

LENTEN WORSHIP 2021

March 24, 2021

GREETING

OPENING HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name,
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name,
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same,
Will you kiss the lepers clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Let your summons echo true when you but call my name,
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same,
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show,
Thus I'll live and grow and move in you and you in me.

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: John 13:36-38; 21:15-19.

Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus answered, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.' ³⁷Peter said to him, 'Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my

life for you.’³⁸ Jesus answered, ‘Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’¹⁶ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’¹⁷ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

LENTEN DIALOG SKIT – “Peter Speaks”

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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 - "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

(refrain) This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
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Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (refrain)