April 24, Psalms 53, There they are in great fear were no fear had been

## Morning prayer:

Lord we know there is no one who is good. Yet apart from our human efforts your righteousness is revealed in our hearts through faith in the work of your Son. His work is the life of Christ in us. The life that we live is not our own we live it by the faith of your Son, who loved us, and gave himself for us.

Prior to coming to you, all we ever were up to was starving you out of our lives... There was no fear of you before eyes. Yet you opened our eyes to see the destruction of this path; and have now put a tender heart in us that fears you. So it can be said "you put them in fear were no fear had been". Thank you Lord for your undescribable gift.

## Afternoon prayer:

Lord may we comprehend the nature of human wickedness that eats people as a person eats up bread. We think that we can treat you the same way - eat and receive from you and throw away the wrapper... And forget what we have eaten. Purge this consumerism out of your people at all cost. Causes us to fear treating you and those you love in this awful manner. Enable us to forgive those who treat us this way because we see how much you have forgiven us.

## Evening prayer:

Lord, thank you that salvation springs from a eternal source. Thank you for rejecting all other sources of restoration - for our eternal good. May your people both in the church and Israel find true joy by receiving restoration from their captivity through the knowledge of your Son revealed in them. For this is life eternal, to know the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. For we are kept by the power of God through faith... It is a faith not of our self, but of God.