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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “Blessed Assurance” #413

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian

**INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** (in unison)

Almighty God, as we gather in this time of worship, let us share in the power of Your Holy Spirit. And by this power, fill our faith with goodness; our goodness with knowledge; our knowledge with godliness; our godliness with kindness; and our kindness with love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who taught us to pray: *“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**, #79

**\*LITANY OF THE DAY**

LEADER: There are two basic understandings of prayer. One approach prays to get God on our side. Implicit in this view, is the idea that pleading with God will win Him to our cause.

**PEOPLE**: **The other approach prays to get ourselves on God’s side. Here prayer seeks to align us with God’s purposes.**

LEADER: We cannot gauge the success of our prayers, by how little trouble we face in life. Rather, our prayers are answered if we are able to live with love in the middle of loneliness, with hope in the face of despair, with faith in the shadow of doubt.

**PEOPLE**: **The prayers of Jesus were always two-way streets. What He asked for Himself was always subject to what God needed from Him. Each prayer ended with His submission to the will of God.**

LEADER: God must appreciate our prayers of thanksgiving in times of blessing. But He also welcomes our prayer of petition in times of trouble. Like a caring father, He hears our cries of distress. Let us pray. O God, we pray for courage to go on when life has become dangerous and scary.

**PEOPLE: O God, we pray for patience to sit still and wait, when life seems to have passed us by.**

LEADER: O Lord and God, we pray for understanding, when we are baffled by things that have happened for no reason at all.

**PEOPLE: Merciful God, we pray for endurance, when we are stretched beyond the limits of our physical or spiritual strength.**

LEADER: Our Heavenly Father, we pray for forgiveness, when the people we trust have turned their backs on us.

**PEOPLE: Dear Lord, we pray for persistence, when every effort we make seems doomed to failure.**

LEADER: O Lord, life would be dark, if we could not pray to You in hard times. We feel the strength of Your love, even when our problems are not solved, or our burdens are not erased.

**PEOPLE: Give us the faith, to continue to call and wait on You in prayer.**

**UNISON: We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “I Need You Every Hour,” #274

vs.1 English; vs.4 Armenian

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**:

Daniel 9:17-23 (p.1388)

**SERMON**: “The Power of Prayer”

**\* HAYR MER**: #275

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**: “Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer”

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\* Please stand if you are able**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS**: Please continue prayers for Armenia, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, Alice Kakousian, and the California Fires Disaster.

**WELCOME DAVID TERZIBASHIAN, LIFETIME DEACON:** We welcome to our pulpit this morning, Mr. David Terzibashian. He will lead the morning worship service.

**JOIN US FOR WEEKLY PRAYER**: Mondays, on Zoom, at 6:30pm.

**LAST SUNDAY’S FAREWELL LUNCHEON**: We thank all those who participated in last Sunday’s farewell luncheon, in honor of Rev. Hagop and Nune Haroutunian.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH**: We look forward to Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian’s return from vacation. Next Sunday he will assume his interim pastoral responsibilities in our church.

**EASTER LILIES:** If you would like to donate one or more Easter lilies to be displayed on the Church Altar, please write Easter Lily in the memo of your check, before placing in the offering plate; and include the name information below. The deadline is March 16th. The price is $20.00 each.

I wish to order Easter Lilies for the Church Altar (#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

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