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal: |
| 3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and
praise,
For words that speak at variance with deeds;
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs: | 6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and
height;
May thankfulness be days in service spent,
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light. |

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

C: Amen.

Prayer

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 upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C: Amen.

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" LSB 854

1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue, Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think or speak or do.	And labor on at Thy command, And offer all my works to Thee.
2 The task Thy wisdom has assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and perfect will.	4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke, And ev'ry moment watch and pray, And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day.
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see,	5 For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n, And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

Offering

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Serving in Worship Tonight

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