

Lenten Evening Prayer



The word Lent comes from “lengthen,” the lengthening of days as Winter turns to Spring. As our planet moves into a fresh season, we pay attention to the movement of the Holy One within our lives, or our lives moving within the Holy One. Lent invites people of God to be in wonder about the mystery of faith and our mystical connection to Jesus Christ. Welcome to this moment of word, song and silence.

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

In baptism, we know we belong to Christ,
sharing a partnership with God.

In baptism, we share Christ’s death,
witnessing the cross in the suffering of our world.

We also share Christ’s new life:
in the story of the empty tomb, in our trust of God today.

in the water, in the meal,
in our prayer, in our song,

in our sure knowings,
in our holy, wondering silences.

The people of God pause for a slow, deep breath.

In Lent, we journey with Jesus,
our brother, mentor, friend, and Christ.

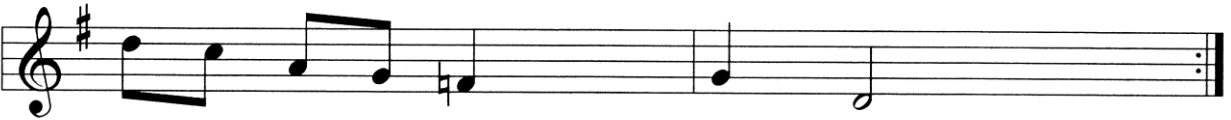
Open Unto Me



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Reading

As God’s chosen ones, holy and loved, we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, tenderness and patience.

We bear with one another, and in our disagreements, we are on the path of understanding and forgiveness.

Just as Christ has forgiven us, we too are free to forgive.

Above all, we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And may the peace of God rule in our hearts, to which indeed we are called in the one body.

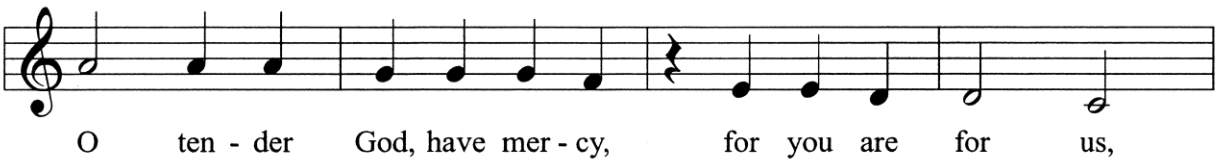
Let us become ever more grateful people.

Colossians 3:12-15

Reflection

Prayers

O Tender God, Have Mercy



The Lord's Prayer

**Beloved Abba,
our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven,
may your name be hallowed;
may your way be followed;
and your will be done
throughout the whole creation.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
For the hurts we inflict upon one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Sending Song

O Christ, Surround Me



God, be the love to search and keep me;
Bind to my - self the Name of Ho - ly,
Bright - ness of sun and glow of moon - light,
Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney,
Christ in the eyes of all who see me,



God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to
great cloud of wit - nes - ses en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles,
flash - ing of light - ning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to
go - ing a - head to light my way, and from be - neath, a -
Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of



now up - hold me. O Christ, sur - round me,
an - gels wit - ness. O Christ, sur - round me,
soil of plan - et: O Christ, sur - round me,
bove and all ways, O Christ, sur - round me,
all who know me: O Christ, sur - round me,



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Blessing

Now friends, clothed in holy love,
knit into the life of Christ, may the peace of God [+]
rule in your hearts always.

Amen.