Daily Prayer Fourth Midweek Lenten Service Athens Lutheran Church, Athens, TN March 17, 2021 Return from Denial

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.

ReadingIsaiah 59:1–3, 12–13Reading1 Peter 5:6–10ReadingLuke 22:54–62Final Reading ResponseLSB 247PIn 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.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Koine Worship Song - Glory Be to Jesus

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.

Collects

- **P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- **C** And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

■ Lord God, Your Gospel Word supports us through both good times and bad. Forgive us for the times when our words deny You. Restore us, so

that the words we speak bless both You and the people entrusted to our care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Lent

■ Faithful God, through the ancient prophets You call us to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let these Lenten days be a time when, remembering how You relentlessly return to us in mercy, we return also to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect at Evening

P Almighty God, You have made Your light to shine upon us throughout the day. Now that the day is over and night has come, help us to rest in knowing that Your steadfast love endures forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Peace

- P O God, You delight in showing mercy to sinners. Amidst the turmoil we create when we wander from You, restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** 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.

Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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