

Service for Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Midweek Lenten Worship
SERVICE OF THE WORD
GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prayer & Meditation

Gathering Hymn, "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" ELW #319 vv. 1, 4

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Cantor:

1. O Lord, throughout
these forty days you prayed
and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

All:

4. **Be with us through
this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.**

Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God.....through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm 37:7a

Congregation remains silent

⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

Psalm 46:10

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."

Psalm 62:1,2, 5-8

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
²He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.
⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;

pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Sermon, "The Christian Habit of Solitude"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn, "For God, My Soul Waits in Silence"

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Refrain:

**For God, my soul waits in silence,
for God, my soul waits in silence.
For God, my only strength,
for God, my only hope,
for God, my soul waits in silence.**

Responsive Prayer

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
C: **have mercy on us.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty..... and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Show us your mercy, O God,
C: **and grant us your salvation.**
P: Give us the joy of your saving help again,
C: **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**
P: Give us peace in all the world;
C: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
P: Keep the nations under your care,
C: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
P: Let your way be known upon earth;
C: **your saving health among all nations.**
P: Let not the needy be forgotten,
C: **nor the hope of the poor taken away.**
P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C: **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**
P: Lord, hear my prayer,
C: **and let my cry come before you.**
P: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Almighty God, bless us, defend us from evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements

1. Loose Offering during Lent will go to the Food Shelf
2. Easter Services – You will need to register to attend the Easter services at 7:00 am and 9:00 am on Sunday, April 4. You may make reservations by contacting Zion’s office at 218-387-1733 or email zlcw@mncable.net. Also, a Worship Committee member will be taking reservations after each service during Lent. Please include in your registration information how many people will be attending from your household and others sitting with you. (parents, kids, grandkids, friends, etc.)

Sending Hymn, “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory” ELW #561

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Cantor:

1. Joyous light of heav'nly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.

All:

2. **In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.**

All:

3. **You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.**

Sending Music

Confirmation Worship Notes
Wed., March 10, 2021

Name _____ Grade _____

1. The Christian habit for this evening is _____.
2. Did you experience solitude during the pandemic?
3. Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book *Life Together* said that being with others and being _____ are both essential for the spiritual growth.
4. Who in the Bible regularly sought solitude? _____
5. What are benefits of solitude? (name at least 2)

6. With solitude comes s_____.
7. What is the importance of silence?

8. When we enter into solitude, we are letting go. What is one thing we let go when we're in solitude?

9. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was in solitude and prayed. How did God give him strength to face the cross?

10. Where and when can you find solitude?