Welcome

🎵 The Lord is my song

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

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Psalm 90

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
Before the mountains were born or the earth or the world brought forth, you are God, without beginning or end.
You turn us back into dust.
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.

♫ The Lord is my light

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust, in God I trust.

Theme II

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Scripture Reading  Jeremiah 31:31-34 (The Voice translation)

Look, the days are coming when I will bring about a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors long ago when I took them by the hand and led them out of slavery in Egypt. They did not remain faithful to that covenant—even though I loved and cared for them as a husband. This is the kind of new covenant I will make with the people of Israel when those days are over. I will put My law within them. I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will people have to teach each other or encourage their family members and say, “You must know the Eternal.” For all of them will know Me intimately themselves—from the least to the greatest of society. I will be merciful when they fail and forgive their wrongs. I will never call to mind or mention their sins again.
My soul is at rest
My soul is at rest in God alone, my salvation comes from God.

Gospel Reading

John 12:23-32 (Easy-to-Read Version)

Jesus said to them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to receive his glory. It is a fact that a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die before it can grow and produce much more wheat. If it never dies, it will never be more than a single seed. Whoever loves the life they have now will lose it. But whoever is willing to give up their life in this world will keep it. They will have eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me. My servants must be with me everywhere I am. My Father will give honor to anyone who serves me.

“No, I am very troubled. What should I say? Should I say, ‘Father save me from this time of suffering?’ No, I came to this time so that I could suffer. Father, do what will bring you glory!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have already brought glory to myself. I will do it again.” The people standing there heard the voice. They said it was thunder. But others said, “An angel spoke to him!” Jesus said, “That voice was for you and not for me. Now is the time for the world to be judged. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. I will be lifted up from the earth. When that happens, I will draw all people to myself.”

Silent Meditation (~10 minutes)

Prayer of Intercession

— Sung Response: Kyrie Eleison 13
Lord Christ, reveal the presence of your Kingdom in our midst.

O God, keep watch over the gate of our lips; may every hurt of this day be buried in your forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, show your light to the hearts that can no longer find the road to you.

O Christ, by your life offered to God, show us the road to life.

O Christ, remain alongside all who are undergoing a night of torment, the ill, and the homeless.

O Christ, keep us from the snares of discouragement and worry.

Our eyes are turned to you, O Lord; our souls find rest in you.

The Lord’s Prayer (from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer for Healing (adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;
bring healing to us all as we face the uncertainty of this time of pandemic.
Bring hope and courage that You will make us equal to whatever lies ahead.
Strengthen us to endure what cannot be avoided, imbue us with compassion
for all who suffer, and guide all who care for the sick with wisdom;
for your will, gracious God, is health and wholeness; in Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.
Nothing can trouble

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
We hope to resume in-person worship services (still with limited numbers and COVID safety precautions in place) in the Easter season! Perhaps our next Taize service will be held in the nave of St. John's on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 7 p.m.

**COMPLINE PRAYER SERVICE**

Tuesdays & Thursdays During Lent
7pm via Zoom (link in newsletter)

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The Psalm (Grail Translation from the Hebrew) and the Intercessions this evening are from Taize Prayer for Each Day.