

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midweek Evening Prayer for the Season of Easter April 22, 2020

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During our "Stay Home. Stay Safe." orders, I will try to offer videos of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays each week to provide an opportunity to gather in prayer and worship as a community. Readings will be selected from within the current week's Daily Revised Common Lectionary.

Today we commemorate Earth Day, with readings and prayers based on the theme of Creation. Today is the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day.

Stand





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EVENING THANKSGIVING





Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, who in your self-emptying love gathered up and reconciled all creation to the Father. Innumerable galaxies of the heavens worship you. Creatures that grace the earth rejoice in you. All those in the deepest seas bow to you in adoration. As with them we give you praise, grant that we may cherish the earth, our home, and live in harmony with this good creation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

PSALM 104:1, 13-24

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are | very great! You are clothed with majes- | ty and splendor.

¹³From your dwelling on high, you wa- | ter the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit | of your works.

¹⁴You make grass grow for the cattle, and plants to serve | humankind; that they may bring forth food | from the earth,

¹⁵wine to gladden human hearts, oil to | make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the | human heart.

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are | well supplied, the cedars of Lebanon | that you planted, ¹⁷in which the birds | build their nests, while the stork makes the fir | trees its dwelling. ¹⁸The high hills belong to the | mountain goats, and the stony cliffs are a refuge | for the badgers. ¹⁹You made the moon to | mark the seasons, and the sun knows the time | of its setting. ²⁰You bring on darkness that it | may be night, in which all the beasts of the | forest prowl. ²¹The lions roar | for their prey seeking their | food from God. ²²The sun rises, and | they withdraw and lay themselves down | in their dens. ²³People go forth | to their work and to their labor un- | til the evening. ²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

REVELATION 21:22 – 22:5

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

- P Word of God, Word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

HYMN

ELW #835, v. 1, 2, 3, & 6

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for give, all who in pain or sor row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful, throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night: clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare: fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



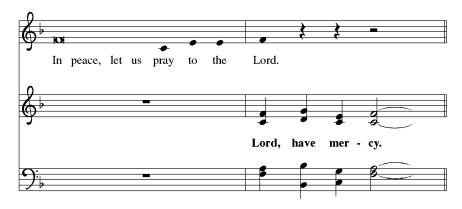
- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

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Stand

PRAYERS

The presiding minister will chant the prayers. Each petition will end, "let us pray to the Lord", and the congregation will respond by singing, "Lord, have mercy."



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Other petitions may be added.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. *A time of silence follows*.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, (the petition concludes as follows)



The prayers conclude:

- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:
- 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



DISMISSAL

- P Let us go forth in peace.
- C Amen.



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