

Worship Guide March 14, 2021

We rejoice in the blessings God gives us for body and soul. Yet how often do we worry that God won't provide for us—or at least not the way we want Him too. The 4th Petition and Jesus' passion teach us that God wants us to be content with His daily provision.



CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God has set this day before us,

C: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

P: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

C: but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.

P: Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.

C: Lent is a time to ponder how God provides and cares for us in each time.

P: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God and worship in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN

Come My Soul With Ev'ry Care

CW 409

Come, my soul, with ev'ry care; Jesus loves to answer prayer.
He himself bids you to pray. He will never turn away.

You are coming to a king-- large petitions with you bring.
For his grace and pow'r are such, none can ever ask too much

Lord, your rest to me impart; take possession of my heart.
There your blood-bought right maintain, and without a rival reign,

While I am a pilgrim here, let your love my spirit cheer.
As my guide, my guard, my friend, lead me to my journey's end.



CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dear friends, God promises that if we confess our sins to Him, he is faithful and just and will forgive us. Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

ALL: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I am sinful by nature and have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own fault. Therefore I ask God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

P: Specially today, we join together in confessing our sinfulness of doubting God's care and compassion.

C: Father, you want us to pray for our daily needs.

P: You have promised to hear us and care for us.

C: Yet we often fail to trust that you will provide for us.

P: May we learn the differences between what we want and what we need.

C: Give us contentment. Use us to help those who are in need around us.

P: Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. The Almighty Father has given His Son to live, die and rise for us. For his sake, He forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks and praise to our compassionate God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, in this season that commemorates the life and death of Jesus, remind us that His blood is always and ever reaching out toward us. Help us to see in Him the fulfillment of all of our needs. We ask this in your name, for as Father, Son and Holy Spirit you rule as one God, now and forever,

C: Amen



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 16:11-17

¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses: ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Say to them, ‘At evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³ So in the evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew was gone, there were thin flakes on the surface of the wilderness, thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” because they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents.” ¹⁷ The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less.

PSALM: Psalm 145

P: The LORD lifts up all who fall,

C: and he supports all who are bowed down.

P: The eyes of all look eagerly to you,

C: and you give them their food at the proper time.

P: He opens his hand,

C: and he satisfies the desire of every living thing.

P: The LORD is righteous in all his ways

C: and merciful toward all that he has made.

P: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

C: to all who call on him in truth.

P: He grants the desire of those who fear him.

C: He hears their cry and saves them.

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-20

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner

self, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, ¹⁹and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

SUNG RESPONSE:

713 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son



1 In si - lent pain th' e - ter - nal Son Hangs
 2 He died that we might die to sin And
 3 For strife he came, to bring a sword, The



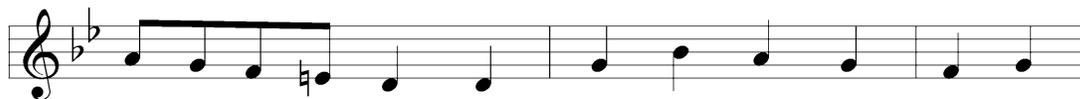
der - e - lict and still; In dark - ened day his
 live for right - eous - ness; The earth is stained to
 truth to end all lies; To rule in us, our



work is done, Ful - filled his Fa - ther's will. Up -
 make us clean And bring us in - to peace. For
 pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies: For



lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang - est
 peace he came and met its cost; He gave him - self to
 in his hand he holds the stars, His voice shall speak to



vic - to - ry, For in his bo - dy on the
 save the lost; He loved us to the ut - ter -
 end our wars, And those who love him see his



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 scars And look in - to his eyes.

GOSPEL LESSON AND SERMON TEXT: John 4:31-34

³¹ Meanwhile, the disciples kept urging him, “Rabbi, eat.” ³² But Jesus said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ Then the disciples said to each other, “Did anyone bring him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus told them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

John 19: 28-30

²⁸ After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

DAILY BREAD -I THIRST

PRAYER AT THE END OF THE SERMON:

Dear Father in heaven, all good things come from you. You provide all we need and more, even when we're unaware of Your role. Give us, and all people, what we need for the day. Give us a sense of contentment for what You give us and help us to share Your goodness with those around us. Above all, give us Your Son, the Bread of Life, so that we may survive not only for the next few days, but eternally. In His name we pray. Amen



CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

HYMN

Jesus Grant that Balm and Healing

CW 121

Jesus grant that balm and healing in your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril and from sinning keep me from its first beginning.

If the word my heart entices with the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices, let me think about the load.
You ere willing to endure; then I'll flee all thought impure,
Masking each wild temptation, calm in prayer and meditation.

SPECIAL PRAYERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

