



# Loving Witnessing Growing

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Lent 4

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

SUNG WORSHIP: WE WELCOME YOU WITH PRAISE (*We stand to sing.*)

Let our praise be Your welcome,  
let our songs be a sign;  
we are here for You,  
we are here for You.  
Let Your breath come from heaven,  
fill our hearts with Your life,  
we are here for You,  
we are here for You.

*To You our hearts are open,  
nothing here is hidden;  
You are our one desire.  
You alone are holy,  
only You are worthy,  
God, let Your fire fall down.*

Let our shout be Your anthem,  
Your renown fill the skies;  
we are here for You,  
we are here for You.  
Let Your Word move in power,  
let what's dead come to life;  
we are here for You,  
we are here for You

*To You our hearts are open...*

We welcome You with praise,  
we welcome You with praise,  
Almighty God of love,  
be welcomed in this place;  
let every heart adore,  
let every soul awake,  
Almighty God of love,  
be welcomed in this place.

**All:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you

People: and also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

*God is praised for his mighty acts.*

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

#### CONFESSION

Minister: God, all-loving and all-caring,  
we come before you with hesitant steps and uncertain motives

**All:** **Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Minister: We want to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated  
and uncover the places where we have strayed from your truth

**All:** **Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Minister: We ask for courage to open our eyes and unstop our ears  
that we may be aware of all that distracts us  
from a whole-hearted commitment to Christ

**All:** **Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Minister: We want to see ourselves as you do and live our lives as you intended,  
expose in us the empty and barren places  
where we have not allowed you to enter

**All:** **Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Minister: Reveal to us our half-hearted struggles,  
where we have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of others

**All:** **Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Minister: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a right Spirit within us,  
nurture the faint stirrings of new life  
where your spirit has taken root and begun to grow,

**All:** **Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.**

Minister: We long for your healing light to transform us into the image of your Son,  
for you alone can bring new life and make us whole

**All:** **In your mercy, shine upon us, O God,  
and make our path clear before us.**

#### LISTENING TO THE WORD

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 17:15-18

SUNG WORSHIP: PURIFY MY HEART

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold  
and precious silver;  
purify my heart, let me be as gold,  
pure gold.**

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
is to be holy, set apart for You Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for you my master,  
ready to do your will.*

**Purify my heart,  
cleans me from within  
and make me holy.**

**Purify my heart,  
cleans me from my sin,  
deep within.**

*Refiner's fire...*

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:23-33

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME TO PAUSE AND REFLECT

(LISTENING TO 'NO FEAR IN LOVE' BY STEFFANY GRETZINGER)

CREED

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

PEACE

**Minister:** The peace of the Lord be always with you,

**People:** and also with you.

SUNG WORSHIP: SPIRIT BREAK OUT

**Our Father,**  
all of heaven roars **Your name.**  
**Sing louder.**  
Let this place erupt with praise.  
Can you hear it?  
The sound of heaven  
touching earth.  
The sound of heaven  
touching earth. (repeat)

*Spirit break out,*  
*break our walls down.*  
*Spirit break out,*  
*heaven come down. (repeat)*

**King Jesus,**  
You're the name we're lifting high,  
Your glory  
shaking up the earth and sky.  
Revival,  
we want to see  
Your Kingdom here.  
We want to see  
Your Kingdom here. (repeat)

*Spirit break out...*

*We retell the story of the Last Supper and then offer praises to God.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Minister: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

THE INVITATION

Minister: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Minister prays, followed by,*

**All: Loving Father, your Son Jesus Christ has come to us  
in word and Spirit, in bread and cup.  
Make us holy and bring us to perfection,  
when we stand before him  
as he comes to us again in glory.**

NOTICES

SUNG WORSHIP: IN CHRIST ALONE

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength,  
my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.**

**What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine -  
bought with the precious  
blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand:  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ  
I'll stand.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*A blessing is said, followed by*

Leader: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.

All: **We are lights in the world, may we shine out for His glory.**