

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McFarland, Kansas  
Wednesday Prayer Service  
April 22, 2020

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Versicles**

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;  
**hear me and answer me.**

Evening, morning, and noon  
**I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;  
**He will never let the righteous fall.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken.*

**Psalm**

*Psalm 4*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!  
You have given me relief when I was | in distress.\*  
Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

<sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?\*

How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself;\*

the LORD hears when I | call to him.

<sup>4</sup>Be angry, and | do not sin;\*

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacri- | fices,\*

and put your trust | in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, “Who will show | us some good?\*

Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!”

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy | in my heart\*

than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;\*

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Reading

1 Peter 1:3–9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

O Lord,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lord,  
have mercy upon 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** Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** O God, protect the tempted, the distressed, and the erring, and gently guide them. By Your great goodness bring them into the way of peace and truth. Graciously regard all who are in trouble, danger, temptation, or bondage to sin, and those to whom death draws near. In Your mercy draw them to Yourself; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Ever-present Lord, You have promised never to leave us nor forsake us but to abide with us to the end of time. Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely but find both comfort from Your promises and fulfillment in loving You and their neighbors all their days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Benedicamus**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Acknowledgments**

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