COVENANT COMMUNITY ONLINE

Tuesday Evening Prayer

**TUESDAY, 26 May 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Worship**

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

Jesus said: ‘Anyone who wants to ne a follower of mine must renounce self, and take up the cross and follow me.’

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself

**and has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.**

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 confess our sins to God:

**Most merciful God, we confess to you before the whole company of heaven that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

*Silence*

If we confess our sins God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **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 92:**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

The dullard cannot know,

the stupid cannot understand this:

though the wicked sprout like grass

and all evildoers flourish,

they are doomed to destruction forever,

but you, O Lord, are on high forever.

For your enemies, O Lord,

for your enemies shall perish;

all evildoers shall be scattered.

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;

you have poured over me fresh oil.

My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;

my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,

and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;

they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit;

they are always green and full of sap,

showing that the Lord is upright;

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

**Matthew 25.31–46**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**Prayers of Intercession**

Christ, through whom all things were made,

**sustain all creation.**

Christ, exalted in the lowest and the least,

**give us humility.**

Christ, present in the poor and the oppressed,

**fill us with compassion.**

Christ, forsaken in the hungry and the homeless,

**minister to them through our hands.**

Christ, present where two or three are gathered,

**be known among us.**

Christ, present in word, sacrament and sign,

**grant us your peace.**

*We bring more personal intercessions to God….*

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught his disciples we pray:

**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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