

LENTEN WORSHIP 2021

March 17, 2021

GREETING

OPENING HYMN #746 "Day by Day"

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me, draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burden of my quest;
Savior lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day, by day, I know you will provide me, strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me, o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy, to know that you are near me, when my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

L: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

**C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The source of all mercy, and God of all consolation.**

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call upon him while God is near

L: Let the wicked abandon their ways

C: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

L: Let them turn to the Lord for mercy

C: to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

L: All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

Come without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

**C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.**

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, our redeemer,

C: in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and

flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

LENTEN DIALOG SKIT – “Dear Paul”

Paul – Pastor John
Brent – Eric Albrecht
Carrie – Alie Grundahl

REFLECTION - Intern Tamara RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; (*Jude 20*)

C: pray in the Holy Spirit

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God; (*Jude 21*)

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another:

Silence for self-examination

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

L: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

OFFERING PRAYER: Blessed are you O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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. 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 blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN - #776 Be Thou My Vision (vs 1, 2, 4)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

Light of my soul after victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all