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To Share Christ in and through the Church

PRAYER SERVICE - WEEK THREE

LIVING AS A STEWARD

Introduction: My friends, we gather once again in the presence of the Lord, mindful that every good thing comes from God's hand. Let us ask and listen for direction in the care and use of the gifts that we have received from the Lord's bounty.

Song: *At Evening.* Composed by David Haas. Lyrics by Fred Pratt Green.

Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God, always and for everything!

All: In the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, Creator of the universe. We give You thanks for all Your gifts so freely given us — for the beauty and wonder of Your creation, in earth, sky, and sea; for all that is gracious in the lives of women and men, revealing the light of Christ; for minds to muse, heads to love, and hands to serve; for health and strength to work; for leisure to rest and play; for communion with Your saints, in all times and places; and above all, for the great promises and mercies given to us in Christ Jesus. To Jesus, the Lord, with You and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Sacred

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Silence

Psalm 16: *Psalm for Ordinary Time.* Composed by Leon Roberts.

Prayer

All: Lord, eternal source of light, justice, and truth, take under Your tender care Your servants. Purify us and make us holy; give us true knowledge, sure hope, and sound understanding, and make us worthy of the grace we received in Baptism. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessions

Leader: Let us bless God for all things.

Leader: For life in Christ Jesus,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For all ministers of the Gospel,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For government leaders of peace and justice throughout the world,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For all families, our friends, and coworkers,
All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: For students and teachers, artists and scientists,
All: Blessed be God forever.

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Leader: For all catechumens, the elect, and candidates for full communion,
All: Blessed be God forever.

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Leader: Loving Creator of the universe, You have made all things good, and given the earth for us to cultivate. Direct us in using all created things with reverence, and sharing Your gifts with those in need. We pray through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Song: *God of Day and God of Darkness.*
Composed by BEACH SPRING.
Lyrics by Marty Haugen.

Blessing

Leader: May God, the source of every good, bless you (us) and give success to your (our) work.

May the Author of all life and holiness graciously smile upon you (us).

May the Lord grant you (us) peace.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of the Lord's peace.



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