

## 5/8/24 Morning Prayer (Eastertide)

### Zoom link:

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### Preparation

The Lord is here... **His Spirit is with us.**

Creator God, garden my life—turn it over, cultivate it, and make it ready for gospel seeds to take root. And in quiet darkness let the gospel do its work, slow but powerful, stirring up life in my heart, increasing joy, strengthening all your graces until shoots of new life rise and good fruit bursts forth on the branches of my life, a life beautiful for you and a blessing to others. **Amen.**

*(Westminster Larger Catechism, Q & A #75)*

### Confessions

Let us have a time of silent confession to seek God's forgiveness of our sins:

*[Silence may be kept]*

As we confess our sins, let's pray together:

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in all your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*[Silence may be kept]*

### Assurance

Let's read the good news of forgiveness from Isaiah 44:22:

**"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,  
your sins like the morning mist.**

**Return to me,  
for I have redeemed you."**

### Scripture Readings

**Psalm:** Ps 21:1-7

*[Open praise/thanksgiving]*

**NT:** Rom 1:7-17 (sermon)

*[Open praise/thanksgiving]*

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8

*[Open praise/thanksgiving]*

## **Response**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

## **Intercession**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith. Graciously receive the intercessory prayers we offer this morning.

God of mission, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray for the honoring of human rights and for those in authority, until the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

Open Doors country of persecution: Algeria (15)

*[Open prayer]*

God of compassion, we pray for our country and neighborhoods, and for all people in their daily life and work. We pray especially for our Muslim, Hindu and Jewish neighbors, that you would soften their hearts to receive your good news.

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*[Open prayer]*

God of love, we pray for the global church in faith, love and service. We pray for the life of PBCC, that all may reverently love and serve you.

PBCC Missionary: Julia Burkhead

*[Open prayer]*

God of hope, we pray for those alone or in difficult relationships, the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, the prisoners, the unemployed and all those in need, that comfort and care may bring relief.

*[Open prayer]*

Good Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to your mercy and protection in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one,  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever.  
Amen.**