COVENANT COMMUNITY ONLINE WORSHIP

Tuesday Evening Prayer

**TUESDAY, 28 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!**

May my prayer be like incense set before you,

**and the lifting of my hands like the evening offering.**

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.

**Lord you are steadfast in your love**

**and infinite in your mercy;**

**you welcome sinners**

**and invite them to be your guests.**

**In silence we confess our sins,**

**trusting in you to forgive us.**

*Silence*

We have yielded to temptation and sinned:

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

We have turned from our neighbour in their need.

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

We have resisted your word in our hearts:

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins and keep us in life eternal. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Evening**

**Minister:** God and Father of all as this day ends

we offer up its hours in praise to you.

As we take our rest, unite us by your Spirit,

in praise of Christ our Lord, the Alpha and Omega,

the First and Last,

in whom we make our prayer. **Amen.**

**Psalm 116**

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted”;

I said in my consternation, “Everyone is a liar.”

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice

and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

**Revelation 22.1–5**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through 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.

Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And 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.

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

God our Father,

grant us the help of your Holy Spirit

in our prayers for the salvation of all people.

We pray for the Church throughout the world

for our church and all its members,

and other local churches in these unprecedented days,

that in faith and unity we may be constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit for mission and service.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the peoples of the world

for the leaders of the nations that especially during this global pandemic and economic upheaval

they may seek justice, freedom and peace for all.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country, for those who have authority and influence. We remember especially the Prime Minster and Cabinet, and those who advise them,

for County Councils and Local Authorities.

May all serve one another

in wisdom, honesty, and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those among whom we live and work,

for all our neighbours, for our families and loved ones near and far; teach us so to use your gifts that together we may find joy in your creation.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in sorrow, need, anxiety and sickness,

especially those whose health has deteriorated during this pandemic and those whose treatments have been put at risk; in weakness may they know your strength

and in despair find hope.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

In you, Father, we are one family, on earth and in heaven. We remember in your presence those who have died… giving thanks especially for those

who have revealed to us your grace in Christ.

Help us to follow the example of your saints in light

and bring us with them to the fullness of your

eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*In silence 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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