

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God, whose love quenches our thirst.

People: We are parched and thirsty for God's healing word.

Leader: Let us praise God who is with us always.

People: We seek the one who will not desert us.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to God who calls us by name.

People: We come, seeking reconciled relationship with God. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

All: Open our hearts today, O Lord, to feel the powerful strength and love you have for us. Help us to listen, not only with our ears, but with our spirits for your words of compassion and healing. Enable us to become more faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray . . .

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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

All: Life is sometimes like a giant spider web. We seem to get caught and entangled in its threads, not knowing which way to turn or how to extricate our \selves from the dilemmas in which we are trapped. Lord, you know that so many of these dilemmas and burdens are of our own creation, coming out of our stubbornness and fear. We find it much easier to turn our back on people in need, or just write a check and hope that the problems go away. Forgive us when we decide not to become involved in the solution, when we would rather back off from helping and turn and run for cover. Give us an extra measure of courage and strength along with your forgiving love, that we may again place our whole trust in you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Let go of the demons that bind you in sorrow. Christ has broken those bands and reaches out in love for you. Receive God's loving blessings, for they are given especially for you. AMEN.

Prayer Service Meditation

"A reading I did not preach from last Sunday – Luke 8:26-39" by Rev. Mark Katrick

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

Leader: God has poured blessing after blessing upon you. You are healed and sent forth to serve in God's world. Go in peace and may God's peace always be with you. AMEN.