Day of Prayer

Daily Office

Morning Prayer | 9:00 a.m.

Open

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Hymn (to be read aloud)

Father, we praise you, now the night is over, Active and watchful, stand we all before you; We offer prayer and meditation: We adore you.

Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions; Banish our fear and doubt, sending your comfort and faith; Bring us to heaven, where your saints are united Joy without ending.

All-holy Father, Son and Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us your salvation; yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation.

Gloria Patri (to be sung or prayed)

Glory be to the Father And to the Son And to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning Is now and ever shall be World without end. Amen.

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Old Testament Reading (to be read aloud)

Genesis 15

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of

my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

7 And he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

Corporate Confession of Sin (to be read aloud)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

2 Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!

Personal Confession of Sin (silent)

New Testament Reading (to be read aloud)

John 1

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that
all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Corporate Assurance of Forgiveness

Galatians 4
4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Personal Prayer of Gratitude for God’s Forgiveness (silent)

Doxology (to be sung)

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Time of Corporate Prayer

Pray that God would exalt his name in the world. Pray that God would extend his kingdom in the world. Pray that the gospel would be heard and honored. Pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to dwell in our churches and in our proclamation. Pray that God would save unbelievers. Pray for perseverance for the saints. Pray for faithfulness in the face of persecution. Pray for the uniting of the global church in prayer. Pray for the global church as you feel led...

Short Reading

Titus 3
3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Short Responsory (to be read aloud)

Jude 1
24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Amen.

Mid-Day Prayer | 12:00 p.m.

Open

O God, come to our aid. O Lord, make haste to help us. O Father, we love the habitation of Your house And the place where Your glory dwells.

Doxology (to be read or sung aloud)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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Old Testament Reading (to be read aloud)

Deuteronomy 6
“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, 2 that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 “And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, 12 then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 13 It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. 14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— 15 For the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

16 “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. 17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. 18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers 19 by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.

20 “When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ 21 then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt.

And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. 23 And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. 24 And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. 25 And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.’

Corporate Confession of Sin (to be read aloud)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we, like the Israelites before us, 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 truly 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 your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin (silent)

New Testament Reading (to be read aloud)

1 Peter 1
Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:
May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**Corporate Assurance of Forgiveness**

Galatians 4

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**Personal Prayer of Gratitude for God’s Forgiveness (silent)**

**Doxology (to be sung)**

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**Time of Corporate Prayer**

Thank God for the church local and universal. Thank God for the freedom we have to worship him and pray for those not have such freedom. Pray that God would establish faithful leaders in his churches. Pray that God would protect and deliver his ministers from the evil one. Pray that God would break down racial and ethnic divides in his church. Pray that God would give his church wisdom in dealing with difficult social issues. Pray for the church as you feel led...

**Short Reading**

I Peter 4

8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Short Responsory (to be read aloud)**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Afternoon Prayer | 3:00 p.m.**

**Open**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

**Hymn (to be read or sung aloud)**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and
sea.
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Old Testament Reading (to be read aloud)

I Chronicles 16
8 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make
known his deeds among the peoples!
9 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous
works!
10 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek
the Lord rejoice!
11 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence
continually!
12 Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his
miracles and the judgments he uttered,
13 O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his
chosen ones!
14 He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
15 Remember his covenant forever, the word that he
commanded, for a thousand generations,
16 the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn
promise to Isaac,
17 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an
everlasting covenant,
18 saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan, as your
portion for an inheritance.”
19 When you were few in number, of little account, and
sojourners in it,
20 wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to
another people,
21 he allowed no one to oppress them he rebuked kings on
their account,
22 saying, “Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no
harm!”
23 Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from
day to day.

24 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous
works among all the peoples!
25 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is
to be feared above all gods.
26 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but
the Lord made the heavens.
27 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy
are in his place.
28 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to
the Lord glory and strength!
29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an
offering and come before him!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
30 tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is
established; it shall never be moved.
31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let
them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!”
32 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and
everything in it!
33 Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the
Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
34 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever!
35 Say also: “Save us, O God of our salvation, and gat
her and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give
thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
36 Then all the people said, “Amen!” and praised the Lord.

Corporate Confession of Sin (to be read aloud)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Holy God, Lord most gracious!
Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath!
Holy, you have called us to come to you.
We feel unworthy, for we have failed you again and again.
We feel like running away, yet you keep calling us.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Have mercy!

Holy God, Father most gracious!
Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath!
Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled.
Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love.
Our sins trouble us, O God.
We are troubled by how they have hurt others.
We are troubled by how they have hurt us.
Your ways are right! O righteous God!
And whenever we have refused to follow them
we have found out how right they are.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us for the sake of your Son,
who died to free us from our sins.
To you be honor and glory! Amen.
Personal Confession of Sin (silent)

New Testament Reading (to be read aloud)

John 1

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

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Romans 8

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Doxology (to be sung)

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Time of Corporate Prayer

Pray for our students, our staff, our coaches, our faculty and our administration. Pray for an increased knowledge of God’s will. Pray to know God better. Pray for power to comprehend the love of Christ. Pray for a deeper sense of assured hope. Pray for strength and endurance. Pray that your faith not be destroyed. Pray for greater faith. Pray that you might not fall into temptation. Pray that God would complete your good resolves. Pray that you would do good works. Pray for the forgiveness of your sins. Pray for protection from the evil one. Pray for ourselves and our Covenant College community as you feel lead...

Short Reading

Micah 6

6 "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, 9 and to walk humbly with your God?

Short Responsory (to be read aloud)

Ecclesiastes 12

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of all mankind.

Amen