Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer



Bellflower UMC

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Third Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE¹

GREETINGS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
OPENING PRAYER
PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING ** 271 v1,2
Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed-a be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.
Hallowed-a be thy name.

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Done on earth as it is in heaven, Hallowed-a be thy name. Give us this day our daily bread, Hallowed-a be thy name.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Ex 16, excerpts (CSB)

- 4 The Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. This way I will test them to see whether or not they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."
- 13 So at evening quail came and covered the camp. In the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew evaporated, there were fine flakes on the desert surface, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they asked one another, "What is it?" because they didn't know what it was.
- Moses told them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. 16 This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each person needs to eat.
- 35 The Israelites ate manna for forty years, until they came to an inhabited land. They ate manna until they reached the border of the land of Canaan.

↑HYMN²

Daily Bread (Tune: #240)

Day by day the manna fell; O to learn this lesson well! Still, by constant mercy fed, Give me, Lord, my daily bread.

 $^{^{2}}$ \uparrow == Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

Lord, my times are in thy hand; All my sanguine hopes have planned To thy wisdom I resign, And would make thy purpose mine.

Still, by constant mercy fed, Give me, Lord, my daily bread.

Day by day, the promise reads, Daily strength for daily needs; Cast foreboding fears away, Take the manna of today.

O to live exempt from care By the energy of prayer; Strong in faith, with faith imbued, Yet elate with gratitude!

Still, by constant mercy fed, Give me, Lord, my daily bread.

↑HYMN 🎶

2126. All Who Hunger

PRAYER³

A prayer based on the Lord's Prayer and the Psalms

Our Father in heaven,

You indeed are our Father, adopting us into an eternal family.

As an earthly father has compassion on his children, so you show compassion on those who fear you.

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You know how we are made, and remember us in our weakness. [Ps. 1031]

Hallowed be your name.

You alone are holy, there is none like you; your glory is above the heavens.

Yet you stoop down to lift up the needy.

We exalt and worship you, for you are holy. [Ps. 113, 99]

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

In Christ your kingdom has already come, even though rulers of this earth gather together against you, thinking they can thwart your purposes.

They cannot, for you have installed Christ, your Anointed One, the everlasting, all powerful King over all creation. [Ps. 2]

Give us this day our daily bread.

All creatures look to you for their food at the proper time; when you provide, they are satisfied with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified.

Lord, help us be good stewards of the gifts of food you have given us so that all may have their daily bread. [Ps. 104]

Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive those who sin against us.

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin is covered, and who know the joy of forgiveness. [Ps. 32]

As we have been forgiven, help us to become like Christ, forgiving those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

In mercy, O God, answer the prayers of all who are in deep distress.

Hear their cries especially when they are tormented by those who deny you and act as if you do not care.

At the same time, save us from sinning in our anger. Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. [Ps. 4]

For the kingdom, the power, and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE⁴

John 6:47-51

47 "Truly I tell you, anyone who believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that anyone may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

DISCUSSION
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THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

OFFERING & PEACE
DOXOLOGY - #95
GREAT THANKSGIVING
- #17
GIVING OF BREAD AND CUP

⁴ Christian Standard Bible

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

May God provide your daily needs,

May Jesus give you the bread of life,

So that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you will grow strong in body and in spirit.

Go, announce God's kingdom, power and glory.

Amen

POSTLUDE 🎶

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