

Live from St. John's Chapel – A Thursday Evening Prayer Service

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

All: Delight in God's goodness!

Leader: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

All: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

Leader: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

All: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

All: O Lord, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given to each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing to your love and your healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Litany of Thanksgiving (Psalms 106, 107, 118, 136)

Leader: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them; that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say:

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say:

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say:

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

All: His love endures forever.

Scripture and Meditation

The Second Syllable – By Mr. Kirk Homrighouse

Evening Prayer

Leader: Let us lift up our joys and concerns to God. (silence)

Leader: Gracious and generous God, caring and compassionate Savior: Thank you for hearing our prayers. You are always with us, offering guidance, healing and hope. We know that when things seem dark or are dazzlingly bright; when troubled times assail or peace reigns; there you are with us. Continue to guide and challenge our lives. Lead us in pathways of service and away from trails of fear and anxiety. Open our hearts to receive your healing transforming love that we might serve you more faithfully; for we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Benediction

Leader: May God bless you and keep you, May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. And may God look upon you with kindness and give you peace, Amen.