

Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
June/July 2021

Welcome, Announcements, and Offering

Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

P: To you, O God,

C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known.

We come to you, confessing our sins.

Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.

Show us your ways; teach us your paths;

and lead us in justice and truth,

for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth,
and through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ,
God forgives you all your sins.

The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Psalm 103

P: For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing;

C: it is the gift of God.

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**²Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

**⁴who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

P: For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing;

C: it is the gift of God.

**⁶O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

**⁸Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

P: For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing;

C: it is the gift of God.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

**¹⁴For you know well how we are formed;
you remember that we are but dust.**

¹⁵As for mortals, their days are like the grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;

**¹⁶when the wind passes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.**

¹⁷But your steadfast love, O Lord, is forever with those who fear you,
and your righteousness is for the children's children;

**¹⁸for those who keep your covenant
and remember to do your commandments.**

¹⁹The Lord's throne is established in heaven;
God's dominion rules over all.

**²⁰Bless the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding,
who obey the voice of God's word.**

²¹Bless the Lord, all you hosts of God,
you servants who do God's will.

**²²Bless the Lord, all you works of God, in all places where God rules;
bless the Lord, O my soul.**

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing;

C: it is the gift of God.

Readings

Reflection

The Prayers

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, and new possibilities. In your name we pray. **C: Amen.**

Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful bless us, † keep us, and give us peace.

C: Amen.