Come and See Week 3

Give us today our daily bread.

Opening Music The Well Casting Crowns.

I have what you need
But you keep on searching
I've done all the work
But you keep on working
When you're running on empty
And you can't find the remedy
Just come to the well

You can spend your whole life
Chasing what's missing
But that empty inside
It just ain't going to listen
When nothing can satisfy
And the world leaves you high and dry
Just come to the well

So bring me your heart
No matter how broken
Just come as you are
When your last prayer is spoken
Just rest in my arms a while
You'll feel the change my child
When you come to the well

And now that you're full
Of love beyond measure
Your joy's gonna flow
Like a stream in the desert
Soon all the world will see
that living water is found in me
'cause you came to the well

And all who thirst will thirst no more
And all who search will find what their souls long for
The world will try, but it can never fill
So leave it all behind, and come to the well

Let us Pray

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept as we notice
Where God has been good
Where God is
What has stood out
Where I have been weak
What small change I can make

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,

so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever. Amen

Psalm 111

Amen.

- 1 I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- 2 Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- 3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever — holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying
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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Beginning to talk

How have you been aware of God's will this past week? Was it being done?

Video – Bishop Steven - https://youtu.be/LDfP3_b_C2Y

Our Lent Conversation

Did anything energise you in +Steven's video?

How have the last 2 years changed you?

Daily rhythms, habits, Are you 'going back to normal',

or are you developing a 'new normal'?

Manna in the desert, bread and fish for 5,000, "I am the bread of life." What does God want us to know about bread?

What for you is 'our daily bread'? Does Matt 4:4 help us here: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." +Steven talked about having 'just enough'. What do you think about that? Why doesn't the Lord's Prayer say 'please' (or 'thank you')?

Reading: Matthew 6:25-27a,31-33

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ...

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your mercy defend us from the perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.