

LISTENING



below the
noise

SEASON OF LENT

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Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship – *Listening Below the Noise*

- L: What if God calls us . . .
Not to a task, but to a conversation?
What if God calls us . . .
Not to a destination, but to a relationship?
What if God calls us . . .
Not to an achievement, but to a table?
What if we answered: “Here I am,”
And pulled up a chair,
Ready for whatever happens next?

Prelude

Annette Nolan

Confession and Forgiveness

- L: We gather in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
L: Allow yourself to settle for a moment.
To embrace the silence.
To discover the stillness that lives within your soul.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

I invite you to listen to the voice of God who speaks to you:
“Return to me with your whole heart, for I am gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love to the thousandth generation, ready to forgive all
your sins by washing them away with my tears of joy.”

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- L: God, source of life and steadfast love,
C: We turn toward you and open our hearts.
Forgive our pride and forgive our insecurities.
Forgive our self-absorption and forgive our self-destruction.
Forgive our doubts and forgive our confidence.
Forgive our longing for attention and forgive our desire to hide.
Forgive each step we take away from you.
L: Allow yourself to settle for a moment.
To embrace the silence.
To discover the stillness that lives within your soul.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- L: I invite you to listen to the voice of God who speaks to you:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you and forgiven you all your sins. I have called you by name and you are mine.”
- C: **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Illumination - *written by St. Anselm (1033-1109)*

- L: Let us pray.
- Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you:
You are gentle with us as a mother with her children;
Often you weep over our sins and our pride:
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds:
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.
- Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life:
By your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness:
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead:
your touch makes sinners righteous.
- Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us:
in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness:
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.
- C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Gospel Acclamation

"We Are Turning, Lord, to Hear You"

Laura Torrence

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—
 slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

The Message

Song of the Day

"Thy Holy Wings"

Laura Torrence & Choir

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Affirmation of Faith

L: Let us affirm our faith.

**C: We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of the One God,
Maker and sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.
Born of Mary's womb,
Faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick,
Served the poor,
And proclaimed the reign of God in the world.
Condemned by the religious
And crucified by the state,
He died,
But transformed even death
And rose to life everlasting.
He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit
And sent them forth,
East and west, north and south.
We commit ourselves to Jesus,
To one another and to his mission in the world
In the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People of God

L: Let us pray. Lord God, in your holy word today we heard that you ask us to come to you—and that more— you seek us out like a hen seeks out her chicks; that you offer us the protection and the safety of your strong wings. Help us to stop each day and to listen for your call; to pause and allow your love to overtake us; to wait and to have your warmth and your wisdom overwhelm us.

A brief silence.

L: We pray for those leaders of the world who are tempted by the lure of power, without considering the cost to others. We pray for those at the root of conflict, division, and violence whose desire to have things their way prevents them listening to your voice of peace. We pray for the country and the people of Ukraine as they stand against the Russian invasion of their country.

L: In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those in the world who through the greed and unequal distribution of the world's wealth are hungry and thirsty. We pray for those who are denied education and health care. We pray for those who are denied freedom of speech and suffer persecution for sharing the good news of Christ.

L: In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those whom we know, for whom illness, frailness or bereavement have left them isolated and cut off from the joy, support and encouragement of human encounter.

L: We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Val Allred | ▪ Jesse Priser |
| ▪ Lemont Bell | ▪ Joyce Quigley |
| ▪ J.C. Bunn | ▪ Beverly Rector |
| ▪ Inez Easley | ▪ Brenda Reid |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Shannon Roberson |
| ▪ Abby Hibbeler | ▪ L.D. Shockley |
| ▪ Donnell Horton | ▪ Reponda Smith |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz | ▪ Kelly Taylor |
| ▪ Ray Matthews | ▪ Jackie Torrence |
| ▪ Russ McKittrick | ▪ Renda Torrence |
| ▪ Andrew Milholland | ▪ David Townsend |
| ▪ Dave Miller | ▪ Laura Tucker |
| ▪ Carolyn Osborne | ▪ Debbie Vick |
| ▪ Donna Parrish | ▪ Herbert Watson |
| ▪ Leo Peeler | ▪ Renate Wilson |
| ▪ Chip Priser | ▪ Sara & Ralph Yarberry |

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

L: We pray for our guests at Room in the Inn this past Monday: Elaine, Mamodi, Vesenia, Terry, Jason, and Jeffrey.

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Kim Solaris, friend of Laura Torrence, died February 25.
- Bobby McKittrick, uncle of Russ McKittrick, died February 24.

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: In your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord God, we journey with Jesus during this Lenten season with the certain hope that you will recreate our world so that all people will live in peace and justice. We lift to you all the prayers we have spoken and the longings of our hearts.

C: Amen

SHARING THE MEAL

Offertory

"Here Is Bread"

Laura Torrence & Choir

VERSE

C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B



1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.

5 C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G 1. C Fm/C



Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus
 We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci -

9 2, 3. CHORUS C Gm⁷ B^b/C Fmaj⁷ F⁶ Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷



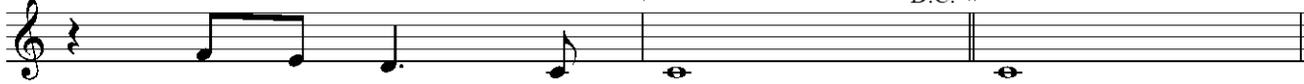
here. In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup there's
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13 B^b/C C B^b/D C/E Fmaj⁷ F[#]° Em⁷ A+⁷



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,

16 Dm⁷ G⁷ 1. C D.C. 2. C



Christ is with us here. here.

Word of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

**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;
and 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.**

Post-Communion Blessing

**L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood
strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.**

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction

L: Look at your hands. See the touch and the tenderness.

C: God's own for the world.

L: Look at your feet. See the path and the direction.

C: God's own for the world.

L: Look at your heart. See the fire and the love.

C: God's own for the world.

L: Look at the cross. See God's Son and Savior.

C: God's own for the world.

L: This is God's world,

C: And we will serve God in it.

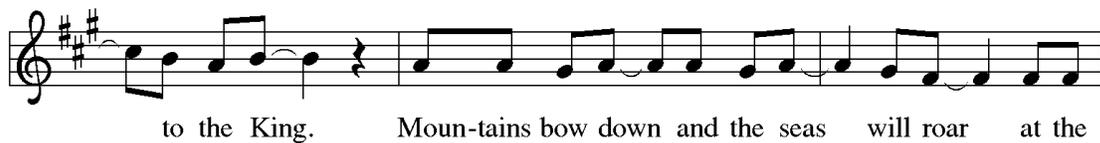
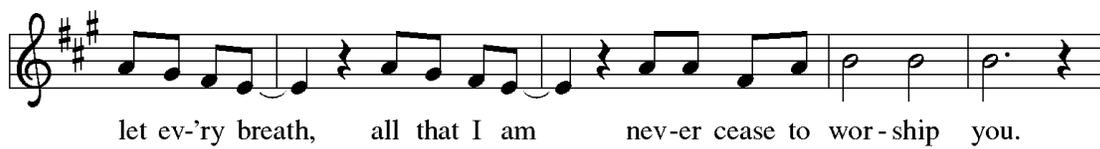
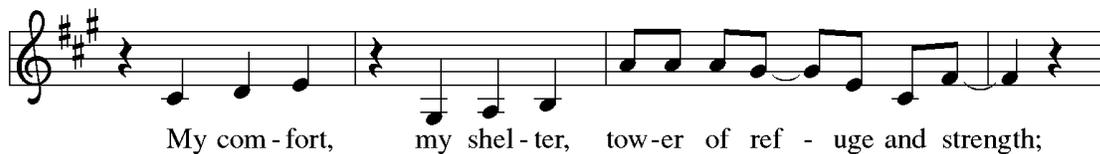
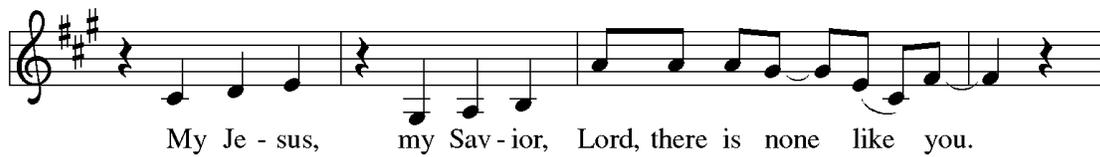
**L: May God bless you. May God keep you with great care and lead your lives with
great love.**

**C: May Christ's warm welcome shine in our lives and his peace fill our hearts and
our homes. Amen.**

Sending Song

"Shout to the Lord"

Laura Torrence & Choir



Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.