

UNISON PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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 kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thought for the week:

Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about. —N.T. Wright

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Gardens of Venice Worship
Sponsored by Trinity Church of South Venice

Gardens of Venice Worship Service

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PRELUDE

PRE-SERVICE SILENT PRAYER

Almighty god, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)*

WELCOME AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

—from Psalm 107:1-3 (The Message)

LEADER: Oh, thank GOD — he's so good! His love never runs out.

ALL: **All of you are set free by GOD, tell the world!
Tell how He freed you from oppression,
Then rounded you up from all over the place,
From the four winds, from the seven seas.**

HYMN MEDLEY *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine.

I Am Not Skilled To Understand

I am not skilled to understand
what God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at his right hand
stands one who is my Savior.

I take him at his word and deed:
"Christ died to save me," this I read;
and in my heart I find a need
of him to be my Savior.

That he should leave his place on high
and dome for sinners here to die;
you find it strange? So once did I,
before I knew my Savior.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:6-9

MESSAGE

CAN YOU LIVE BEYOND THE FISH BOWL?

Lewis Trotter

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!