

Friday, 4/28

Come to the prayer meeting *this morning at 6:30.*

Read **Psalm 119:33-40.**

**Feast** and rejoice for Christ has fulfilled the Father's promise and has sent His Spirit who even now is fulfilling the promise to make us holy.

**Pray** through this passage of Scripture making it your own prayer:

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

*Ask the Father to teach you His Word.*

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

*Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind and change your heart.*

Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

*Ask Jesus to make you delight in Him above all else.*

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

*Ask God to conform you to His love.*

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

*Seek Him.*

Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

*Praise Him for His faithfulness.*

Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

*Receive His forgiveness.*

How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your righteousness.

*Recommit to following Him.*

Saturday, 4/29

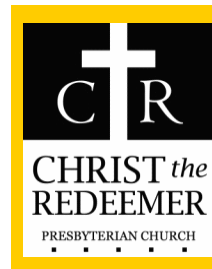
Read tomorrow's sermon passage **Matthew 28:16-20.**

**Prepare** today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

**Sing** the song *I Will Glory in My Redeemer.*

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| <p><b>1.</b> I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.<br/>Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails<br/>And hung Him on that judgment tree.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Who crushed the power of sin and death;<br/>My only Savior before the holy Judge,<br/>The Lamb Who is my righteousness,<br/>The Lamb Who is my righteousness.</p> | <p><b>2.</b> I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>My life He bought, my love He owns.<br/>I have no longings for another<br/>I'm satisfied in Him alone.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>His faithfulness, my standing place<br/>Though foes are mighty and rush upon me<br/>My feet are firm, held by His grace,<br/>My feet are firm, held by His grace.</p> |
| <p><b>3.</b> I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Who carries me on eagle's wings.<br/>He crowns my life with lovingkindness<br/>His triumph song I'll ever sing.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer</p>   | <p>Who waits for me at gates of gold<br/>And when He calls me it will be paradise<br/>His face forever to behold,<br/>His face forever to behold.</p>   |

**Pray** for God's glory to be more and more manifested in the greater Portland area. Pray that He will use us to extend His grace as we celebrate it together.



# PEOPLE OF GREAT VISION

Sermon notes from 4/23/06

**Matthew 6:9-13**

Rev. Dr. Richard Pratt

Text

- <sup>9</sup> "This, then, is how you should pray:  
 "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.  
<sup>12</sup> Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

## Notes

Message

Please use the space below for writing any specific application points you note from the text:

Application

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# Taking Gathered Worship Home—Family and Individual Devotions

**B**ecause Christ has risen, we are able to pray with confidence, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” He is extending His rule and reign. He is active and powerful in the world today. By His grace He instructs us to pray and ask Him for the things we need. Let us run to Him and ask, not only for ourselves, but for our friends, neighbors, and coworkers, for our enemies, bullies, and irritants. Let us pray as God’s people for His glory to be revealed here in Portland.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

**Sunday, 4/23** Read today’s sermon passage: **Matthew 6:5-18.**

**Discuss** the sermon. How should we pray? Why?

**Sing** the song *You Are My All in All*.<sup>1</sup> Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak.	Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
You are the treasure that I seek.	Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.	You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jew’l	When I fall down You pick me up,
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.	When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my All in All.	You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. (2X)

**Pray** for God to make this song true of us as a congregation. That we would truly see Jesus as enough for us. Pray also for others you know—neighbors, coworkers, friends, and relatives to come to know Him in His fullness.

**Monday, 4/24** Read **Ephesians 2:1-10.** We pray to a living God and He has made us alive. How do our prayers reflect this?

**Rejoice** for the new life we have in Christ and His eternal kingdom.

**Pray** for your neighbors, peers, friends & family asking God to save them.

**Extend** His grace to someone you know today. Lovingly and thoughtfully express to them in word and deed the grace Christ has lavished upon you.

**Tuesday, 4/25** Read **Romans 8:1-11** and consider how Christ’s resurrection has given life to His people.

**Meditate** on this reality, we have been given life through His Spirit.

**Feast** in celebration of Christ’s great grace in freeing us from sin and death.<sup>2</sup>

**Pray**, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,”

[Silence]

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

[Silence]

“Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

[Silence]

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

**Wednesday, 4/26** Read **Romans 8:12-17.** What privileges & responsibilities do “heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ” have?

**Meditate** on the Spirit testifying “with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

**Rejoice** if you have been adopted by God’s through Christ’s sacrifice.

**Sing** the song *Revelation 4-5*.<sup>3</sup>

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship	All creation, all redemption,
Holy, holy, holy’ cry;	Join to sing the Saviour’s worth;
He who is, who was and will be,	Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us
God Almighty, Lord most high.	Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Praise and honour, power and glory,	Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,
Be to him who reigns alone;	Honour, might, dominion, praise,
We, with all his hands have fashioned,	Now be his from all his creatures
Fall before the Father’s throne.	And to everlasting days.

**Pray** for the congregation of CTR that we would be transformed by this gospel and nothing else. Pray that we too would proclaim this good news.

**Thursday, 4/27** Read **Proverbs 30:5-9.** How does concern for God’s glory affect the way we pray?

**Sing** *You Are My All in All*.

**Pray**, “Lord God, teach us to be content with You. Give us understanding so that we might not be so quick to run after such trivial things. Enflame our hearts with love for You and woo us to Yourself anew. Having rekindled our passion for You, direct us in how to love those You have placed in our lives whether in our offices, neighborhoods, families, or circles of friends. Embolden us to love them as You have loved us. Lord, teach us to be discontent with the world. Make us long for the new heavens and new earth where Your glory will everywhere be recognized and rejoiced. Use us to transform this current world into the next as You draw men and women, boys and girls to Yourself. Glorify Your name through us we pray.”

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<sup>2</sup> See the website for an explanation of feasting in response to the gospel [www.MainePCA.org](http://www.MainePCA.org).

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