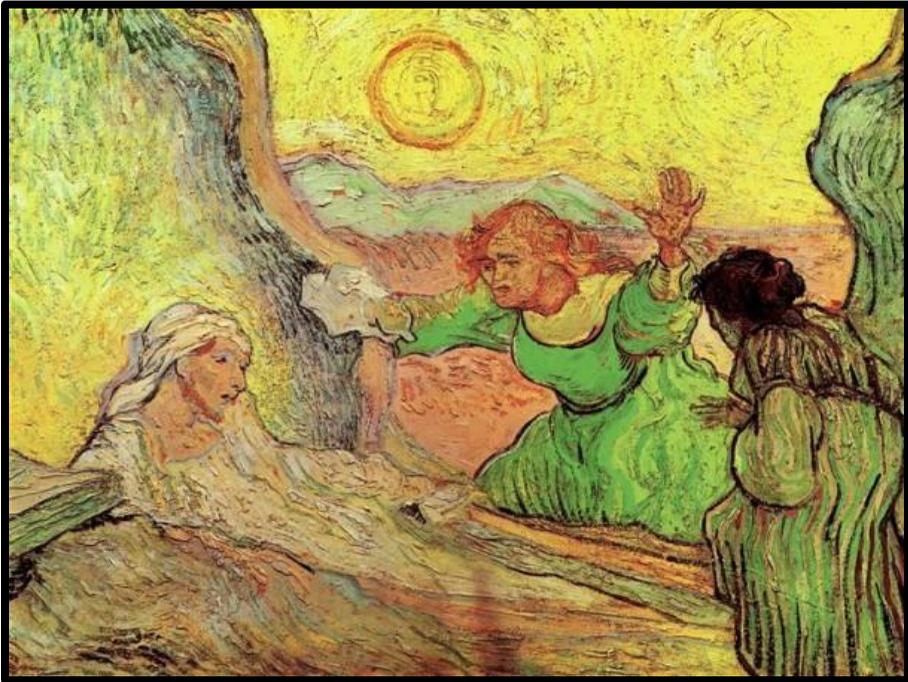


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*



Fifth Sunday in Lent, Rite II

March 29, 2020

"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."

The Rule of St. Benedict

Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.

Processional Hymn

Priest Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

We kneel or sit.

Priest
Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not make for yourself any idol.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest Honor your father and your mother.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not commit murder.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not commit adultery.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not steal.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not be a false witness.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We kneel or sit for the prayer of Confession. Silence may be kept.

In Unison

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.

Priest

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

Liturgy of the Word

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for **Amen**.

Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy on us.

People Christ, have mercy on us.

Priest Lord, have mercy on us.

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath Thus says the Lord GOD Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 130

Lector Let us read Psalm 130 responsively,

130:1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

130:3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,*

Lord, who could stand?

130:4 But there is forgiveness with you,*

so that you may be revered.

130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,*

and in his word I hope;

130:6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,*
more than those who watch for the morning.

130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!*
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

130:8 With him there is great power to redeem*
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:6-11

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff, our Diocesan Bishop, and for all other ministers;; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for Jan, Gail, Puzz, Toni Petty, Dorothy, Margaret, David, Ed, Colleen, Lisa, Paul, Neil, Maddie, Edward Stephen, Jubilee, Tasha, Malachi, Damien, and, Sharon and Fred, Rosemarie.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. For the Congregations in the Elgin Deanery: St. Philip in Palatine; One in Christ in Prospect Heights; St. Mary in Park Ridge; St. James in West Dundee; and for the Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: San Juan Bautista in Oaxaca; and St. Bartholomew in Thiangular.
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the
thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has
been honored Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ
in our own day.

Priest Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in
the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we
pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in
our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Offer prayers for the people you might offer the Peace to.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

This is what the Lord asks of you and only this: that you act justly,
love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

*While we are not in the church itself, contributions can be mailed in (and
hopefully will).*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2 Enriching Our Worship

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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 have sinned 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

(Silence is observed after the bread is broken.)

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread and wine at the Lord's table. We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Priest Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Priest

May through the observance of this holy season, come to realize the possibilities within us, that we may attain to the fullness of our humanity, and may the blessing of God, Creator, Saviour, Giver of life and truth, be upon you this day and always. **Amen**

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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For Wedding Anniversaries

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Travelers

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Sending Forth

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago

Member of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available

Sundays 10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

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Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May

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Bill Cummings, Jacob Maas

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We ask that you take good care of yourselves and each other. I am working closely with the lay leadership and staff, to explore and place into practice, ways for us to continue to communicate in prayer, worship, and fellowship.

As Bishop Lee guides us (read his letter below), and many of you have also suggested, this is an opportune time for us to use our existing resources more effectively as well as introduce new ones that will help us to meet the changing needs of our parishioners and hopefully help better enrich our spiritual lives.....

Our vestry has begun to implement these changes with their use of Zoom Conferencing used for this months vestry meeting (3/15/2020). We plan to continue to use Zoom, and include many of you that are interested, in learning and experiencing the use of Zoom, as well as other tools such as FaceTime (Apple) and FaceBook to have a meeting, in addition to emailing and texting, to stay in-touch, continue our work., and we are always a phone call away!

Additionally, I am working with lay leadership across the program areas, worship teams and office staff, assessing and developing some online possibilities and opportunities for our church to stream that include; prayer, worship, music, etc. More information will be forthcoming.

Please feel free to reach out to me via text, email or phone.

Yours in Christ, The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson, Rector

Dear People of God in the Diocese of Chicago

As I am sure you are aware, the guidance from public health authorities about how to slow the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by coronavirus, is changing by the hour. One thing, however, is certain: As Christians, we have a clear responsibility to help slow the spread of the disease so that the health care system does not become too overwhelmed to care for the most vulnerable among us. This year, I believe this is among our most pressing Lenten disciplines.

Accordingly, I urge everyone to stay home from church beginning this Sunday. Because I know we will not be able to reach everyone with this message before Sunday, I am asking clergy and lay leaders in congregations without clergy to plan to hold worship in person for those who do attend, using the guidelines I have offered in my previous two letters on the subject. After this Sunday, however, I ask that all in-person worship, meetings and events across the Diocese of Chicago be suspended until further notice.

The exception, of course, are ministries that serve those most in need. As you seek to modify those programs in the time of coronavirus, I commend to you these guidelines from our friends in the Diocese of Indianapolis.

This hiatus, which a colleague of mine called a Lenten fast from public worship, offers an opportunity for us to explore online worship. Beginning on Sunday, March 22, I will offer online worship on Sunday mornings via a link that will be posted on the diocesan website, on social media, and in the email newsletter. I also encourage congregations to host worship online; these suggestions for doing so may be helpful.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are also cancelling diocesan events for the foreseeable future. This includes, regrettably, the Chrism Mass traditionally held on Tuesday of Holy Week.

Other diocesan meetings will be held online, and if you are a member of one of those groups, you will receive information about how to join your gathering soon.

The Nicholas Center will be closed beginning on Saturday, and while my staff will continue working, many of them will be doing so remotely. Please know that you can reach them or me via email using the staff listing on the website .

During these days that few of us could have foreseen, may God's peace comfort and sustain each one of you. Know that you remain in my prayers now and always.

Faithfully, Bishop Jeffrey Lee

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

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Prayers of the People: Book of Common Prayer, Form II

Household Prayers: Long, K. B. (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

Household Prayer: Morning

*O God, I know that you are the Lord, for you gave me my life,
and caused me to rise this day. Put your Spirit within me,
and let my words and actions help others to know
that you are my Lord and my God. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*My soul waits for you, O Lord,
more than those who watch for morning,
more than those who watch for morning.
Help me to sleep this night in peace,
trusting that you will awaken me;
through Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen.*

A word about the Household Prayers:

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.