

Prayers of Intercession (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart " **ELW #484**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**  
Almighty and merciful God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

**Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.\*



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
Wednesday Evening Lenten Service  
March 11, 2020  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Greeting*

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God\**

Hymn "Break Now the Bread of Life" **ELW #515**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.  
**Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**  
**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**  
**We have strayed from your love for all people.**  
**Turn us back to you, O God.**  
**Give us new hearts and right spirits,**  
**that we may find what is pleasing to you**  
**and dwell in your house forever.**  
**Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☐ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

### Deuteronomy 8:2-3

<sup>2</sup>Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these

#### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\**

forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. <sup>3</sup>He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

### Psalm 178:12-29

<sup>12</sup>In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

<sup>13</sup>**He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.**

<sup>14</sup>In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

<sup>15</sup>**He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**

<sup>16</sup>He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

<sup>17</sup>**Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert.**

<sup>18</sup>They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved.

<sup>19</sup>**They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"**

<sup>20</sup>Even though he struck the rock so that water gushed out and torrents overflowed,

can he also give bread, or provide meat for his people?"

<sup>21</sup>**Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of rage; a fire was kindled against Jacob, his anger mounted against Israel,**

<sup>22</sup>because they had no faith in God, and did not trust his saving power.

<sup>23</sup>**Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;**

<sup>24</sup>he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

<sup>25</sup>**Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.**

<sup>26</sup>He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;

<sup>27</sup>**he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;**

<sup>28</sup>he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.

<sup>29</sup>**And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.**

### The holy gospel according to John 10:1-10

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup>for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but

raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

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