



Morning Prayer Service for Lent

O God We Call by Linnea Good

*O God we call, O God we call
From deep inside we yearn
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From deep inside we yearn, for you.*

Announcements

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord, **and you will sustain us.**
Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**
Cast us not away from your presence **and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**
Give us the joy of your saving help again **and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.**
Blessed are you, O Holy One, **the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.**

Forty Days and Forty Nights VU 114

*Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.*

*Sunbeams scorching all the day, chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about your way; stones your pillow, earth your bed.*

*Shall not we your trial share, and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?*

*If temptations, vexing sore, flesh or spirit should assail,
you their vanquisher before, grant we may not faint nor fail.*

*Keep, oh keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by your side;
that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory forever.

**In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance.
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing
your praise.**

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Psalm 25:1-9

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'mf'. The lyrics are: 'Glor - ious Maj - es - ty, to you we lift up our hearts.' The score includes various chords: D, G⁶ (G/A), D, (Dmaj⁷), G, A⁷sus⁴, and D.

To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul;

my God, I put my trust in you;

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. R

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright are you, O Lord;

therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right

and teach your way to the lowly. RR

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Incline your ear to me; make haste to answer when I call.

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Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come before you.

Make haste to answer when I call.

Hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

Make haste to answer when I call.

You endure forever and your name from age to age.

Make haste to answer when I call.

You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have pity upon her.

Make haste to answer when I call.

1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church CP 174

***Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here- the goal of all desire.***

*So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.*

*If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the first-born of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in spring-time dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.*

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Sermon

Come let us return to the Lord **who has torn us and will heal us.**

God has stricken us **and will bind up our wounds.**

After two days, God will revive us,

and on the third day will raise us up, so that we may live in the presence of the Lord.

Let us strive to know the Lord, **whose appearing is as sure as the sunrise.**

God will come to us like the showers, **like the spring rains that water the earth.**

'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? **How shall I deal with you, O Judah?**

'Your love for me is like the morning mist, **like the dew that goes early away.**

Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, **and my judgement goes forth as the light.**

For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, **and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.'

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For all whom we have injured or offended,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *those preparing for baptism and confirmation;*
- *those serving through leadership in church and state;*
- *those looking for forgiveness;*
- *those misled by the false gods of this present age and*
- *all who are hungry.*

God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, so that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Like a Healing Stream MV 144

***Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...like a healing stream.***

***Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need...like a gentle rain.***

*Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hat and war...like a river strong.*

*Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide! Like a mighty sea,
like a river strong, like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.*

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

My Jesus Walked by L.H Doucet

*For forty days, for forty days
My Jesus walked; my Jesus walked
Down in the desert, down in the desert
And there he stayed, and there he stayed
And there he prayed, and there he prayed
Down in the desert, down in the desert.
Lord, Jesus Christ, may our daily sacrifice
be learning to love like you.*

*For forty days, for forty days
My Jesus walked; my Jesus walked
Down in the desert, down in the desert
And there he stayed, and there he stayed
And there he prayed, and there he prayed
Down in the desert, down in the desert.
Open your eyes so that we may change our lives
to live the Lord's good news!*

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My Jesus walked; my Jesus walked
Down in the desert, down in the desert
And there he stayed, and there he stayed
And there he prayed, and there he prayed
Down in the desert, down in the desert.*

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday – February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:22-30;

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38