

**Created for Community: March 3, 2021**

**Overview**

On Ash Wednesday, we began: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Tonight we will reflect on scripture, exploring what stands out to us in the texts, explore how God is speaking to you personally, and how God is speaking to us as a community.

**Gathering Song**

**Jesus, We Are Gathered**

*Jesu, tawa pano*



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,



Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je - sus, for you.

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**Prayer**

Let us pray: 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.**

**Scripture**

**Week 2 - In community with all the saints**

Mark 9:2-8 *Jesus is in conversation with those who have gone before him*

This reading highlight God's promise to many generations. We hear this connection to what has been established throughout the generations in this account of the transfiguration.

**Read text 3 times: Lectio Divino**

Each time invite the assembly to listen in a different way.

- Reading the first time: Listen for a word or short phrase that stands out to you.
- Reading the second time: Listen for a way in which God is speaking to you personally.
- Reading the third time: Listen for a way in which God is speaking to the community/communities of which you are a part.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

### By All Your Saints



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
*Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:*  
2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throug  
*Last* Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!  
who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—  
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown  
for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.  
and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

## **Prayers**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

### *A brief silence.*

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. All the ends of the earth worship you. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

### *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**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.**

## Blessing

The Creator who fashions us together with all things, the Christ who leads us into a new beloved community, the Spirit who holds us in the communion of saints, one God, ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

### Ubi caritas et amor *Where True Charity and Love Abide*

The musical score is written for a single voice part, using a soprano clef (treble clef) and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are in Latin and English. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The second line of music features a triplet of eighth notes on the word 'dwell'.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
*Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,*

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
*God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.*

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## Dismissal

Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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