

Preparation for Worship

As Christ's ambassadors to the world, let us be reconciled with God. --Bill Hoppe

Announcements

Focus Scripture Psalm 51:1-17

Prelude

*Call to Worship

A trumpet sounds from afar.

Listen, God is calling.

What does the Lord say to us?

Now is the time. Today is the day.

Now is the time to return to God.

Today is the day of our salvation.

Our sins cover us like mist upon the mountains.

But you, Lord, have shown us your forgiveness.

Praise our God of grace and constant compassion!

Thanks be to our Lord!

*Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Center* No. 2128

Common Prayer

Our hearts are laid bare before you, Lord. You see us as no one else does. O God, we come to worship you, not with empty words and hollow acts of piety, but with lonely, aching spirits. We long for the days of joy and gladness we have known with you. Fold back the darkness that surrounds us. Show us your mercy. Cover us with your grace. We return our whole hearts to you this day, as we pray humbly together. Amen.

Scripture Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Message

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

*Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* No. 269

*Benediction

With the ash of repentance, we have entered Lent.

With contrite hearts, we await our Lord.

Go forth and make the preparations to receive the power of God. Amen.

*Postlude

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Our Staff

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Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

6:30 pm

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

2 As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

3 As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

4 And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

5 Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

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