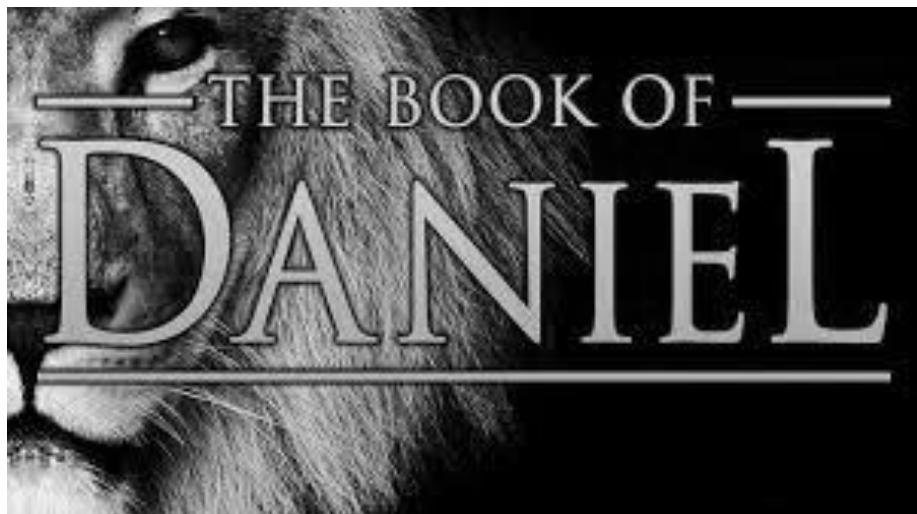


*Lenten Midweek Service*  
*February 21st, 2024*



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## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:

*FROM THE BEGINNING, GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE CRIED OUT TO HIM IN PRAYER. AND GOD HAS BEEN ANSWERING THOSE PRAYERS FAITHFULLY AS WE HAVE SEEN RECORDED IN SCRIPTURE AND WRITTEN ON OUR OWN HEARTS BY THE POWER OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT. THROUGH THESE MID-WEEK SERVICES, WE WILL SEEK TO BE DRAWN CLOSER TO HIM IN WORSHIP THROUGH WORSHIP, PRAISE, SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER. EACH WEEK, DURING THIS SEASON OF LENT, OUR FATHER CALLS US TO BE MINDFUL OF OUR NEED FOR JESUS, OUR SAVIOR.*

**OPENING HYMN** Christ, the Life of All The Living #420 Vs1,4-5

### INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

- P As we continue our Lenten journey, we see the heart cry of God's servant Daniel,  
C **the cry of one whose belief in God was complete,**  
P the cry of a man facing his own death for his belief,  
C **the prayer of a man to His God whom he trusted to save him in the face of certain death.**  
P the love of God reflected in the heart of His servant.  
C **and the power of God bringing many to faith.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P While we would like to think of ourselves as generous, joyful, and giving, we admit that our lives do not live up to the perfect standard God expects. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him, confessing our shortcomings and sins.
- C **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have committed sins of greed, jealousy, and selfishness. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us, renew our generosity, and lead us out of greedy selfishness. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation.**
- P Almighty God, in His generous mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the grave, God has forgiven us all. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen. We are generously forgiven and joyfully restored.**

## PSALM

- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- C **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**
- P Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- C **Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

- P For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 32-35, 39-40**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**Daniel 6:16-24**

Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your

God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions— they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces. ....

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

O Christ, You Walked the Road #424 Vs 1-3

## SERMON

The Prayer of Daniel

## OFFERING

## KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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 trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your death on the cross, You  
forgive the sins of all people. Help us to have  
compassion on others and reflect Your generous love to  
them, for all people are created in Your image. On our  
hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord, give us the strength to forgive others as You have  
forgiven us. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord, embolden us to be generous with all the good gifts You have given us. Prevent us from any greed or dishonesty that would harm others and be a poor reflection upon You. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord, instill in us a love for the poor that is not rooted in our superiority over them or in some vain hope of making ourselves feel better. Rather, teach us how to love in true humility and service. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord, we pray for the leaders of this nation and of all the nations throughout the world, that Your wisdom would be upon them for the health and welfare of all people. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord, we pray for all Christians throughout the world. As we all follow You on whatever journeys You send us, remind us that we are united with You and with all who follow You by Baptism into Your death and resurrection. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord, be near to all those who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Give them Your healing and patience. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord, send comfort and hope to all those who grieve, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that the power of Your resurrection

to eternal life shines through the darkness of grief. On our hearts imprint Your image,

**C blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

Glory Be to Jesus

**#433 Vs 1-3**



# THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## Thoughts From John, the one whom Jesus loved

*“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”* John 14:26

**Wednesday Series – The Prayers of God's People** – from the beginning, God's people have cried out to Him in prayer. And God has been answering those prayers faithfully as we have seen recorded in Scripture and written on our own hearts by the power of His Holy Spirit. Through these mid-week services, we will seek to be drawn closer to Him in worship through worship, praise, scripture and prayer. Each week, during this season of Lent, Our Father calls us to be mindful of our need for Jesus, our Savior.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**    The Prayer of David  
Acts 3:17-26; Psalm 51:1-19

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**        The Prayer of Hannah  
Mark 5:25-35; 1 Samuel 1:9-20

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**      The Prayer of Mary  
Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Luke 1:45-55

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**      The Prayer of Jesus for You  
Acts 1:12-26; John 17:20-26

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**                      **Maundy Thursday**                      5:00 PM (*Holy Communion*)

The Prayer of Jesus for His Disciples  
Exodus 12:1–14; 1 Corinthians 11:23–32; John 13:1–17, 31b–35

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**                      **Good Friday**                      3:00 PM  
The Prayer of Jesus for the World

# Weekend Worship Series 2024

## DETOUR AHEAD: FOLLOW THE SIGNS

*In the northern states they have only two seasons, winter, and construction season. Here in Florida, it seems, because of the weather, it is always construction season and those detour signs can break out anywhere or anytime. Life in Israel and especially around Jerusalem had been moving in fairly consistent directions for many years. But when Jesus began His public ministry, and began His final steps on the road to the Cross, detour signs, yellow cones, and warning signs went up everywhere. And this Detour doesn't end at the Cross, nor at the Empty Tomb. Stick with us for the weeks that come after Easter as well for the rest of the journey as we Follow the Signs.*

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

DANGEROUS INTERSECTION:  
Jesus explains that following Him  
will be dangerous  
Matthew 10:32-42

**March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

DANGER: FALLING ROCKS: The  
Pharisees plan to kill Jesus  
John 11:43-53

**March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

ONE WAY: Jesus shares with the  
crowd that there is only ONE WAY  
John 12:20-33

I ALWAYS THOUGHT LOVE  
WAS SHAPED LIKE A ♥ BUT  
IT'S ACTUALLY LIKE A



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**March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>      PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**



**ROAD NARROWS:**

**The road down which Jesus leads the Pharisees begins to narrow  
Luke 19:29-40**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>      Maundy Thursday**

The Prayer of Jesus for His Disciples  
Gospel Reading:      John 13:1–17, 31b–35

**March 29<sup>th</sup>      Good Friday      The Prayer of  
Jesus for the World**

**March 30<sup>th</sup>      EASTER VIGIL      (6:00 PM)  
**LIGHT AHEAD:** We wait with the disciples for the light ahead.**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>      EASTER SUNRISE (7:00 AM Outdoors)  
**RESURRECTION REALIZED:** Mary realizes that the promised  
resurrection has occurred.**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>      EASTER SUNDAY (9:30 AM)  
**SIGNS OF LIFE (AED):** The empty  
tomb and the burial clothes laying  
there are signs of life. Luke 24:1-12**