

Mid-Week Lenten Worship ~ 2021

March 3, 2021

Olivet Lutheran Church & St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Pastor Beth Ferne Johnson, preacher

GATHERING

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

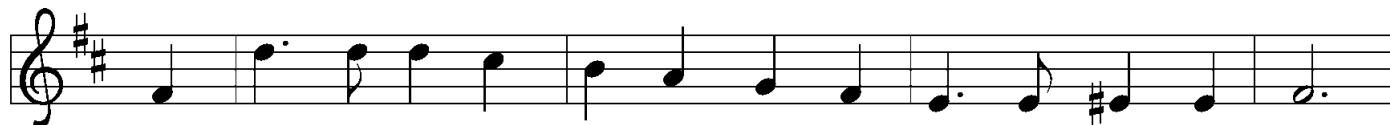
Wash us in your cleansing flood.

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

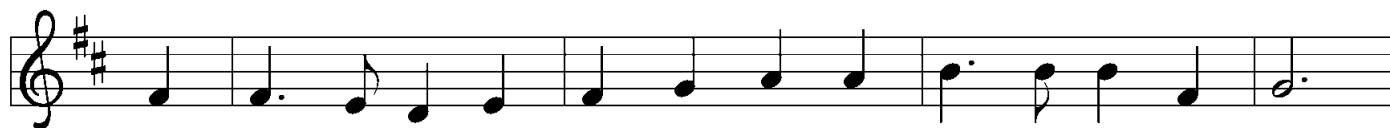
Amen.



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Greeting: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

Timeless One, you renew your promises in every generation. Deepen our awareness of the communion of saints who have gone before us, the saints in our own time, and the saints who will carry on your message of grace after us. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

WORD

Gospel Reading (In community with... all the saints.)

Mark 9:2-8

Meditation

Song: **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW #752** (sing twice)

The image displays a musical score for the song 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying' in G major (one sharp). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal melody line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains the lyrics: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Prayers of Intercession

Announcements

Offering Prayer

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our thirst with living water. Accompany us through these forty days, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

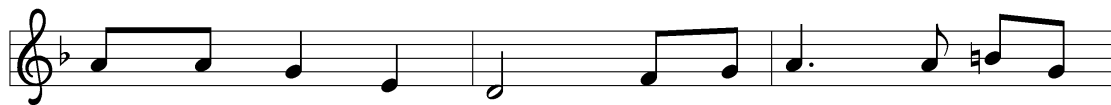
Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Song: **Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**
(verses 1-3 & weekly Lenten verse)

ELW #334



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



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One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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