

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

People: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Leader: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

People: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Leader: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

People: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

Leader: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

People: And we will dwell in God's house forever. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

All: With joy we come this evening to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. Let us pray the way Jesus taught us . . .

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 (Psalm 23, John 10, Revelation 7)

All: **Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know you by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (Psalm 23, John 10, Revelation 7)

Leader: Even in the darkest valley, though death's shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God will comfort and shelter us. No harm will come to us. No one can snatch us out of the Lord's hand. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Prayer Service Meditation

The Lead Characters of Lent – Cleopas and the Other Disciple by Rev. Mark Katrick

Pastoral Prayer**Benediction**

Leader: Go forth in peace and hope, for God is your guardian and guide. Bring news of God's love to all whom you meet. AMEN.