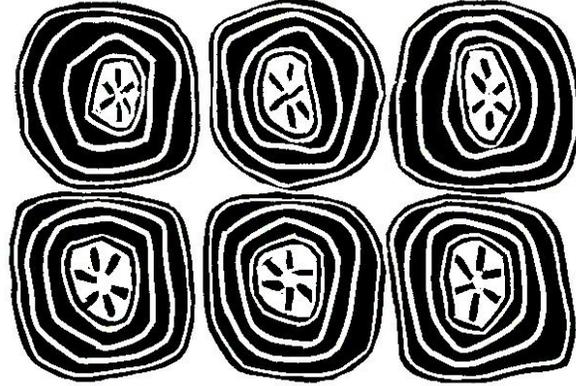




3RD SUNDAY
IN LENT

MARCH 20TH
5:00 PM

*a contemplative service
with candles and the music of Taizé*



PRELUDE

SALUTATION & OPENING PRAYERS

Blessed is our God now and always.

Amen.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Blessed are those who have endured temptation;
they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

God of wisdom,

may the light of your eternal Word,

our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;

we ask this in his name.

Amen.

HYMN

Tell Out, My Soul

Hymnal 437

1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
his ho - ly Name: The Lord, the Might - y One.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with two lines of text. The first system includes two alternative lines of lyrics. The score concludes with a double bar line.

LESSON **Isaiah 55:6-11**

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

PSALM 34:15-19

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Solo 2nd time through)

For God a-lone my soul waits in si-lence; from God comes my sal - va-tion.
In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy,
God a-lone is my rock and my sal - va - tion.
On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

LESSON Matthew 7:7-12

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."

PSALM 130 :1-4

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**

PRAYER

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Solo 2nd time through)

For God a-lone I wait in si - lence;
In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy,
for my_ hope is in God.
On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The first system begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: "For God a-lone I wait in si - lence;". The second system continues the lyrics: "In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy,". The third system has the lyrics: "for my_ hope is in God.". The fourth system concludes with the lyrics: "On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

LESSON**Luke 6:27–38**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

PSALM 50 :14-15, 22-24

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.

**Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."**

"I have made my accusation; *
I have put my case in order before your eyes.

**Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

PRAYER

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Solo 2nd time through)

God a-lone is my rock, my sal - va - tion, God is my for -

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and

tress; I shall not be sha - ken.

joy, On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

LESSON**Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

PSALM 30:2-6

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

**You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

**For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.**

Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

PRAYER

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Solo 2nd time through)

It is God who for-gives all your guilt, who heals ev-'ry-one of your ills, who re-

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

deems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and com - pas-sion.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

LESSON**Hebrews 2:10-18**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

PSALM 63 :1-4

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.**

PRAYER

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Solo 2nd time through)



The Lord is com-pas-sion and love, the Lord is pa-tient and rich in mer-cy. God does not
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name.
treat us ac-cord-ing to our sins nor re-pay us ac-cord-ing to our faults.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

CLOSING PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation;
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.
O my God, in you I trust.

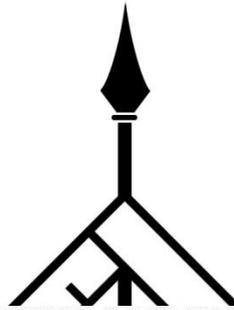
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust.

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

God,
who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE



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