

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship • Lent 2

[Psalm 25:6, 2b, 22 (EHV)]

PASTOR Today we pray to the God of mercy who suffered through the challenges of human life for us and forgives us all our sins. While we will endure many struggles in this life and we may feel like God is ignoring our prayers, may we follow the example of the Canaanite woman by persistently praying to Him in true faith and accepting His gracious answer.

"Remember, O LORD, your compassion and your mercy, for they are from eternity.

CONGREGATION Do not let me be put to shame. Redeem Israel, O God, from all its distress!"

Hymn • "Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest"

[CW 362]

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, My Sav - ior blest, My Hope and my Sal -
 2. Lord, as You will, So lead me still; Your mer - cy fails me
 3. Now hence - forth must I put my trust In You, O dear - est

va - tion! Lord, hear my plea: De - liv - er me From
 nev - er. My God, I pray: Teach me Your way To
 Sav - ior. Your gra - cious choice, Your Word and voice, Make

mis - er - y! Your Word brings con - so - la - tion.
 my last day; From e - vil keep me ev - er.
 me re - joice Though sin - ful my be - hav - ior.

-Stand-

Confession and Forgiveness

[Ps 3:7, 143:11, 27:9, 51:15]

☞ *In the Name of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father:*

☞ **Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.**

☞ *Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!*

☞ **For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.**

☞ *Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.*

☞ **Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.**

☞ *O Lord, open my lips;*

☞ **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

☞ *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

☞ **Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.**

☞ *Lift up your hearts in joy! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and brought you to everlasting life.*

Peace ☩ be with you.

Lenten Season Hymn

[text: "New Office Hymn Book" (1908) alt. • tune: CW 125]



1. O mer - ci - ful Cre - a - tor, hear! Ac - cept the pray'r and see the tear,
 2. The num - ber of our sins is great, But pi - ty us in our poor state.
 3. Blest Three- in- One, and One in- Three, We pray to You, blest Trin - i - ty,

Which toward Your Mer - cy Seat is sent In this most ho - ly time of Lent.
 And, for Your name's sake, Lord, make whole The faint - ing and the wea - ry soul.
 That in this time of for - ty days, We med - i - tate and sing Your praise.

Prayer of the Day • Lent 2

☞ Heavenly Father, strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that He may confirm our faith and hope in Your grace and mercy. Although we have reason to fear because of our conscience reminding us of our sin and unworthiness, give us a persistent faith like the woman from Canaan to cling to Your grace and mercy in every trouble.

☞ We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

-Be seated-

First Lesson • Isaiah 49:5-9a

📖 God promises to answer the prayers of His people—whether they be His own Israelites or the Gentiles (non-Israelites) with whom He has also shared salvation.

But now the LORD,
 who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
 to turn Jacob back to him,

so that Israel might be gathered to him,
so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,
because my God has been my strength—
⁶the LORD said:

It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant
to raise up only the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,
so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,
so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.
⁷This is what the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, its Holy One,
says to the one deeply despised,
to the one who is detested by the nation,
to the servant of rulers.

Kings will see and stand up.
Officials will see and bow down,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
because of the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

⁸This is what the LORD says.
In the time of favor, I will answer you.
In the day of salvation, I will help you.
I will guard you,
and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,
to re-establish the land,
to redistribute inheritances that are now deserted,
⁹to say to the prisoners, “Go forth!”
to those who are in the darkness, “Show yourselves!” (EHV)

📖 *This is the Word of the Lord.*

🙌 **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm Hymn • Psalm 27:8, 9, 1

[text: Dr. Cristoph Tietze • tune: CW 136]

1. My heart de - clared to You, O Lord: "Your coun - ten - ence my soul has sought;
 2. My light, my Sav - ior is the Lord, Of whom should I have an - y fear?
 3. All glo - ry to the Fath - er, Son, And to the Ho - ly Spir - it be;
 My heart shall ev - er seek Your face; Do not re - ject me, O my God."
 He is the stronghold of my life; Whom should I dread if He is near?
 As from the first it was, is now, And will be for e - ter - ni - ty.

Second Lesson • 1 Thessalonians 4:1–7

📖 St. Paul's epistle (letter) to the Congregation of Thessalonica stresses that a life of thanksgiving to God is a life of sanctification (being made holy) through God's Word.

Therefore, beyond this, brothers, just as you received instruction from us about how you are to walk so as to please God (as indeed you are doing), we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that you do so even more. ²To be sure, you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³Indeed, this is God's will: that you be sanctified, namely, that you keep yourselves away from sexual immorality. ⁴He wants each of you to learn to obtain a wife for yourself in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in lustful passion like the heathen, who do not know God. ⁶No one is to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we said previously and solemnly testified to it. ⁷For God did not call us for uncleanness, but in sanctification. (EHV)

📖 *This is the Word of the Lord.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation • Lent 2

[Psalm 106:2, 4, (EHV)]

☞ *Who can tell about the mighty deeds of the LORD?*

☞ **Who can cause all his praise to be heard?**

☞ *Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people.*

☞ **Visit me with your salvation.**

Gospel • Matthew 15:21–28

📖 A Canaanite woman shows her persistent faith by praying to Jesus for healing and clinging to His Word of grace even when it seems like Jesus is ignoring her.

Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!”

²³But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, “Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

²⁶He answered her, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to their little dogs.”

²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she said, “yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire.” And her daughter was healed at that very hour. (EHV)

☞ *Here ends the Gospel.*

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • “When In The Hour of Utmost Need”

[CW 493]



1. When in the hour of ut - most need We know not where to look for aid,
2. Then is our com-fort this a - lone That we may meet be-fore Your throne;
3. For You have promised, Lord, to heed Your child-ren's cries in time of need

When days and nights of anx-ious thought Nor help nor coun-sel yet have brought,
To You, O faith-ful God, we cry For res-cue in our mis - er - y.
Through Him whose name a - lone is great, Our Sav-ior and our ad - vo - cate.

Sermon • Matthew 15:21–28**Dogged Persistence Prevails**

1. Through Testing
2. Through Learning

-Stand-

Apostles' Creed

[ELH p. 46]

☞ *Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*

A **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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 shall 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.

Reception of Offerings and Prayer



Offerings are brought by those who are thankful to God for saving them through Jesus. Before the service starts we collect the offering in the designated areas in the entryway and Gathering Room. For those who wish to give digitally, please use the link to our digital giving platform to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

Prayer for God's Continued Mercy ~ *Kyrie*

☞ *Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.*

G **Amen.**

☞ *For our salvation which brings us peace with God; we pray to You, O Lord:*

G **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For the peace of the whole world, and the safety of the Christian Church; we pray to You, O Lord:*

G **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For this congregation and its members who join together in faith, reverence, and the fear of God; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🕊 **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For all faithful pastors and teachers in the service of Christ; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🕊 **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For our country, our elected officials, and all those in public service; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🕊 **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For this city, for every city and country, and for all faithful Christians who live in them; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🕊 **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For favorable weather, an abundance of crops, and temperate seasons; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🕊 **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For all those who travel by land, sea, and air; and for the sick and the suffering; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🕊 **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🕊 **Lord, have mercy.**

-Additional petitions may be prayed here, each using the following formula-

☞ *For ... [additional petitions] ... we pray to You, O Lord:*

🕊 **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.*

-Silence for personal prayer-

☞ *Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.*

☞ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

☞ *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

☞ **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.**

-Be seated-

Hymn • "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

[CW 129]



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, And did my Sov - 'reign die? Would
 2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned up - on the tree? A -
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And shut its glo - ries in When

He de - vote that sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?
 maz - ing pit - y grace un - known, And love be - yond de - greel
 God, the might - y Mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P *Let us pray:*

We give thanks to You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

G O God, grant us Your grace to remain in this saving faith until we see You face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Blessing

[Ps 103:1]

P *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

G Amen.

Closing Hymn • "O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are"

[text: ELH 271 alt • tune: CW 541]

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

1. O Je-sus, Lamb of God, You are My Life, and my heart's Com - fort - er.
 2. Help me to mend my ways, O Lord, And glad - ly to o - bey Your Word.

I come to You, A sin - ner poor, And at Your feet my sins I pour.
 While here I live, with me a - bid. When death comes, bring me to Your side.

-Be seated-