

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

People: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Leader: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

People: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

Leader: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

People: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

All: Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.

Responsive Reading

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you with concern about our country and ask your help in bringing healing to our land. Help us to remember that our differences in politics, gender, race and age are far less important than the fact that we are all your children

Response: "Hear our prayer oh Lord." (Brief silence)

Leader: We are thankful for your teaching that we are to "treat others as we want to be treated" and ask your help in applying that principles to our daily lives. Help us to stay mindful of the fact that we are to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Response: "Hear our prayer oh Lord." (Brief silence)

Leader: We pray for the leaders of our country and ask that you will help them to see the importance of finding ways to work together for the good of our country and for the world.

Response: "Hear our prayer, oh Lord." (Brief silence)

Leader: We pray for forgiveness for those times when we have failed to show respect for others and have been too quick to dismiss those we disagree with. Help us to see the person behind the views that are being expressed

Response: "Hear our prayer, oh Lord." (Brief silence)

Leader: We pray for the humility to admit the limits of what we know and to acknowledge when we are wrong. Help us to keep our own shortcomings in perspective so we can work more effectively with others.

Response: "Hear our prayer, oh Lord." (Brief silence)

Leader: We pray for the patience to listen to others even when we disagree with what they are saying.

Response: "Hear our prayer, oh Lord." (Brief silence)

Leader: We pray for wisdom needed to understand those who have different views and the courage to find ways to work together for the common good.

Response: "Hear our prayer, oh Lord." (Brief silence)

Prayer Service Meditation

"My Eye Floater is a Heart" by Rev. Mark Katrick

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in confidence and peace, joyfully serving the Lord who walks with you. Bring hope to the hopeless, joy to those who sorrow, peace to the afflicted. Be true witnesses to the love of God through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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