

# MIDWEEK PRAYER

## LENT 2026



*Living our Baptismal Promises*

**Bold—Congregation** Non-Bold—Pastor / Leader

# Mid-Day Prayer

## OPENING

*The assembly stands. A large, lighted candle may be carried to its place.*

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

**Now is the day of salvation.**

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

**That the light of your face may shine on us.**

May your justice shine like the sun;

**And may the poor be lifted up.**

## HYMN OF LIGHT

*Christ, Be Our Light*

**ELW #715**

## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God.**

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you called light into being,

and you set lights 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.

**Amen.**

## **PSALMODY**

*The psalmody begins with Psalm 141, a song of forgiveness and protection.*

*Leader*

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
the lifting up of my hands as a holy sacrifice.

*Group One*

**O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

*Group Two*

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
the lifting up of my hands as sacrifice.**

*Group One*

**Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips.**

*Group Two*

**Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

*Group One*

**But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;  
in you I take refuge.  
Strip me not of my life.**

*Group Two*

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense;  
the lifting up of my hands as a holy sacrifice.**

*All*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **WORD**

*The assembly is seated.*

*After the conclusion of each reading, the assembly may respond* **Thanks be to God.**

## **BRIEF REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

*The reflection may conclude with the following dialogue.*

### **DIALOGUE AFTER THE REFLECTION**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
**but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

### **LENTEN HYMN**

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

**ELW #326**

*The assembly may stand to sing.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assembly kneels or stands.*

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

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.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

*A time of silence.*

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.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**O God, from whom come all holy desires,  
all good counsels, and all just works:**

**give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,  
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;  
and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,  
may live in peace and quietness;**

**through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
Keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Restore in Us, O Lord*

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## **SENDING**

Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

