COVENANT COMMUNITY ONLINE WORSHIP

Tuesday Evening Prayer

**TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory.**

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 make our confession to God.

*Brief silence*

Holy God,

**we confess that we have rebelled against you and broken your law of love;**

**we have not loved our neighbours**

**nor heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us we pray,**

**and free us for joyful obedience;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.** **Amen.**

In Christ we are set free.

Through Christ we are forgiven.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**The Prayer of the Evening**

**Minister:** O God in whom there is no darkness

With whom the night is as the day:

enlighten us by your presence,

that waking or sleeping we may dwell

in your peace in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Psalm 115**

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”

Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but do not speak;

eyes, but do not see.

They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.

They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;

they make no sound in their throats.

Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them.

O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

The Lord has been mindful of us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel;

he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

May the Lord give you increase, both you and your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

The heavens are the Lord’s heavens,

but the earth he has given to human beings.

The dead do not praise the Lord,

nor do any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

**John 15.12–17**

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray.

God most gracious and most holy,

grant us the help of your Spirit

as we pray for the Church and the world.

We pray for the Church in every land

for our church and other local churches

in these unprecedented days of lockdown

that we may worship and serve you

with reverence and joy.

Lord, hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for the peoples of the world

and for the leaders of the nations

that especially during this global pandemic

all may work together for justice and peace.

Lord, hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who are ill or distressed

for the lonely and bereaved

and for those in any other need or trouble

that they may be comforted and sustained.

We hold before you especially those struggling

with the effects and implications of lockdown.

Lord, hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

Father, we remember before you all your servants

who have died, especially those in the faith of Christ.

We pray that we too may lead faithful and godly lives in this world, and finally share with all the saints in everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*We bring more personal intercessions to God….*

We draw all our prayers together in the prayer that Jesus gave us:

**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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