

  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Lenten Midweek Prayer**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
11:45 a.m. · Sanctuary**

<b>Prelude</b>	Siciliano from Sonata in E Major, BWV 1035	J.S. Bach
	Adagio from Flute Quartet in D Major, K. 285	W.A. Mozart

**\*Opening Sentences**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

Jesus told his disciples:  
**If any want to become my followers**  
let them deny themselves  
**and take up their cross and follow me.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

O gracious and holy God,  
give us diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to perceive you,  
and patience to wait for you.  
Grant us, O God,  
a mind to meditate on you;  
eyes to behold you;  
ears to listen for your word;  
a heart to love you;  
and a life to proclaim you;  
through the power of the Spirit  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Attributed to Benedict of Nursia c. 480-547)*

**Psalm 5**

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
give heed to my sighing.
- 2 **Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.**
- 3 O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.
- 4 **For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
evil will not sojourn with you.**
- 5 The boastful will not stand before your eyes;  
you hate all evildoers.
- 6 **You destroy those who speak lies;  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.**
- 7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
will enter your house,  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
in awe of you.
- 8 **Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness  
because of my enemies;  
make your way straight before me.**
- 9 For there is no truth in their mouths;  
their hearts are destruction;  
their throats are open graves;  
they flatter with their tongues.
- 10 **Make them bear their guilt, O God;  
let them fall by their own counsels;  
because of their many transgressions cast them out,  
for they have rebelled against you.**
- 11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy.  
Spread your protection over them,  
so that those who love your name may exult in you.
- 12 **For you bless the righteous, O LORD;  
you cover them with favor as with a shield.**

## **Psalm Prayer:**

You alone, O God, are holy and righteous,  
and we praise you for protecting us in times of trial.  
Keep us safe from all evil  
and lead us in paths of justice  
that we may know the joy of trusting Jesus Christ  
our shield and defender. **Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading**

II Corinthians 2:14-3:6

## **Responsive Prayer on Christ's Passion**

Our Redeemer suffered death,  
was buried and rose again for our sake.  
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

Christ our teacher,  
for us you were obedient, even to death:  
**Teach us to obey God's will in all things.**

Christ our life,  
by dying on the cross  
you destroyed the power of evil and death:  
**Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.**

Christ our strength,  
you were despised,  
and humiliated as a condemned criminal:  
**Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.**

Christ our salvation,  
you gave your life out of love for us:  
**Help us to love one another.**

Christ our Savior,  
on the cross you embraced all time  
with your outstretched arms:  
**Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant us peace.**

Eternal God,  
as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,  
so give us the grace of repentance  
that we may pass through the grave with him  
and be born again to eternal life.  
For he is the One  
who was crucified, died, and was buried,  
and rose again for us.  
Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*(Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer, p. 86-87)*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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**\*Dismissal**

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**  
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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**\*Please stand as you are able.**

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