



We ask God's Blessing

Song: Draw Us to Thee

Our Confession

L Dearest Lord, we thank you for the wonderful gift of your Word. You have promised that your Word will always accomplish the purposes you have in mind for us. So we ask you to plant it deep within our hearts and minds so that we may live free from the power of Satan and the fears and doubts that come from suffering in this life. And then help us, Lord to apply what we hear today so that our faith is strengthened and our life of thanks is brightened, both as an offering of worship to you and a witness of your love to others.

And Lord, as we gather with you and each other today, you know our continuing struggle with sin. Its why you sent Jesus for us. And so we come to you in his name, acknowledging that we are no match for our enemy the devil. We sin often and deserve your just and eternal punishment. O God, we need what you have promised us: the forgiveness of our sins and the power of new life through your Spirit living in us. For Jesus' sake, renew us again today through the good news of your saving love.

God's Gracious Forgiveness

L Dear friends, the Son of God became the Son of Man to rescue us from our enemy the devil. And he did this by sacrificing his life on the cross for our sins. Because of his resurrection you can be certain of this: You are forgiven. You are free from the rule of Satan and darkness and empowered to walk with your Lord Jesus in the light of his kingdom!

Prayer of the Day

L Almighty God, you Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11a

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

Verse of the Day – *John 14:23*

L Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

C Alleluia.

Children's Message

Song: If God Himself Be for Me (vs. 1, 5, 6, 7)

Today's Message: *based on 1 Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11*

Standing Firm

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns