

THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER

Gathering

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Christ has shown forth his glory:
O come let us worship.

Hymn Come and Find A Quiet Centre/Spirit of Life

Word

Luke 1.26-33

^{1.26} In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Litany

Send forth your strength, O God;
establish what you have wrought in us.

Uphold all those who fall
and raise up those who are bowed down.

Open the eyes of the blind
and set the prisoners free.

Sustain the orphan and widowed
and give food to those who hunger.

Grant them the joy of your help again
and sustain them with your Spirit.

Giver of peace, judge the peoples
and take all nations for your own.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God
and gathering our prayers and praises
into the many languages God has given us,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

or

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn Be Thou My Vision

Sending

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn (reprise) I have called you by your name (verses 3&4)