

Prayer Retreat

March 15-16, 2019

Friday

7 PM—Gathering Time

7:45 PM—Opening Worship (Contemporary)

Music

Come, Worship the Lord

#803—*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lesson—John 3:16-21

Prayer of Convocation

All Who Are Thirsty

8:10 PM—Assigning Prayer Partners

8:15 PM—Session I, “*God’s Holiness*”

8:45 PM—Prayer Partner:

- What Does it mean for God to be holy?
- How does the holiness of God touch you?
- How do you recognized God’s holiness in your life?

9 PM—Time of Prayer, “*Recognizing God’s Holiness*”

Meditation (be silent in the presence of God)

#666—*What Wondrous Love is This*

Holy Ground

You (close)

9:30 PM—Break

9:45 PM—Session II, “*God’s Action*”

10:15 PM—Prayer Partner:

- What Has God done in your life?
- How has God been active today, in this last week, last day?
- Tell a faith story of a time when God intervened in a miraculous way?

10:30 PM—Time of Prayer, “*Giving Thanks for God’s activity*”

Music

#623—*Rock of Ages*

God of Wonders

Call to Worship

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe,

A: For in Your wisdom You have formed us

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

A: We will bless you and praise Your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

A: We will bless you and praise Your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

A: We will bless you and praise Your name forever.

Example of Meditation

- Hammer/Nails
- Art Work
- Walk
- Repetitive Songs
- Quiet
- Music

How Do We Praise?

- Thanks
- Cards
- Flowers
- Music
- Words

P: You provide for our every need.
A: **We will bless you and praise Your name forever.**
P: You have called us from all peoples.
A: **We will bless you and praise Your name forever.**
P: You bless people with peace.
A: **We will bless you and praise Your loving grace.**
P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Creator of the
universe
A: **For in Your wisdom You have formed us.**
Lesson—Isaiah 45:1-8
Prayer—*Isaiah 49*

11:00 PM—Break/Free Time
Midnight—Quiet Time

Saturday

8 AM—Wake-up (silence, except when talking is necessary)
8:30 AM—Breakfast
9:00 AM—Morning Prayer (Liturgical)

Music

God of Wonders
Isn't He

Responsive Prayer

L: Holy God, Holy and mighty, holy and immortal

C: **Have mercy and hear us**

Lord's Prayer

Apostle's Creed

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again to judge the living
and the dead**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

L: O Lord, I cry to you for help.

C: **In the morning my prayer comes before you.**

L: Give me the joy of your saving help again,

C: **and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

L: Let my mouth be full of your praise

C: **and your glory all the day long.**

L: Every day will I praise you,

C: **and praise your name forever and ever.**

L: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

C: **O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: **and all that is within me, bliss His holy name.**

L: He redeems my life from the grave,

C: **and crowns me with mercy and lovingkindness.**

L: Lord, hear my prayer,

C: **and let my cry come before you.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray...

C: **Amen.**

L: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song—#351—*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord almighty order our days and our deeds in His peace.

C: **Amen.**

9:30 AM—Session II, “*Coming to repentance*”

10:00AM—Quiet Time for Repentance (PD is available for confession)

10:30 AM—Group Prayer of Repentance, Baptismal Remembrance

Opening Song—#347—*Go to Dark Gethsemene*

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, you who knows our innermost hearts

Men: We come before you this day with knowledge that we have not followed the path of love and justice,

Women: We have not treated our neighbors with respect and have tried to take from them their dignity.

P: You speak to us through the prophets, who exhort us to follow the paths of righteousness

M: They command us to action in response to the needs of the poor and the dispossessed.

P: You speak to us through Jesus, the Word made flesh

W: who teaches us that the greatest commandment is to love you with our whole heart, and our neighbors as ourselves.

All: We regret that we have not listened to your Word and have not followed your example.

P: We confess our fear, hatred, apathy and indifference.

M: Give us strength to overcome our fears

W: Courage to act for what we know to be right

M: Strength of will and of purpose

W: and love to overcome our hatred.

P: Help us to see the beauty of our sisters and brothers, regardless of race or color.

All: Cleanse our hearts that we might know your truth and that we might live it.

(a moment of silence for confessing our brokenness and sin before God)

P: Has God forgotten to be gracious?

All: Has He in anger shut up His compassion?

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

A: Then You did forgive the guilt of my sin.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful.

A: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Lord is good to all.

A: And His compassion is over all that He has made.

P: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord.

A: And all your saints shall bless You.

P: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

A: To all who call upon Him in truth.

P: He fulfills the desire of all who fear Him

A: He also hears their cry and saves them.

P: The Lord preserves all who love Him.

A: But all the wicked He will destroy.

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord.

A: And let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

(Ps. 77:9, 32:5, 145:8-10, 18-21)

Remembrance of Baptisms

10:45 AM—Break

11:00 AM—Session IV, “Asking God to use us”

11:30 AM—Prayer Partner, How has God used you in the past?

What are the needs God is calling you to fulfill?

To what has God called our church?

11:45 AM—Prayer for our Ministry

Songs

One Name

#335—*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Prayer for our Ministry

My Hands Belong to You

Anointing with Oil

12:30 AM—Break for Lunch

1:15 PM—Closing Worship: *Stations of the Cross*

2:00—Clean-up/Depart for Home