

SEASON OF LENT 2021  
WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING

DIALOGUE

- P Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
C **now is the day of salvation.**  
P Turn us again, O God of our salvation,  
C **that the light of your face may shine on us.**  
P May your justice shine like the sun;  
C **and may the poor be lifted up.**

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set light in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## WORD

In Community with Creation

Mark 4:35-41 *Jesus Calms a storm*

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

<sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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## PRAYER

*Reflection, Personal Prayer, Candle Lighting*

### PRAYERS

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

P Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

**C To you, O Lord.**

P O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## OFFERING

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

P Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
Be of good courage;  
Hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil;  
Strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak;  
Help the afflicted;  
Honor all people;  
Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**