

Opening Night Prayer Service

“Prayer”

Opening Prayer: Fr. Larry Richards

Reading: Samuel 3:1-10

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial:

Psalm 5

Response: Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Give ear to my words, O Lord;
Give heed to my sighing.
Listen to the sound of my cry,
My King and my God, for to You I pray.
O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;
in the morning I plead my case to You and watch.

Response: Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

For You are not a God who delights in wickedness;
Evil will not sojourn with you.
The boastful will not stand before your eyes;
You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies;
The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

Response: Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love,
will enter Your house,
I will bow down before Your holy temple in awe of You.
Lead me O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

Response: Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

But let all who take refuge in You rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.
Spread Your protection over them,
so those who love Your name may exult in You.
For You bless the righteous, O Lord;
You cover them with favor as with a shield.

Response: Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Gospel: Matthew 6:5-15
ALL: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

“If God Should Speak”

...A Different Look at the Lord’s Prayer

✠*Reflection by Fr. Larry*

Closing Prayer: **The Lord’s Prayer**

Closing Song: Here I am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**

**Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**



“Be Still & Know that I Am God!”

--Psalm 46:11

