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Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.

## GATHERING

#### "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH" (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- > Come, Creator Spirit, and move over us.
- » Come, Creator Spirit, and bring us new life. Amen.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;
- » We dwell in him and he in us.
- > Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
- » Make known his deeds among the peoples.
- > Sing to him, sing praises to him,
- » And speak of all his marvelous works.
- > Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
- » Who was and is and is to come!

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near, Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning, Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining?

## Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## "GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness. You give hope. You restore Every heart that is broken. Great are you, Lord.

It's your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to you only.

All the earth will shout your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing. Great are you, Lord.

## CONFESSING

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith:
- » We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.
- > God, have mercy on us.
- » Forgive divisions and by your Spirit draw us together. Inflame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.

## WORDS OF COMFORT

- Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.
- » Thanks be to God!

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | CUYLER WILES (11:00 SERVICE)

William Cuyler Wiles is the son of Kathy and Tim Wiles. Paul Murphy is representing the Session as the Elder holding the font and Lexi and Jonathan McMann are Cuyler's prayer sponsors. Along with the City North parish, we invite you to pray for Kathy and Tim as they seek to raise Cuyler in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## » Sing together:

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine upon you, And give you peace, and give you peace, And give you peace forever!

#### GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.

#### THANKSGIVING

#### OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- > Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.

Please be praying for our mission partner "The Word Is Out" ministry, led by former Third pastor Alan Meenan. "The Word Is Out" seeks to equip leaders of the global church to be skilled interpreters and teachers of the Bible and is focused in Africa, India, and Southeast Asia.

#### "HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD"

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord To renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see; Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, May your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, In each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, Giving life to all that God has made, Show your power once again on earth, Cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice, That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see.

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at <u>thirdrva.org/give</u>.

## 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.

#### PROCLAIMING

#### SCRIPTURE READING | 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-4:18

*Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at thirdrva.org/this-sunday.* 

SERMON | "TREASURES IN CLAY JARS"

We rejoice in the baptism of Eleanor Peyton (Nell) Cox, daughter of Lizzie and Peyton Cox on May 2 (River West parish).

We rejoice in the birth of three children; Griffin James Ng, son of Annie and Chung Ng on April 30 (City North parish), Charlotte Malinda Hiltz, daughter of Lila and Patrick Hiltz on May 4 (City North parish), and Claire Austen DeLuca, daughter of Lauren and Steve DeLuca on May 5 (Grove parish).

Please join us in praying for these families!

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Faithful Father, we thank you for how you care and provide for us. On this Mother's Day we are mindful that the prophet describes your comfort as that of a mother. We thank you for our mothers, for their comfort, love and care. We pray for those whose mothers were unable to meet their needs, and for those who have lost their mothers; may they find comfort in you. We pray for all mothers, that you would grant them wisdom, strength and patience. We pray for those who long to be mothers, that your grace would sustain them. We pray for spiritual mothers here at Third, that we would shepherd well those whom you have entrusted to our care, whether young or elderly. Lord, in your mercy,

## » Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bread of life, give food to those who are hungry in our city and around the world. Nourish us all with your word; may the truth of your character and works drive away confusion, lies, and despair. Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Lord, in your mercy,

## » Hear our prayer.

- Holy Spirit, giver of new life, we thank you for your indwelling presence. Unveil our eyes and give us sight to see you at work. Teach us and guide us as we seek to bring the beauty, light and healing of Jesus into places of brokenness in our families, neighborhoods, city and world. Empower us to be faithful witnesses of your love and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
- » Hear our prayer.
- Gathering our prayers into one, we pray together as our Savior taught us, saying:
- » 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

#### SENDING

#### "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in endless praise, Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee, Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee, Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use Every power as thou shalt choose, Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne, It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee, Ever, only, all for thee.

#### COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

- Since you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- » Set your minds on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- » When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

"PRELUDE IN CLASSIC STYLE" (GORDON YOUNG)

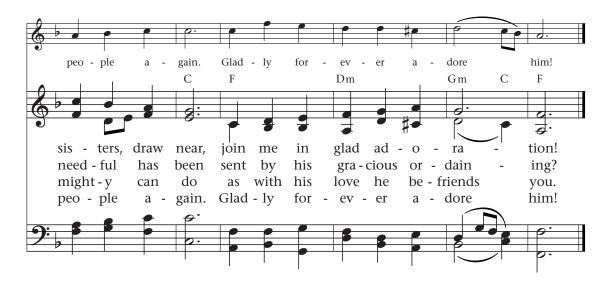
## PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #575

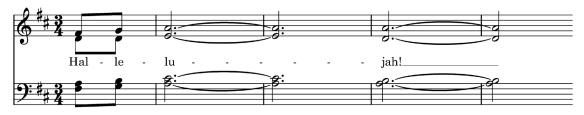


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# HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #746



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## TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #863



- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart—it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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