

Welcome

Call to Worship (From Psalm 49)

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world, both low and high, rich and poor alike: My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding. I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle: Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me — those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches? No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them

Hymn – MP 3 – Abba father (Sung twice)

Abba Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone.
May my will for ever be
evermore Your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
never let me go,
Abba Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone.

Prayers of Confession & Adoration

Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2-12 & 2:18-23 - ²“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” ³ What do people gain from all their labours at which they toil under the sun? ⁴ Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever. ⁵ The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises. ⁶ The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. ⁷ All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. ⁸ All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. ⁹ What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there anything of which one can say, “Look! This is something new”? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time. ¹¹ No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them. ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. – **2** ¹⁸I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labour under the sun. ²¹ For a person may labour with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labour under the sun? ²³ All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

First Thought – ‘Ducks in a row!’

Hymn – MP 1008 – The Lord’s my Shepherd

1. The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*
2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*
3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

Reading: Luke 12: 13-21 - ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’” ¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’” ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’” ²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Message – ‘Don’t worry about a thing!’

Hymn - MP 115 – Do not be afraid

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are Mine.*

1. When you walk through the waters I’ll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are Mine.*

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2. When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are Mine.*

3. When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember that I am by your side.

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are Mine.*

4. When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in My eyes.

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are Mine.*

5. You are Mine, O My child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are Mine.*

Dedication of Offering & Prayers for Others

Hymn - MP 167 – Give me oil in my lamp

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking,
make me a fisher of men, I pray;
make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking,
keep me seeking till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

3. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
keep me singing till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

Benediction & Amen

***Retiring Hymn – MP 557 – Praise God from whom all
blessings flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!