

Friday, April 21, 2023

INVITATION:

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people... the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:11,13)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG:

Hear my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait expectantly.

For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness;
with you, evil people are not welcome...

But let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous;
you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, when I face the power of arrogance, have mercy on me.

When I am raised for the good you have done in me, help me to praise your goodness and to remember the sin that keeps me from praising you without ceasing.

When I long for others to know how much I am suffering for you, humble me before the cross and overwhelm my spirit with your unsurpassable love.

When I imagine the great things I might do for you, give me small things to do by the power of your great love, and grant me strength to do them.

Deliver me from arrogance, that I might not be handed over to pride or sadness but ascend by your little way to the humility in which my joy may be complete.¹

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for the ability to love one another here at Hebron, even when we disagree

*for community police

*for those caught in the violence and unrest in Israel and Palestine

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

May the love of the Father,
the tenderness of the Son,
and the presence of the Spirit,
gladden your heart
and bring peace to your soul,
this day and all days, Amen.⁵