

## Lenten Midday Prayer – March 6, 2024 (What Will Heaven be Like?)

### Welcome

#### Invocation – Screen

L: The Light Shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it, because Jesus is the Light of the World. We gather in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### St. Luke's Preschool Singers – Lyrics on Screen

#### Opening Prayer – Screen

L: O God of Peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### Litany of Healing – Screen

L: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers:

*(Please take a moment of silent reflection.)*

L: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

L: God the Son, who came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

L: God the Spirit, whose temple our bodies are.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

L: Holy Trinity, in whom we live, and move, and have our being.

**C: Have mercy on us. Amen.**

#### First Reading: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:51-58 – Screen

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L. The Word of the Lord,

**C. Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Reading: Mark 12:13-27 – Screen

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him. Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; and the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman

herself died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Prayers – Screen**

L: We pray that you will hear us, O Lord; and will grant your grace to all.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will be with the leaders of the nations, that their decisions will sustain the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will sustain those who face long or terminal illness, bearing them up as on eagle's wings.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will abide with all who are lonely or despondent, having no one to comfort them.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will restore all who are in mental darkness to soundness of mind and cheerfulness of heart.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will grant us life eternal so we may live in your hope that doesn't disappoint.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will give your wisdom in ample measure to doctors, nurses, and medical workers of all kind, so that with knowledge, skill, patience, they may minister to the sick.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will give us grateful hearts for your healing power already at work all around us.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

### **Lord's Prayer – Screen**

L: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Savior taught us.

**C: 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.**

### **Closing Prayer – Screen**

L: Jesus Lamb of God, bearer of our sins, redeemer of the world.

**C: Have mercy on us and give us your peace. Amen.**

### **Benediction - Screen**

L: May the Lord fill us with the light and truth and love of the Spirit, overflowing that we share it with others in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**