



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.**

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery CP 179

*Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.*

*Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.*

*We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.*

*Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.*

*Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.*

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 22:22-30

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "O Ho-ly One, in pain and sor-row we know we can turn to you." The score includes various chords and dynamics. The chords are: Em, Em7, Em, Em7, A7, C, Am, D, Esus4, and Em. The dynamics are: mp (mezzo-piano) and f (forte). The score is in a 3/4 time signature and has a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither turns away from them; when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.
My praise is of God in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:
"May your heart live for ever!"
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God. R

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before God.

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that God has done. RR

Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

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

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

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.

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the

barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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To Abraham and Sarah CP 468

***To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people and I will be your God."***

***From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written by God this saving word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."***

***We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."***

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

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

Go Make a Difference MV 209

***Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.
We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.***

*We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see the love of God for you & me.
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.
We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.*

*We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.
We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.*

*So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.
We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.*

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

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

[Readings for next Sunday – March 7, 2021](#)

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22