

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### LESSON: Romans 8:12-17

So, my brothers and sisters, we must not be ruled by our sinful selves or live the way our sinful selves want. If you use your lives to do the wrong things your sinful selves want, you will die spiritually. But if you use the Spirit's help to stop doing the wrong things you do with your body, you will have true life.

The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them. The Spirit we received does not make us slaves to fear; it makes us children of God. With that Spirit we cry out, "Father." And the Spirit himself joins with our spirits to say we are God's children. If we are God's children, we will receive blessings from God together with Christ. But we must suffer as Christ suffered so that we will have glory as Christ has glory.

*L This is the word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17

There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. One night he went to Jesus and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him."

Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again."

"How can a grown man be born again?" Nicodemus asked. "He certainly cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!"

"I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit. Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again. The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG OF PRAISE: *Holy Holy Holy*

Verse 1

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Verse 2

Holy holy holy  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art and evermore shall be

Chorus

From the cradle to the cross  
God with us God with us  
For this broken world You love  
God with us God with us  
You gave up Your only Son  
God with us God with us  
So that all the world will know our God with us

Verse 3

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

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“How can this be?” asked Nicodemus.  
Jesus answered, “You are a great teacher in Israel, and you don’t know this? I am telling you the truth: we speak of what we know and report what we have seen, yet none of you is willing to accept our message. You do not believe me when I tell you about the things of this world; how will you ever believe me, then, when I tell you about the things of heaven? And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.”

As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Miriam

## SONG OF THE DAY AND OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed: Yes, We Believe*

### Verse 1

Do you believe in God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and of earth?

### Chorus

Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!  
Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!  
Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!

### Verse 2

Do you believe in Jesus, God’s only Son,  
our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
suffered and died, and was buried?

### Verse 3

Do you believe that on that third day  
he rose from the dead, and is now seated  
at the Father’s right hand?

### Verse 4

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
(Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!)

In the Lord, the giver of all life?  
(Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!)  
With the Father and Son, he is worshiped  
and glorified.  
(Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!)  
He has spoken to us through the Prophets.  
(Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!)  
Do you believe in the holy catholic church?  
(Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!)  
One baptism the forgiveness of all sin?  
(Yes, we believe, we do, Lord!)  
Do you believe that the dead shall rise,  
and in life of the world to come?  
Amen!

Paul A. Tate, 1996 WLP

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

*When the prayers conclude, Please respond, “Amen.”*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING:

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*P The Lord be with you.*

**C And also with you.**

*P Lift up your hearts.*

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

*P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**C Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as  
in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our  
sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**Save us from the time of trial and  
deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are**

**yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **SHARING COMMUNION**

*As you see the pastors, worship team, and in person worshippers commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:*

*“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG:** *Our God Saves*

Verse

In the name of the Father in the name of the Son  
In the name of the Spirit Lord we come  
We're gather'd together to lift up Your name  
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace  
Hear the joyful sound of our offering  
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing  
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings  
And the world will see that

Chorus

Our God saves our God saves  
There is hope in Your name  
Mourning turns to songs of praise  
Our God saves our God saves

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## **DISMISSAL**

*L Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

