COVENANT COMMUNITY ONLINE

Tuesday Evening Prayer

Tuesday, 09 June 2020, 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

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 99**

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees,

and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy.

**Mark 1.1–20**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,’ ”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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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