

SERVICE OF PRAYER

JULY 5, 2025

"BEFORE THEY CALL I WILL ANSWER;

WHILE THEY ARE YET SPEAKING I WILL HEAR.

THE WOLF AND THE LAMB SHALL GRAZE TOGETHER;

THE LION SHALL EAT STRAW LIKE THE OX,

AND DUST SHALL BE THE SERPENT'S FOOD.

THEY SHALL NOT HURT OR DESTROY

IN ALL MY HOLY MOUNTAIN,'

SAYS THE LORD."

-ISAIAH 65:24-25

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light

around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to

you are both alike. - Psalm 139:10, 11

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the

beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

BETHOU MY VISION



(Words: ancient Irish hymn, Music: traditional Irish melody, CCLI license #2476739)

(PLEASE BE SEATED.)

PSALM 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

Leader: He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT & NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

ISAIAH 65:17-25

"For behold, I create new heavens

and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered

or come into mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,

and her people to be a gladness.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping

and the cry of distress.

20 No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,

for the young man shall die a hundred years old,

and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

- 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
- for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- 23 They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity.
- for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.
- 24 Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- 25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

ROMANS 8:18-37

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL ENCOURAGEMENT

REV. CRAIG CHAPMAN

THE APOSTLES CREED

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

In unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

In Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

forever. Amen.

Leader: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and

goodwill,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader: That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader: That we may depart this life in your faith and be received into the

welcome embrace of Christ our Savior,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader: That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the

communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all

our life to Christ,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

(After a moment of silence, the pastor will initiate a time of open, extemporaneous prayer for anyone who wishes to offer their prayers aloud.)

♣ AT THIS TIME YOU MAY KNEEL OR SIT.

COLLECT

Leader: Almighty God, draw near to us in this time of sorrow and

anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who lives

and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God for ever and ever.

People: Amen

(ALL STAND)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Louis Bourgeois)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

People: Amen.