SEASONAL PRAYER—LENT

Wednesday 16 March 2022



Bethlehem Lutheran Church 170 Flinders Street, Adelaide

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

God's Servant was oppressed and afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth.

The Lord has become my stronghold,

and my God the rock of my refuge.

WE PRAY PSALM 86

My God, you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. But I am a worm, not a human being; I am scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. 'He trusts in the Lord', they say, 'let the Lord rescue him.' Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. But you, Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength, come quickly to help me. Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. WE SING HYMN 75 We sing the praise of Him who died

GOD SPEAKS TO US: Luke 22:39-71 Our delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on his law we meditate day and night.

WE LISTEN TO THE ADDRESS

WE SING HYMN 421 (v1,7,8,9) Our Father Thou in heaven above.

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Thank you for your long-suffering with the sins of humankind; for your redemption of the world through the shame of the cross; for all who have suffered for love of you and of others; for all saints and people of prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ: hear our prayer.

Keep us from complaining about our own suffering; from refusing to share the sufferings of the world; from forgetting the pain and sorrow of others; from seeking comfort and pleasure above your will.

Lord Jesus Christ: hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer from injury or illness; for those who are in doubt and anguish; for those who are unemployed or overworked; for children who have no parents to care for them.

Lord Jesus Christ: **hear our prayer**. (Other prayers may follow) Lord Jesus Christ, when we are tempted, help us to resist the devil. When we are worried, help us to cast our care on you. When we are weary, help us to seek our rest in you.

Amen.

WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOD BLESSES US

May the Lord God strengthen us and help us; may he uphold us with his powerful right hand.

And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us always.

Amen.