

# Daily Morning Prayer – March 23, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## Prelude

## Preparatory Prayer

Let us prepare our hearts in worship as we are reminded in Daniel 9:9-10, “To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us.”

## Opening Song

#87 - "O Worship The King" vv.1,2,4

O worship the King, all Glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in Thee do we trust; nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and friend.  
Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says*

Let us **KNEEL** and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name.  
Amen.

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on US, forgive US all OUR sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen US in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep US in eternal life. *Amen.*

## “同心來敬拜”

- 1 同心來敬拜，天上大君王，  
祂權能慈愛咱當來尊崇，  
祂做咱的盾牌永遠在保護，  
住燦爛的明宮，得讚美稱呼。
- 2 傳報主權能，播揚祂愛疼，  
用光做衣穿穹蒼做帳房，  
雷鳴的大響聲顯出主權威，  
深奧奇秒作為，人人當敬畏。
- 4 人本是塵土，軟弱又痛苦，  
倚靠主大恩得勝到有剩，  
主極慈悲溫柔愛咱到永遠，  
做咱及時幫助，救咱到完全。  
阿們。

## Invitatory

*Officiant* Let us **STAND** for the invitatory and Psalm.

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

## *Jubilate (Psalm 100)*

Sing to the Lord, all the world! Worship the Lord with joy!

Come before Him with happy songs! Enter the temple with thanksgiving.

Go into its courts with praise! Give thanks to Him and praise Him!

The Lord is good; His love is eternal and His faithfulness lasts for ever!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Officiant* Let us open our Bibles to *Psalm 51:10-19*. We will read it responsively.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
And uphold me *with* Your generous Spirit.

<sup>13</sup> *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
And sinners shall be converted to You.

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
The God of my salvation,  
*And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

<sup>16</sup> For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*;  
You do not delight in burnt offering.

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit,  
A broken and a contrite heart—  
These, O God, You will not despise.

<sup>18</sup> Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;  
Build the walls of Jerusalem.

<sup>19</sup> Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,  
With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;  
Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

**All sing the GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The Lesson**

*Officiant* Please **BE SEATED** for the lessons.

*Reader* The Old Testament lesson is taken from *Isaiah 55:1-9*.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

*Reader* The New Testament lesson is taken from *1 Corinthians 13:1-7*.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

“上帝是愛”

聖哉！聖哉！

萬主的主！

聖哉！聖哉！

上帝是愛！

上帝愛世人，上帝愛世人，  
甚至將祂的獨生子賞賜給他們，  
叫一切信祂的人不至滅亡，  
信祂的人不至滅亡，  
反得著永生，反得著永生。

聖哉！聖哉！

上帝是愛！

**The Sermon (by Pastor Jefferson Sia)**

**The Creed**

*Officiant* Please **STAND** for the Apostle’s Creed.

*All stand to declare*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God

the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us **KNEEL** and pray.

### **Suffrages**

V. Show us Your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us Your salvation.

V. Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let Your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in You can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under Your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let Your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with Your Holy Spirit.

V. Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Moment of Silence*

*Officiant closes with the following collect*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with Your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

Most merciful Lord, we do not trust in our own merits to come to Your table, but in Your boundless grace. You have invited us to come to the table of the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to partake of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may ever-more live in Him, and He in us. Amen.

### **The Peace**

Let us all **STAND**.

*The Celebrant says to the people* Our Lord Jesus Christ says: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.”

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*The people exchange the peace of the Lord.*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### **Offertory**

*Celebrant*

Psalm 96:8, “Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts.”

### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **#75 - A Mighty Fortress Is My God vv.1-3**

*Verse 1*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

*Verse 2*

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God’s own choosing.

### **“上帝做咱堅固營寨”**

- 1 上帝做咱堅固營寨，  
做咱盾牌到萬世，  
雖有危險艱苦阻礙，  
咱免驚惶不受害，  
咱的君王興起，靠祂奇妙計智，  
魔鬼雖然兇猛，我主有大權能，  
咱的上帝永得勝。
- 2 咱若倚靠自己能力，  
就沒氣力勝對敵，  
全能的主發出號令，  
與惡交戰穩得勝，

Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His name,  
from age to age the same,  
and He must win the battle.

*Verse 3*

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him. Amen.

君王什麼名字，耶穌基督就是，  
祂是獨一無二，上帝獨生的子，  
靠祂交戰穩當贏。

3 世界充滿魔鬼計謀，  
主會保護眾信徒，  
咱不免驚仇敵陷害，  
主的真理永同在，  
魔鬼恐嚇的聲，我心全然無驚，  
只要主出一聲，對敵驚惶四散，  
罪惡權勢不害我。阿們。

***After the offerings are collected, the people sing the Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving (Pre-Consecrated Elements)**

*The people remain standing after the offertory.*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Officiant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,  
who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

***Celebrant and People sing the Sanctus***

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High! Amen.

*Officiant* Let us kneel and pray.

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: in Your infinite love You made us in Your image; and when we fell into sin and became subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we offer You these gifts, which have been sanctified beforehand, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Sanctify us also, that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

V. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

R. Let us rejoice and exult and give the glory to the Lord.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **(Communion Music)**

*The server distributes the bread and wine.*

*Upon receiving, the ministers partake of the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people, with these words:*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us kneel and pray.

### **Prayer for Missions**

*Celebrant and People*

Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out Your arms of love on the cross that everyone might come within the reach of Your saving embrace: Grant that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know You to the knowledge and love of You; for the honor of Your Name. *Amen.*

### **General Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all blessings, we sincerely thank You for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for the immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that, with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant may close with the following Scripture*

May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)

*The threefold amen is sung.*

*Officiant*

Please be seated for some announcements.

### **Announcements**

1. Next week, there will be a book sale at the side of our sanctuary after the worship service. You may visit and check the many Christian books and resources that you can purchase.

### **Closing Hymn #293 – “The Hour Of Worship”**

As our strains of worship end,  
Hymns of praise to God ascends;  
Hearts in fellowship aflame,  
Ever come to praise God's name.

Each day's work we must fulfill,  
All according to God's will;  
Each his task attends with care,  
God's protection all can share.

If some sorrow we must bear,  
Trust with patience in His care;  
Through God's grace the Spirit brings,  
Comfort in our sufferings.

### **“此時禮拜將要畢”**

1 此時禮拜將要畢，  
大家吟詩可四散，  
心靈常常相交陪，  
盼望後期再聚會。

2 六日所做當細膩，  
各樣照主所教示，  
士農工商照法度，  
纔可得着主保護。

3 或者有時受艱苦，  
忍耐倚靠主照顧，  
懇求天父施恩惠，  
得着聖神大安慰。



Through temptation strength we find,  
As the gold by fire refined;  
Transient are our days on earth,  
Heav'nly life will spring to birth. Amen.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

4 經過試煉愈堅固，  
親像黃金落火爐，  
世間艱苦是暫時，  
不比天堂永福氣。阿們。