

The Covenant of Baptism: To Strive for Justice and Peace

Prayer at the Close of Day + 6 April 2022 + 8:15pm Livestream

Opening Litany

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

to herald your love in the morning,

your truth at the close of the day.

Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

A brief silence is kept.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day.

**Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed –
but some is known only to you.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness.

Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God, we are united with Jesus Christ in whom we are forgiven.

We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve. **Amen**

Psalm 85

Spoken responsively.

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

³You have withdrawn all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

**⁴Restore us then, O God our Savior;
let your anger depart from us.**

⁵Will you be displeased with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger from age to age?

**⁶Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

**⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Psalm Prayer

God of grace, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son to be our Savior.
Help us to rejoice in your redeeming grace
by showing mercy and following in the way of justice and peace,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, redeemer of the world.

Amen

Reading Micah 6:6-8

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reflection

- What sacrifice does God receive joyfully from us?
- How does one do justice in this life?
- To whom can (or should) we more often show kindness?

Prayers

A brief silence.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness shall I see you;

when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Almighty and merciful God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

Amen.

We go in peace.