The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

*Elijah Resuscitating the Son of the Widow of Zarephath*
Louis Hersent, 1777-1860

La Jolla Lutheran Church
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The congregation's responses ("C") are printed in bold type.

PRELUDE

Talk to God about your week.
Invite the Holy Spirit to be with you.
Confess anything you’d like forgiveness for.

(If you’re not sure how to do this, ask God for help.
Then relax and go with what you’ve got.
You’ll get better with practice.)

WELCOME

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.
When Morning Gilds The Skies

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awakening cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall,

This rings my curfew call: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of humankind
In this their concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space,
Sing, all who see his face,
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”
God’s whole creation o’er,
Today and evermore,
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!
PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, thank you that the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective. Help us to live by your standards. We praise you. Amen.

FIRST LESSON          Esther 7:1-4   NRSV

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.”

RESPONSIVE READING          Psalm 19:7-9   NRSV

A  The law of the LORD is perfect,
    reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
    making wise the simple;

C  the precepts of the LORD are right,
    rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
    enlightening the eyes;

A  the fear of the LORD is pure,
    enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
    and righteous altogether.
SECOND LESSON       James 5:13-16   NRSV

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Please rise for the gospel

GOSPEL       Mark 9:38-40 NRSV

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.”
PRAYER FOR THE KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Please sit

P What is the mission statement of this congregation?

C Empowered by the Holy Spirit
   we are a loving community
   that follows Jesus
   and seeks God’s will
   in all we do.

P What is the summary of that statement?

C WE FOLLOW JESUS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

C The Bible is God’s word to me.
   I am what it says I am.
   I have what it says I have.
   I can do what it says I can do. Amen!

MESSAGE
Great Are You Lord

Please stand

Chorus

Ab  Cm7  Bb\text{sus}

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness. You give hope. You restore ev’ry heart that is broken.

Ab  Cm7  Bb\text{sus}

And great are You, Lord.

Ab  Cm7  Bb\text{sus}

Breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It’s Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

(Repeat)
PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

A  Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:
A  Lord, in your mercy,
C  hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:
P  Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C  Amen.
Bless The Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul.

Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,

O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.

It's time to sing your song again,
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Keep on singing, let me be singing when the evening comes.

For all your goodness, I will ever give thanks.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus
And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the
C   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.
OFFERING

During the offering, members give a percentage of their income in thanks to God. Malachi encourages people to test God by giving ten percent of their income, with the promise that God will pour down an overflowing blessing when they do. You can read this great promise in Malachi 3:10-12.

At La Jolla Lutheran, some people are far more generous than what Malachi encourages. Others give smaller amounts. We appreciate the generosity of all who contribute to advance God’s kingdom in the world. Visitors are welcome to participate in the offering if they wish.

If you would like to give by credit card, you can find a yellow Donate button at the bottom of our website, LaJollaLutheranChurch.com

ATTENDANCE FORMS

After the offering is collected, the ushers will come back to pick up worship registration forms. This form is the half-sheet in your program where you can identify your prayer requests. To get a copy of our newsletter once a week, be sure to add your email address to the form.
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Participation in communion is open to all baptized Christians who have received instruction on the Lord’s Supper. Worthy participation requires:

* sincere repentance
* faith in Jesus Christ as Savior
* an earnest desire to amend one’s life
* acceptance of the scriptural teaching regarding the real presence of Christ with his body and blood in the sacrament.

If this describes you, feel free to participate in this part of the service. If not, please wait just a minute for us.

COMMUNION

Please stand
1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider
3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my burden gladly home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration

thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; bearing He bled and died to take away my sin; ration And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
ASK TO BE PART OF GOD’S KINGDOM

BLESSING

P    May God bless you and keep you.
     May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
     May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C    Amen.

A    Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C    Praise be to God.

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Events This Week

Sunday, September 26
9:30 a.m.  Worship in the Sanctuary and on Zoom / Fellowship Time / Bible Study
  Cantor: Charlie K    Prayers: Diane O  Reader: Gudrun A
  Usher: Brad V and Jaquelyn E   Coffee Hour: Pat McC
  6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

Monday, September 27
  6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday, September 28
  6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday, September 29
  10 a.m. Volunteers
  6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom
  6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, September 30
  6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

Friday, October 1
  6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

Saturday, October 2
  6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sunday, October 3
9:30 a.m.  Worship in the Sanctuary and on Zoom / Fellowship Time / Bible Study
  Cantor: Carol H    Prayers: Mark S  Reader: Elaine H
  Usher: Hartwig family   Coffee Hour: Dale L and Barbara I
  6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

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