

Daily Prayer  
First Midweek Lenten Service  
Athens Lutheran Church, Athens, TN  
February 24, 2021

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Versicles**

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Joyous light of glory:  
**of the immortal Father;**  
**heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**  
**We have come to the setting of the sun,**  
**and we look to the evening light.**  
**We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:**  
**You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.**  
**O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.**

**Reading**

*Genesis 32:22–30*

**Reading**

*Romans 8:22–28*

**Reading**

*Matthew 26:36–46*

**Final Reading Response**

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- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**Apostles' Creed**

- C** **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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius**

**Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## **Koine Worship Song - Jesus Refuge of the Weary**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Don Coulter*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

### **Prayer**

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Evening Prayer**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Concluding prayer:*

## **Collect**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake. **Amen.**

## **Benedicamus**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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