



A CreatureKind Lenten Service

Wednesday February 17, 2021

Welcome, thank you for joining us today.

Order of Service

Call to Worship - Ashley Lewis

Welcome - Megan Grigorian

Music- "How Great Thou Art" by Kyla Jade

Prayers from the People - Shae Washington,
Ashley Lewis

Sermon - Rev. Aline Silva

Quiet Reflection - "It is Well with my Soul" by
Audrey Assad

Closing Prayer - Megan Grigorian

Benediction - Ashley Lewis

Fellowship

Call to Worship

*All who seek God's mercy and who trust in the promise of unending love.
Who desire reconciliation for Self and for Other, for sins committed and sins received.*

*All who listen for the sound of the holy trumpet,
Who look out for God's sign on the holy mountain,
All who desire a clean and pure heart,
Whose hearts are broken for the inhabitants of the earth.*

*We will not be reduced to shame.
We will not let our spirits be crushed, our voices - silenced.
We come to be made new by the Creator who calls us good
And to bring God's newness to the ends of the earth.*

*Create in us clean hearts, Oh God,
And put new and right spirits within us.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
But restore us to the joy of your salvation,
Today and every day.*

Amen

(Inspired by Psalm 51 and Joel 2)





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Lyrics

"How Great Thou Art"

Oh Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made

I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul
My Savior, God, to Thee
How great thou art
How great thou art

Then sings my soul
My Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

When Christ shall come
With shouts of acclamation
And lead me home
What joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow
With humble adoration
And then proclaim my God
How great you are

Then sings my soul
My Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Then sings my soul
My Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art (how great Thou art)
How great Thou art

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Prayers from the People

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: We light this candle to signify that God is present.

All: Holy One, we thank you for your presence in this place. (1)

Leader: God of the dirt, of ashes, and of stardust, you created the universe, and you created me. Remind me through today's ashes that I am your beloved. Let me walk these days of Lent remembering who I am and whose I am. Amen. (1)

Leader: Gracious God, you know the sighs confined and hidden within the depths of our hearts, sighs for which there are often no words. Do not be far from us, O God, when we cry out unto you. Hear our prayers today. (2)

Silent Prayer

Leader: Hear us, oh God, as we pray for one another.

*(Leader will offer prayers from the people. After each, respond with: **Lord, hear our prayer.**)*

Leader: We come to this day of Ashes, and we are in a wilderness. Our hearts are troubled. Our people are fighting. Our earth is crying.

All: Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.

Leader: You call us to follow you into this season of repentance and preparation, but we are an anxious, distracted people.

All: Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.

Leader: Journey with us through this season that we might know and love you more deeply. That you might mark our lives even as we receive this mark of ashes.

All: Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. (1)

Leader: Creator God, we pray today especially for our animal kin. For creatures who are near to us, and creatures we do not see. For creatures who are nameless and who are suffering at the hands of our industrial food systems.. For creatures who are loved and for creatures who are used or abused.

All: May all creatures, those beginning to breathe and those ending their breath; those alone and those in herds, flocks, and schools; those ill and those healthy; may all creatures know Your love. (3)

Leader: Gracious God, ever-present helper, we thank you that in the night of desperation and sadness over our separation from you, your steady hand is not far from us. As you lead us toward the dawn of new beginnings, may we join you and gather others in the bright dance that celebrates your desire to renew the face of the earth. (2)

All: Amen.





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Scriptures

"God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'" (Gen 9.12-13, NRSV)

Rev. Aline Silva: The Word of God for all CreatureKind,
All Together: Thanks be to God

"And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." (Mark 1:12-13, NRSV)





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Closing Prayer

God of love, fill my heart with your compassion and mercy. Throughout my Lenten journey, inspire me to come to know you better and to reach out in love to others. Amen. (4)

Benediction

Hear now, this benediction:
As we turn now to the Lenten journey ahead,
May the Spirit of the triune God
Strengthen and sustain you,
Encourage and convict you,
Awaken and transform you,
All throughout these forty days
And into the life that is to come.

Go in peace
Proclaiming the message of reconciliation
That God has entrusted to us.
All: Amen (5)



Attributions

- (1) Beth A. Richardson, Walking in the Wilderness: Seeking God During Lent
- (2) Rueben P. Job, A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God
- (3) Carol J. Adams, Prayers for Animals
- (4) Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
- (5) Modified, from The Book of Common Worship (2018, PC(USA))

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