



## A Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

## Prayers of the Church

Chaplain Richard Davenport

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer...

**Our Creator** (*Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable*),  
which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-  
dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offertory

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### Offertory Music

### Prayer of Dedication

## Hymn

*I Come to the Garden Alone*

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**I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses**

*(refrain)*

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.**

*(refrain)*

**I'd stay in the garden with him, though the night around me be falling;  
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.**

*(refrain)*

## Scripture

Romans 7:19

King James Version

For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Eph 4:21-24

Common English Bible

Since you really listened to [Christ] and you were taught how the truth is in Jesus, change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.

2 Cor 5:17

King James Version

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away

behold, all things are become new.

## **Sermon**

Jerri Davenport, M.Div

Colossians 3:1-2; 9-17

The Message

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

## **Communion Invitation**

Jerri Davenport, M.Div.

### **Communion Music**

*One Bread, One Body*

Dr. Chris Peterson

*by John B. Foley*

***(Refrain) One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.***

***And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

***Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. (Refrain)***

***Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)***

***Grain for the field, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (Refrain)***

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

led by Jerri Davenport, M.Div.

**For love shared and hope renewed, for promises remembered and  
christs among us, for the feasts of this life and those to come, we  
give you thanks, O God. Send us forth to reconcile and make new,  
praising life in the midst of death, bearing hope on angels' wings,  
and giving thanks always and everywhere that life is precious  
beyond all telling. Alleluia and Amen.**

**Benediction**

Jerri Davenport, M.Div.

**Response**

***Auld Lang Syne***

Traditional

***Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?***

***Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne.***

***For auld lang syne my dear, for auld lang syne.***

***We'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.***

**Postlude**

*Jesu, Our Joy, We Adore Thee*

Yuyoung Jeong

*arr. Jay Rouse*

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