

# 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**

