

Calvary Church
Book of Common Prayer
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' -*John 8:12*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. -*Psalms 74:15,16*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Today's Reading:

Psalm: 109:1-4(5-19)20-30

¹ Do not be silent, O God of my praise.

² For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues.

³ They beset me with words of hate, and attack me without cause.

⁴ In return for my love they accuse me, even while I make prayer for them.

(⁵ So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

⁶ They say, "Appoint a wicked man against him; let an accuser stand on his right.

⁷ When he is tried, let him be found guilty; let his prayer be counted as sin.

⁸ May his days be few; may another seize his position.

⁹ May his children be orphans, and his wife a widow.

¹⁰ May his children wander about and beg; may they be driven out of the ruins they inhabit.

¹¹ May the creditor seize all that he has; may strangers plunder the fruits of his toil.

¹² May there be no one to do him a kindness, nor anyone to pity his orphaned children.

¹³ May his posterity be cut off; may his name be blotted out in the second generation.

¹⁴ May the iniquity of his father be remembered before the LORD, and do not let the sin of his mother be blotted out.

¹⁵ Let them be before the LORD continually, and may his memory be cut off from the earth.

¹⁶ For he did not remember to show kindness, but pursued the poor and

needy and the brokenhearted to their death.

¹⁷ He loved to curse; let curses come on him. He did not like blessing; may it be far from him.

¹⁸ He clothed himself with cursing as his coat, may it soak into his body like water, like oil into his bones.

¹⁹ May it be like a garment that he wraps around himself, like a belt that he wears every day."

) ²⁰ May that be the reward of my accusers from the LORD, of those who speak evil against my life.

²¹ But you, O LORD my Lord, act on my behalf for your name's sake; because your steadfast love is good, deliver me.

²² For I am poor and needy, and my heart is pierced within me.

²³ I am gone like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust.

²⁴ My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt.

²⁵ I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.

²⁶ Help me, O LORD my God! Save me according to your steadfast love.

²⁷ Let them know that this is your hand; you, O LORD, have done it.

²⁸ Let them curse, but you will bless. Let my assailants be put to shame; may your servant be glad.

²⁹ May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a mantle.

³⁰ With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD; I will praise him in the midst of the throng.

Prayer

Show us your mercy, O Lord; and grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness; let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; for only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care; and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth; your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; and sustain us by your Holy Spirit. Amen