

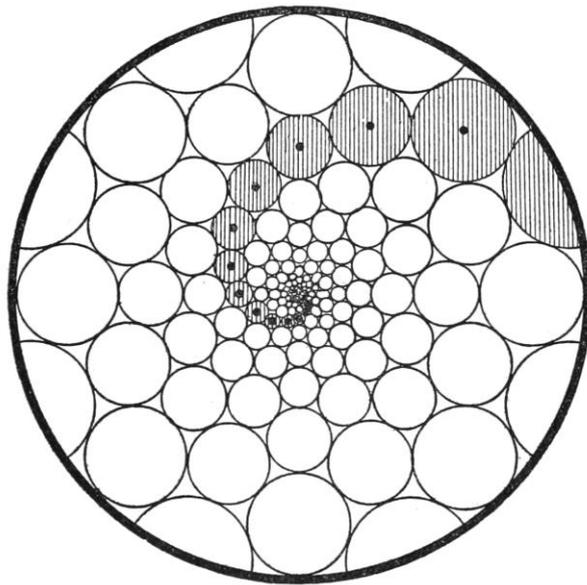
St Bride's

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Wednesday Morning Prayer (JPJ)

tikkun olam

to heal, repair and transform the whole world



Music: Tord Gustavsen – Deep as Love...

Opening words

So much of what we regard as meaningful at St Bride's has its roots in the heritage of the Jewish people who had a sense of awe and wonder at being alive on the earth and who saw all human beings as being essentially good, made in the image of "I AM" – the energy of creation, healing and transformation in the earth.

God came to be understood as the spiritual energy of the universe, present in all that is, and the One who makes possible the transformation of all things against all odds.

This was perfectly exemplified in the archetypal life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Jew – the inspiration for Christian faith. This Jewish heritage, with its vision of a world based on love and equality, is alive and well at the 30th anniversary of Tikkun and its Network of Spiritual Progressives. Tikkun has promoted that which is good in Judaism, Israel and also Christianity - while at the same time being one of the most vocal champions for Palestinian human rights and the end of the occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza.

Opening prayer

**Creator and healer,
loving and compassionate Presence,
we worship you.**

**You are the forgiving Father and Mother of us all,
the one who sees and knows all things;
we bring our hearts desire to you this day.**

**As we pray for healing in lives and situations,
and for peace in this beautiful earth,
we pray also that you would refresh our awareness of you,
and open for us a deep and intimate communion.**

**May we be encouraged this day to live in your Presence,
to live as those who follow the Way of Jesus,
seeking to become like Christ
in all we think and do.**

Amen

Shared Silence

Be still and aware of God's Presence within, among and all around.

Ephesians 1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reflect on the Scripture and remember
that the life of heaven and earth are interwoven.*

Time for Prayers

Light a candle, say a prayer – silent or spoken



A version of the prayer of Jesus (Jim Cotter)

Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by all peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing (Jim Cotter)

The blessing of God,
giver of life,
bearer of pain,
maker of love,
be with us now and always.

Amen