

## An Order of Worship for the Evenings in Lent

Thursday

*Leader* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Calm us, O Lord, as you stilled the storm. Still us, O Lord, keep us from harm. Let all the tumult within us cease. Enfold us, Lord, in your peace. In the name of Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

**Psalm 119: 105-112** *said together*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.

**Scripture** *Colossians 1: 9-14*

<sup>9</sup>So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. <sup>10</sup>Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. <sup>11</sup>We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, <sup>12</sup>always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, <sup>14</sup>who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Reflection

#### Prayers

*Leader* Lord have mercy.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Leader* Lord have mercy.

Let us pray together, saying the words of 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader* Lord hear our prayer;

*People* **And let our cry come to you.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

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Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**