

We Gather in Prayer (Prayer 11)

Call to Prayer:

Leader: Come to me, you who are tired,
You who are burdened, come.

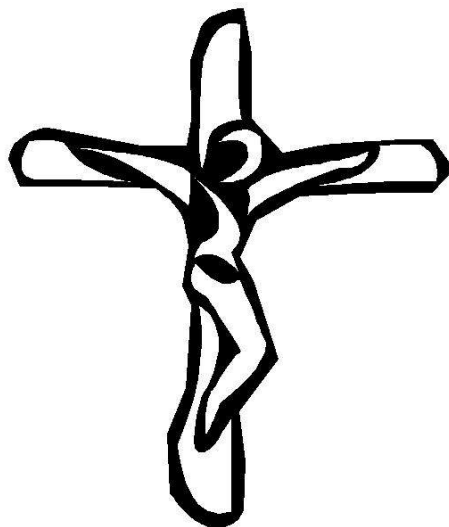
All: We come with our hopes and our fears;
We come as we are.

Leader: I have loved you with an everlasting love.
From your mother's womb,
I have taken delight in you.

All: We come in joy and in need;
We come as we are.

Leader: Today is the acceptable time,
Now is the hour of salvation.
All who are burdened, come.

All: Today is the acceptable time,
Now is the hour of salvation.
We come as we are.



Song: OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear your voice;
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

I live within you
Deep in your heart,
Oh love. I live within you,
Rest now in me. Rest now in me.
Rest now in me.

Psalm 63:

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body desires you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in your presence to see you strength and your glory. **R.**

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life long, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed, I remember you. On you I ponder through the night; for you have been my help. In the shadow of your face I rejoice; you right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Glory be to the Father...

Reflection:

Scripture Reading: John 3: 31-36

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Prayer Intentions:

Leader: Aware of God's presence within and among us as we gather in community, for whom and for what do we wish to pray?

Our Father:

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, nothing is impossible if we put aside our hesitations and build our dreams with faith -faith in ourselves, faith in our brothers and sisters and above all, faith in you. Grant us the grace to seek you in the love of our brothers and sisters, to discover your name in their faces, to encounter you at the center of our community and our mission. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother and Savior. Amen.

