

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

As we progress through Lent, O God, enable us to deepen our spiritual lives. Teach us to pray rightly that we may know the blessing of being rooted and grounded in your Spirit. Focus our minds upon Jesus, for it is in him that we see the pattern we are to follow. And focus our hearts on the needs of the world so that through us Christ might touch the world. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

Prayer helps me analyze the problem I face. Unfortunately, sometimes I go a long way down the road in a quandary, suffering inside, before I finally ask myself, "Why don't I talk to God about it?" - Jimmy Carter

I have learned that asking is the only way to activate spiritual electricity. It is always there for me, but I always have to ask for it. - Sarah Ban Breathnach

Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing itself. - Mother Teresa

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The season rolls around again.

All: Deep calls to deep.

One: Settle down. Look within.

All: Be quiet. Listen.

One: Are you on the right path? Are you drawing closer to God? Are you more loving?

All: Now is the time to reflect and pray.

One: Now is the season for silence and giving.

All: Thank God for Lent.

One: Thank God we journey not alone.

PRAISE SONG: Let Us Enter In (music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

One: We look and never see the face of hunger, for our eyes are not open. We listen and do not hear the cry of despair, for our ears are stopped up. We touch and feel nothing of the pain and loneliness, for our hearts are grown dull.

In our prayers help us to be:

All: Silent before you that we might hear you.

One: Open to you that we may enter.

All: At rest in you that you might work in us.

One: Empty before you that you may fill us.

All: Ready to receive that we might be sustained.

One: Hungry for you that we would be nourished.

All: Powerless before you that we can be directed.

One: Humble toward you that your awesomeness would transform us.

All: Loyal to you that we would be obedient.

One: Longing for you that we would find life's purpose.

All: Yearning for you that we would know completeness.

One: Loving you so we could know your love.

All: Devoted to you to discover our priorities.

One: Aware of others so that we can be a vehicle of your mercy.

All: Servant to you in order to serve others.

One: Thankful to you so we can be thankful in all things.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE READING: **1 Timothy 2:1-10 (The Message)**

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.

He wants not only us but *everyone* saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth *we've* learned: that there's one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. Eventually the news is going to get out. This and this only has been my appointed work: getting this news to those who have never heard of God, and explaining how it works by simple faith and plain truth.

Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for people to pray—not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God. And I want women to get in there with the men in humility before God, not primping before a mirror or chasing

the latest fashions but doing something beautiful for God and becoming beautiful doing it.

THE GOSPEL:

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to 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 a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

MESSAGE: “Prayer: Making the Connection” Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *Leaning In (music at end of bulletin)*

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

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 and 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.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: Know that God has formed you for relationship, so draw close in prayer. In every time and place, remember you are connected to all around you so reach out in love. May the power of God's love flow in us and through us.

ALL: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *Kyrie Eleison (music at end of bulletin)*

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attender. Occasional attender. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry. Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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Let Us Enter In

1. Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2. Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3. Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is brok - en.

Let us en - ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en - ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en - ter in to the start of a hope we can share.

Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er

Heal - ing, for - giv - ing. Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping



1. Some - times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly
2. Some - times we catch the faint - est hum - ming, a far - off



sound is gasp - ing breath. Some - times it seems that God is
tune our hearts know well. Some - times we sense the Spir - it



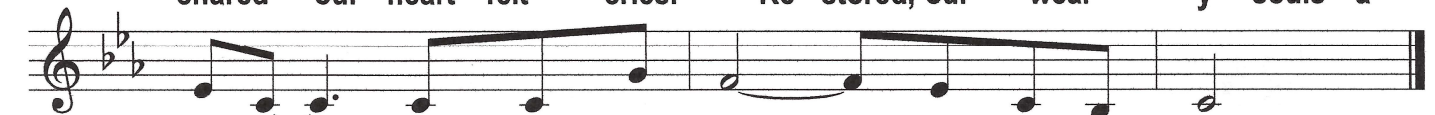
sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.



Who hears our song our sor - rows swal - low and of - fers
The Spir - it sings though we are shak - en, and Christ has



hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and
shared our heart - felt cries. Re - stored, our wear - y souls a -

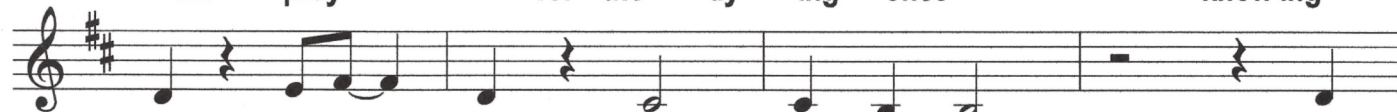


hol - low, God heeds our prayers with - in our tears.
wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

Leaning In - A Prayer of Intention



We pray for the lone - ly ones know ing
We pray for the wound - ed ones know ing
We pray for the starv - ing ones know ing
We pray for the dy - ing ones know ing



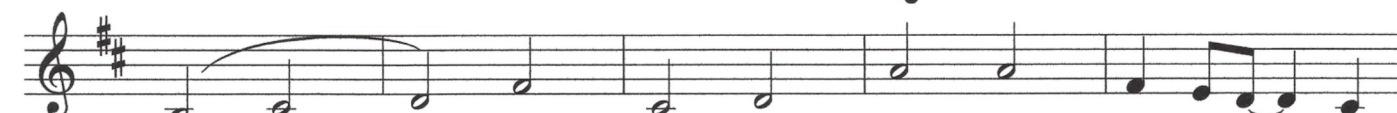
that some of us are lone - ly, and
that some of us are wound - ed, and
that some of us are starv - ing, and
that some of us are dy - ing, and



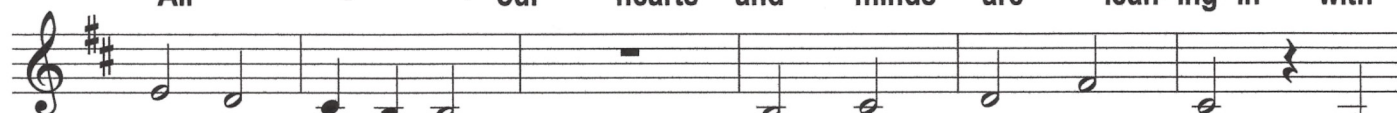
we pray for the heart - bro - ken ones know - ing
we pray for the re - gret - ful ones know - ing
we pray for the im - pris - oned ones know - ing
we pray for the new - ly born ones know - ing



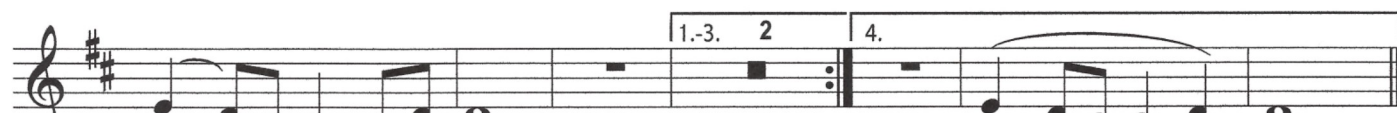
that some of us are heart - bro - ken.
that some of us are re - gret - ful.
that some of us are im - pris - oned.
that some of us are ar - riv - ing.



All - - our hearts and minds are lean - ing in with



clear in - ten - tion, join - ing in your way of



love in the world.
heal - ing in the world.
jus - tice in the world.
love in the world.

1.-3. 2 4.

A - - - men.

Kyrie Eleison

Kyr- i - e E - lei - son on our world and on
our way. Kyr- i - e E - lei - son ev'- ry day

For peace in the world, for the
That we may live out your im -
For peace in our hearts, for you
For your spir - it to guide, that you

health of the Church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
pass - ioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, in for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Song ending