

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
Evening Prayer
March 25, 2020

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 113:3-4)

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
Many: let us praise the name of the Lord!
One: The Lord is high above all the nations,
Many: and his glory above the heavens.
All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
 Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
 Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
 so that you may be revered.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
 and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
 more than those who watch for the morning,
 more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
 and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
 from all its iniquities.

A Prayer by Thomas Merton

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain
where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think
that I am following your will
does not mean
that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please
you does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire
in all that I am doing.
And I know that if I do this,
you will lead me by the right road
although I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always,
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death,
I will not fear,
for you are ever with me,
and will never leave me
to face my perils alone. Amen.

Reflection

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever

Closing Song

Celebration Hymnal #445

“People Need the Lord”

People need the Lord,
People need the Lord;
At the end of broken dreams,
He's the open door.

People need the Lord,
People need the Lord;
When will we realize
People need the Lord.

Benediction (from Romans 15:13)

One: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!