



Loving Witnessing Growing

29th March 2020
Lent 5

THE GATHERING

Leader: We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept

Leader: As God's people we have gathered:

All: let us worship him together.

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

SUNG WORSHIP: PRAISE TO THE LORD

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his Temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings,
and so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how all thy longings have been
granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper
thy work, and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew,
what the Almighty can do,
if with His love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
sound from His people again:
gladly forever adore Him.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVrrqqFu2cg>

LISTENING TO THE WORD

READING: ISAIAH 24:1-13

SUNG WORSHIP: WE BOW DOWN AND CONFESS

**We bow down and confess
You are Lord in this place.
We bow down and confess
You are Lord in this place.**

*You are all I need.
It's Your face I seek
in the presence of Your light,
we bow down, we bow down.*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS_ws9ELKZM

CONFESSION

Leader: In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Leader: Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive *us our* sins, open *our* eyes to God's truth,
strengthen *us* to do God's will and give *us* the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 14:3-5

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SUNG WORSHIP: BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS

Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset,
your kingdom increase!
Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills;

land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak:

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray;
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share.

Peace to the killing-fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams
plundered and poisoned -
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.

God of the poor...

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SERMON

SHARING AND RESPONDING

SUNG WORSHIP: LORD OF ALL CREATION

Lord of all creation,
of water, earth and sky,
the heavens are your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
you are Holy, Holy.*

*The universe declares your majesty,
you are Holy, Holy.*

*Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame
until your justice burns
brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.

God of the poor...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08utbDFP9AE>

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
and as I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night.

*God of wonders beyond our
galaxy...*

Hallelujah!

To the Lord of heaven and earth.
(x3)

*God of wonders beyond our
galaxy...*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTXBLspw_Z0

NOTICES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

A blessing is said, followed by

Leader: In our isolation and fear the Lord does a deep work in us.

All: **Recycle our faith,**
 that we may run and not be weary, walk and not faint.
 Recycle our hope,
 that we may rise up from pessimism
 like the flight of eagles.
 Recycle our love,
 that justice may roll on like a flood,
 and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.
 Refresh us as we wait upon the Lord. Amen.