



# Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

Today, we conclude our sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. Our word for worship is, "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." These are the magnificent words of the doxology of the Lord's Prayer. Jesus did not instruct us or teach or command to say these words. These phrases were added to the prayer by the early church. We repeat them of our own free will.

If you have not had the opportunity to join us for worship, I encourage you to do so this Sunday. The following phone numbers and links are the ones to dial between 10:15am and 10:30am. You can join in one of two ways:

**By telephone (audio only)**

1 (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: 867 5713 3623

**By video with computer, tablet, or smartphone – click the link below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86757133623>

(if you need a live link you can go to the homepage of our website at [www.vccbhm.org](http://www.vccbhm.org))

I have been blessed in shaping the meaning of the Lord's Prayer over the past six weeks. May we continue practicing the phrases of the Lord's Prayer with our lives. You are special to me. God Bless You, Edd

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## Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2020

### PRELUDE

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Our Father who art in heaven.  
**People:** We thank you, God, that we are privileged to call you Father. May we live as though we were truly your sons and daughters.

**Leader:** Hallowed be thy name.  
**People:** Help us, dear God, to act and to speak, and to live in ways that honor your name and make it holy.

**Leader:** Thy kingdom come.  
**People:** When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come", we commit ourselves to help make your kingdom of love and justice come to the world.

**Leader:** Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..  
**People:** We commit ourselves to live out all areas of our lives in the presence of God.

**Leader:** Give us this day our daily bread.  
**People:** We affirm the unity of the material and the spiritual, both of which we need for wholeness, and for both of which we are dependent on God.

**Leader:** And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
**People:** We thank you, God, that you are a forgiving Father, that you are willing to wipe our slates clean of past errors, and give us a new start. At the same time, we ask you to help us to be more forgiving for those who trespass against us.

**Leader:** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
**People:** Help us to recognize our weaknesses and not be involved in temptations. Please, O God, deliver us from the evil of the world — evils of wars, hatreds, jealousies, prejudices and sickness of mind and body.

**All:** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

*It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer.*

*It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer.*

### INVOCATION

Almighty God, today we remember you are the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Help us to celebrate and claim your majesty and rule in our lives. Give us a view of your kingdom, that we might better learn how to live as people of your promises in Jesus' name. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 6:9-13*

### MEDITATION

"For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, Forever"  
See Insert for Meditation

### HYMN

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

*Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing, help us to praise  
One God all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days*

*To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be, hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore*

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

We praise and worship you, O God, for your works are wonderful. You have created a world that not only meets our needs but delights us with beauty and joy. You have given us family and friends. Most of all you have given us Jesus and the new life we find in following Him. In all of this we are grateful. For you are truly the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**CALL TO COMMUNION**

Together this morning we touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*"In the Bulb There is a Flower"*

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;*

*In cocoons, a hidden promise;*

*butterflies will soon be free!*

*In the cold and snow of winter*

*there's a spring that waits to be,*

*Unrevealed until its season,*

*something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,*

*seeking word and melody;*

*There's a dawn in every darkness,*

*bringing hope to you and me.*

*From the past will come the future,*

*what it holds, a mystery,*

*Unrevealed until its season,*

*something God alone can see*

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pray together the Lord's Prayer

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Partake of the holy communion

(Bread, juice or whatever is available to you)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Hear the words of Jesus when he said, "Take eat and take drink."

**SHARING OUR OFFERING WITH GOD**

Share your church offering with the church by mail or bring it by the church office. Thank you for your love gifts.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Here, O God, we give you a concrete expression of what we really believe. Bless it, O Lord, that it may bless others. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

May God who rules over time and space, rule in your hearts this week. Amen.



UNTO THE  
*Sing Lord,*  
ALL THE  
EARTH. PSALM 96:1



## MEDITATION

### Sunday, July 12, 2020

“For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory Forever”

The words in the Lord’s Prayer, “For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever”, did not appear in the original copy of the gospel of Matthew in the New Testament. As a result of studying ancient manuscripts, scholars now believe that these words were probably a later addition to the Lord’s Prayer. Since the Lord’s Prayer seems to end rather abruptly, Christians in the second century added a doxology to the end of the prayer so as to give God the final word of praise in worship.

We are thankful to the early church for adding these wonderful words to the Lord’s Prayer. There are some words worth repeating. There are some words worth saying over and over and worth hearing again and again. Such is the case for this doxology of “thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever”.

May we remember that words have such incredible power, probably more power than we even realize.

- Words can build up or tear down.
- Words can lift and inspire or crush and kill.
- Words can bring harmony or breed suspicion.
- Words can give a great message or tell a dirty joke.
- Words can offer a beautiful prayer like the Lord’s Prayer or incite an ugly riot.

Words are so powerful, so influential, so important. Therefore, may we now consider the three beautiful words in the closing of the Lord’s Prayer. The awesome words of kingdom, power and glory.

First is the word “For thine is the kingdom”. Jesus’ great task on earth was to establish His Father’s kingdom. His life of dedication, His teachings, His crucifixion and His resurrection centers on the kingdom of God.

The pronoun is thine and not mine. Thine is the kingdom, not mine is the kingdom. We were not made to run a kingdom. God is the king and is in charge and we are not.

Second, is the word “Thine is the power”. Our election battles indicate that power is in the arena of politics. The desire for oil all over the world suggests that power is symbolized in oil. In this modern age the thought is that ultimate power lies in nuclear power. Nuclear, oil and politics seem to be the real powers. But when we pray, “Thine is the power”, we are saying that not anything connected with mankind is the ultimate power. The power of the world is Almighty God.

Finally, the third word “For thine is the glory”. Glory is one of the most wonderful words in our language. When we hear the word we think of sunrises, rainbows, mountains, the sea, children laughing, great choirs raising voices in song, the cross and much more. These are the moments that take our breath away. When we say the word “Thine is the glory”, we are saying that the universe is alive with His majesty. We are saying with our lips and our lives that we will do our part to make sure the universe does reflect His glory.

Over the past several weeks I have been blessed in sharing thoughts about the Lord’s Prayer with you. I hope that this wonderful prayer will continue to be important in your daily living. As I often do, let me end this series of sermons on the Lord’s Prayer with a story. An old man got on a bus on February 14<sup>th</sup> carrying a dozen red roses. He sat beside a young man. The young man looked at the roses and said, “Somebody’s going to get a beautiful Valentine’s Day gift”. A few minutes went by and the old man asked, “Do you have a girlfriend?”. “I do”, said the young man, “I am going to see her now and I am going to give her this Valentine card”. They rode along in silence, and the man got up to get off the bus. As he stepped in the aisle, he placed the roses on the young man’s lap and said, “I think my wife would want you to have these. I will tell her that I gave them to you”. He left the bus, and as the bus pulled away the young man turned to see the old man enter the gates of a cemetery.

Like the old man visiting his wife, we are all on a journey of someday leaving this world to be with God forever. So let us leave some roses for others in our journey. Roses are symbolic of those beautiful words in the Lord’s Prayer that God is our Father. That He gives us our daily bread and forgives us our trespasses. He delivers us from evil. He is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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