



“Come to me, all you who labour and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I AM gentle and humble of heart.

Here you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Progressive in Approach: Christ-like in Action!

Online Worship: March 22, 2020

In Need of Prayer?

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Prelude:

Dearest Lord Jesus We Are Here

Harmonization: JS Bach; arrang. Harriet Cohen Translation: Francis Brown

Dearest Jesus we are here to listen to you and your word.

Direct our minds and desires to the delightful teachings of heaven,
so that from the earth our hearts may be completely drawn to you.

Our knowledge and understanding are overshadowed with darkness

where the hand of your spirit does not fill us with clear light to think, act and write well.

You yourself must carry this out in us.

You, splendour of glory, light from light, born of God, make all of us ready.

Open our hearts, mouths and ears.

Grant Lord Jesus that our prayers, pleas and singing may succeed well.

Welcome & Invocation

Prayer of the Day

Music:

Kumbaya My Lord

African American Spiritual

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying,, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying,, Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbayah

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Traditional Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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.

First Reading: written by Fr. Richard Hendrick (March 13,2020)

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.

So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing.

Second Reading: A Prayer in Isolation by Judi Zirin

This is a prayer for faith and for science
That the sick be healed and fears quelled
That the lives of others take precedence over our own convenience
And that in our stillness, we find gratitude and peace.

A prayer that we value the humanity of all when allocating scarce resources
Recognize that Purell confers no benefit in basements and garages
May there be toilet paper for all

And neither sacrifice nor breath be taken for granted.
May time with family be a gift, and solitude respite
May businesses find their way;
And hustling take a back seat to ethical decision-making
May the market rise in response to our prayers for strong leadership and moral center.

This is a prayer for time spent enjoying who and what we have
For perspective on the small things that chafe our nerves in close quarters
For social distancing to make our hearts grow fonder
That we identify new priorities when seeing what we miss the most.

A prayer that the elderly and immunocompromised be free of illness
And the young take on the sacred charge to keep them safe
That we hold those suffering across the world as "us"

May our voices rise, unified: in panic and praise, protest and mourning, fear and joy.
May the wonder of g-d's mercy, the care of scientists and medical providers, a government free of motive, and the love of family and community protect us all.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Reflection: Prayer: To Whom? For What? How?

Music: ***Be Still and Know MYSTERY***

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a first ending bracket over the first two measures, and a second ending bracket over the last two measures. The lyrics are: "Be still and know Mys - ter - y. Be still and". The second staff begins with a measure number '6' above the first measure. The lyrics are: "know Mys - ter - y." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Interpretation of the Prayer Jesus taught...

**LOVER of us all, most holy one,
help us to respond to you
to create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs;
forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
just as we forgive others
when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil
and to do what is good;
for we are yours,
endowed with your power
to make the world whole.
All praise and honor is yours forever. Amen.** (adapted from Greenham Common)

Prayers of the People

Music ***Lift Thine Eyes*** from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

Blessing

Postlude: ***Lead Me Lord***
by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

We may not be able to gather physically, but we can find ways to connect and care for one another.

HOLY CROSS CARE TEAM: we are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP. You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.

PRAYER CONCERNS: For privacy reasons, we are not including names in our live streams. This week we will be setting up a ZOOM Prayer so that together we can create a space for our prayers. Invitations will be sent via email.

OFFERINGS: there are several ways to ensure that we are able to meet our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings.

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