

Sunday, March 15, 2020

**Third Sunday of Lent
Encountering God: Taste and Smell**

SMALL GROUP WORSHIP SERVICE LITURGY

All songs are in the back of this liturgy

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Legend

Yellow: Reader

Green: Reader

Purple: Reader

Grey: All people

Users Guide

This service is intended to be led by different readers, have responses from the whole group, as well as to have parts that are open for personal sharing, prayer, listening, etc. This means that yellow sections can be different readers, as with green and purple. These colours are used to indicate multiple readers within the same section. This service is also intended to be used individually. Please use this as a guide to worship and let yourself be attentive to the ways the Spirit moves.

Helpful Tips

- Perhaps go through the liturgy beforehand and ask for volunteers or assign readers for each section, it will help with the flow.
- Decide if you will sing, which song you will sing and how you will sing each song before you worship begins.
- Pay attention to the parts that are intended to be led by children.
- Pay attention to the times of standing and sitting. Remember, worship includes our whole bodies.

GOD GATHERS US

Welcome

We come together today to worship in a different place but we worship the same triune God and we are a part of the same body, Christ's church. We know that our Lord, Jesus Christ said in the gospel of Matthew, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." So we worship God together today knowing that He is here and He is God. Let's pray

Opening Prayer

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. We pray that our time of worship today brings praise and glory to your name. Father, we ask that your Spirit descend on this place and that we be filled to overflowing with it. We ask also that you bless others as they worship you today in Spirit and truth. Father, we hear your call to come and be with you today and we respond. Thank you Jesus. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to come and worship him today. Hear this! Jesus, Lord of the universe, by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at Father's side, and there you prepare a place for us.

People: We worship you, Lord.

Worship Sourcebook: J1.6 p. 561

* **Song: Creation Sings the Father's Song (CCLI Song # 5333798) (or another song of your choice)**

* Greetings

Child: God's presence is here and he welcomes us into his presence with these words: To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe in Christ Jesus: May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

* **Song: Hymnal # 831 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - Public Domain (or another song of your choice)**

GOD RENEWS US

Call to Confession

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

—Numbers 21:4-9, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

God, we are often impatient like the people of Israel. We want things our way and we want them in a hurry. Forgive us when we think this way or say it out loud. Lord, we are sinful.

[Time of silent confession]

Please take away our sin. Help us to seek your way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our God assures us of our forgiveness with these words: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Song: Hymnal # 833 There Is a Redeemer CCLI Song #11483 / CCLI License #2024198

In response to our forgiveness, we confess our faith together in the one, true, triune God. The creed has been a unifying declaration ever since its inception in the early church. It still remains for Christians a reminder of whose *hands* we are in, that we are *united to each other* through this faith that we share, and *who we look to* for our hope. So let us confess our faith together in the words of the apostles creed:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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.*

GOD SPEAKS WITH US

Scripture Reading: John 6:25-58

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Encountering God | Taste and Smell (uploaded to SoundCloud)

Prayer

* **Song: Hymnal #770 In Christ Alone (CCLI Song #3350395 / CCLI License #2024198)**

Prayers of the People

You may ask for specific prayer requests before beginning

Our Father, who is in heaven

Lord, we acknowledge you as our father. As the father of those of us who are old, and those who are young. Of those who are well, and those who are sick. Of those who are near, and those who are far from us. Of those who are rich, and those who are poor. Of those who are powerful, and those who are weak. We thank you that we are all equal before you as your children. We thank you for loving us. We repent of not providing you the honour that you, as our father, deserve. We thank you that you are a loving father, who hears the requests of your children. We praise you, oh God of heaven and earth, for your great power, love, and mercy. Hear us as we pray.

We contemplate you, oh father, and lift the meditations of our hearts to you now.

(Silence)

Hallowed be your name

Oh Lord, you are most holy. You are the refining fire; a presence so holy that to see you face-to-face is to invite death. We thank you Lord, that your perfection and holiness were united in the perfect life of your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who became flesh. We thank you, that through him, we might approach your perfection with confidence, and walk along side you like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace, knowing that you who are holy are also loving. Father, help us to long to be holy. Make us holy through the pure flame that is your Holy Spirit.

We pause, oh Holy God, and lift our prayers as incense to you now. (Silence)

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Oh Lord, you are the great king of all the earth. As leaders around the world strive, and preen, and boast, and plot, we know that you laugh at them. We thank you that we can know that, though the world seems full of chaos, that it is held in your hands. Thank for that confidence and hope. We ask, oh King, that we, as your servants could be instruments of your son, the Prince of Peace, in whom all order is made complete through his great love. We pray that you would give us the power of your Holy Spirit to be channels of that peace, so that your will would be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

We pause to hand over to you all our plans, and to pray for the leaders of this world, and to pray that your kingdom would come quickly (Silence)

Give us today, our daily bread

Jesus Christ, your body is the bread of life. Help us, who are fed by your living bread, to be strengthened by your indwelling Spirit to do our daily work. Be with us whatever we do, and help us to turn that work to good service of our neighbours. And Lord, we thank you for providing us with the bread we need so that we can strengthen our bodies, and the funds we need to care for ourselves, and to share with our neighbours in need. Father, help us to see that all things come from you, and that, like the Israelites in the desert of Sinai, our sustenance will come from your hand. Help us to turn away from hoarding and anxiety about our livelihood, and to know that you love us even more than the lilies of the field that are clothed in splendour.

We pause to thank you for our work, and to give us new hearts which see our work, our possessions, as gifts from you, and gifts to be shared with those in need. (Silence)

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us

God, you are merciful and just. We know that we do not merit a place in your kingdom; that our sin has cast us out of your presence. Forgive us those sins for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. We thank you that you love us so much that, even when we were still wallowing in our sins, that you came to save us. Forgive us Lord, and as forgiven children, help us to be like you, our Father, and forgive those we are prone to hate; that have sinned against our bodies; that have spoken ill of us, or cheated us. Do not give us hearts of stone; do not let us become full of spite, or self-righteousness. Help us to be transformed by the power of you, poured out for us, to become people who forgive. Help us to love our enemies.

We pause to ask forgiveness for sins we've committed this week, and for our hearts to be made flesh.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil

Oh Lord, we know that you care for us, and that you do not lead us into temptation. Father, we know that many things test our faith. Be alongside us in hardship, and as we face trials of all sorts -- illness, stress at work, depression, concerns about the future -- that you would save us from being overwhelmed. Be our shield and defender against despair. Lion of Judah, deliver us mightily by your great power.

We pause to place our cares and worries at your feet; we pause to thank you that we need not fear, for you are with us. (Silence)

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD RECEIVES OUR OFFERINGS

Offering: First Offering: Ministries of First Hamilton CRC

Second Offering:

GOD SENDS US

* Blessing

(consider having children read this blessing)

God sends us with these words:

May God go before you to lead you

May God go behind you to protect you

May God go beneath you to support you

May God go beside you to befriend you

Do not be afraid

May the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit rests upon you

Do not be afraid

Go in peace to love God and love each other

Consider closing the service with the three-fold Amen OR the Doxology (Public Domain)

Following the Service:

- Consider going on a prayer walk through your neighbourhood
- Consider singing more songs together!

Creation Sings The Father's Song

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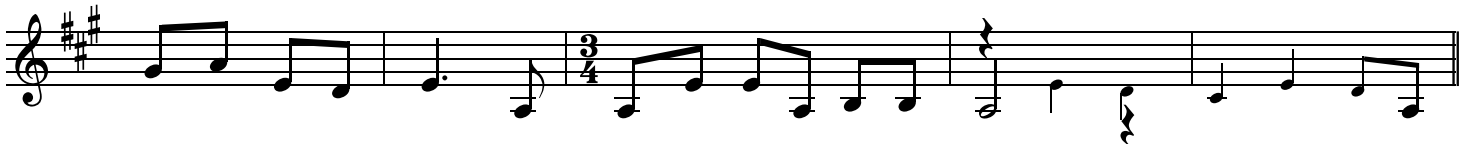
VERSE

A E/A D/A A E/A D/A A D E F#m



1. Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; _ He calls the sun to wake the dawn and
(2. Cre) - a - tion gazed up - on His face; _ The age - less One in time's em - brace, un -
(3. Cre) - a - tion longs for His re - turn, _ when Christ shall reign up - on the earth; The

5 D A/C# D A/C# E A E/A D/A A E/A D/A



run the course of day, till eve - ning falls in crim - son rays. His
- veiled the Fa - ther's plan of rec - on - cil - ing God and man. A
bit - ter wars that rage are birth pains of a com - ing age. When

10 A E/A D/A A E/A D/A A D E F#m



fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow; _ His breath up - on this spin - ning globe; _ He
sec - ond Ad - am walked the earth, _ whose blame - less life would break the curse, _ whose
He re - news the land and sky, _ all heav'n will sing and earth re - ply _ with

CHORUS

14 D A/C# D A/C# E A E



charts the ea - gle's flight, com - mands the new - born ba - by's cry. Hal - le - lu -
death would set us free to live with Him e - ter - nal - ly.
one re - splend - ent theme: The glo - ry of our God and King!

19 F#m D A/C# E A E F#m



- jah! Let all cre - a - tion stand and sing: "Hal - le - lu - jah!" Fill the

INSTRUMENTAL

24 D A/C# D A/C# D A/C# E A E/A D/A

earth with songs of wor - ship, tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.

28 A E/A D/A A E/A D/A 1, 2. A E/A D/A 3. A

2. Cre -
3. Cre -

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

F Gm F C F Dm C F

1 Al-le-lu-ia! Sing to Je-sus! His the scep-ter, his the throne;
 2 Al-le-lu-ia! Not as or-phans are we left in so-row now;
 3 Al-le-lu-ia! Heaven-ly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;
 4 Al-le-lu-ia! King e-ter-nal, you the Lord of lords we own:

Gm F C F Dm C F

Al-le-lu-ia! His the tri-umph, his the vic-to-ry a-lone.
 Al-le-lu-ia! He is near us; faith be-lieves nor ques-tions how.
 Al-le-lu-ia! Hear the sin-ful cry to you from day to day.
 Al-le-lu-ia! born of Mar-y, earth your foot-stool, heaven your throne:

Am Dm7 Gm7 C7 F Dm Gm Csus C

Hark! The songs of peace-ful Zi-on thun-der like a might-y flood.
 Though the cloud from sight re-ceived him when the for-ty days were o'er,
 In-ter-ces-sor, friend of sin-ners, earth's Re-deem-er, hear our plea,
 you with-in the veil, have en-tered, robed in flesh our great High Priest:

F Gm F C F B^b F/C C7 F

Je-sus, out of ev-ery na-tion, has re-deemed us by his blood.
 shall our hearts for-get his prom-ise, "I am with you ev-er-more"?
 where the songs of all the sin-less sweep a-cross the crys-tal sea.
 by your Spir-it, lift us heaven-ward, in the Eu-char-is-tic feast!

There Is a Redeemer

D G/D D A D G A D Asus A

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
3 When I stand in glo - ry I will see his face;

D G D Em7 Asus A7 D

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for - ev - er, in that ho - ly place.

Refrain D G D G A D A7

Refrain Thank you O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and

D G/D D G Asus A7 D

leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

In Christ Alone

G D G A Bm

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh— full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

G Em7 A D G D G

light, my strength, my song— this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe!— this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - al

A Bm G Em7 A D

ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of

G D A D G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no hu - man plan, can ev - er pluck me from his

A G D G A

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all,
 fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid;
 me; for I am his and he is mine,
 hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me home,

Bm G Em7 A D

here in the love of Christ I stand.
 here in the death of Christ I live.
 bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

965 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Cherokee

Oo ne la nuh hi likidodah,
 Oo ne la nuh hi Oo weji,
 Oo ne la nuh
 hi ahdahnuhdo,
 Kehdihlgwodah hnagwase.

Mohawk

Ron wa sen naiens ne Niio
 ron wa sen naiens
 ne non kwe,
 ron we sen naiens
 neh ne ken
 ron wa sen naiens ro ni ha.

Navajo

Bóhólníihii baa dahohniih,
 'Éí baa 'ahééh danohsinii,
 Nihookáá' diné nohliinii
 Chánahgo bich'i'
 dahohtaal.

German

Gott Vater, dem sei
 ewig Herr,
 Gott Sohn, der ist der
 einig Herr,
 und dem Tröster,
 Heiligen Geist,
 von nun an bis in Ewigkeit.

French

Gloire à Dieu,
 notre Créateur;
 gloire à Christ,
 notre Rédempteur;
 gloire à l'Esprit Consolateur!
 Louange et gloire
 à Dieu, Sauveur.

Portuguese

A Deus, supremo benfeitor.
 Ao Filho eterno,
 Deus de amor.
 Ao Santo Deus consolador,
 Ó anjos e homens,
 dai louvor.

Spanish

A Dios, el Padre celestial,
 al Hijo, nuestro Redentor,
 al eternal Consolador
 unidos todos alabad.

Dutch

Aan God de Vader zij de eer,
 aan God de Zoon
 voor immermeer,
 aan God do Geest
 die troost en leidt
 zij lof ne en to allen tijd.

Korean

만복의 근원 하나님
 만물아 찬양하여라
 알렐루야 알렐루야
 복 주시는 주 하나님
 힘 주시는 주 예수님
 주의 성령 찬양하라
 알렐루야 알렐루야 알렐루야

Japanese

たたえよ主の民
 御使いとともに
 恵みにあふれる
 父・子・聖霊を

Mandarin

颂赞上主万福之源；
 颂赞基督救赎恩洪；
 颂赞圣灵·我保惠师；
 崇敬至尊三一真神。
 阿们·阿们。

For an alternate arrangement see 843, 924

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