

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020

CHIME

WELCOME

CONFESSION

This Lent we are reflecting on our conversations which have been radically changed by social distancing! Perhaps there is a kind of blindness we wrestle with when we can only see each other over screens. Our senses are challenged. Our confession today will focus on that challenge.

Please close or cover your eyes.

Settle into the darkness. Think about how this cuts you off from other people.

What fears rise up for you? What edge of panic do you approach.

What other feelings do you notice?

You might feel more alone than ever. The more you adjust to the darkness, let your other senses rise up. I'm going to add a moment of silence to our experience. When I speak again, repeat after me

Healing God,
how could we be so blind?

We have chosen to hide
in ways that we think feel safe.

We are afraid of being exposed,
and yet we long to be seen.

In you there is healing and hope,
forgive our short-sighted faith.

In you there is restoration.
Help us to trust all the senses you have given us.

May our eyes be opened and our lives be transformed
by your mercy,

In you there is relief and new sight! AMEN

GATHERING SONG

GIVE ME JESUS

ELW #770
African American Spiritual

In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

And when I want to sing,
And when I want to sing,
And when I want to sing,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

GREETING

*We are here today to be in
conversation with the holy.
The Spirit of God be with you
and inspire you!*

SONG OF PREPARATION

THE LORD IS MY SONG

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O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song,
the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song,
the Lord is my prayer:
God, the well-spring of life.

The Lord is my song,
the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song,
the Lord is my prayer:
God, the well-spring of life.



SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The peace of God that comes
through the forgiveness of your sin
be with you all.*

*Please share that peace in the spirit
of reconciliation with one another!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

1 SAMUEL 16: 1-13

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

SECOND READING

PSALM 23

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL

*The Good News of Jesus Christ for
all Creation this day is in the Gospel
of John Chapter 9 :1-41.*

*Open the pages. Open your ears.
Open your hearts to follow along.*

**Listen, listen.
Be open, O my heart**

*God, open our ears
to hear your living Word.*
God, open our hearts
to live your saving Word.

Amen.
Let it be so.

GOSPEL STORY

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

by Marty Haugen

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Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know
our fears and sadness,
Grace us with your peace
and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort:
fill our hearts.

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Give us strength
to love each other
Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,
Spirit of all kindness:
be our guide.

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know each
thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion:
fill each heart.

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.
And hope beyond our sorrow.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God .

Your mercy is great.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, we find our lives full of good things. As we offer our lives to you in the acts of charity we do daily, in the money we donate, and the prayers we offer, empty us. Help us come to you feeling hungry. We want you alone to feed us. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 today 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*COMMUNION SONG

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

ELW #779

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils,
and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me
safe thus far, and grace will lead
me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten
thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's
praise than when we'd first begun.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Let us pray. Jesus, this meal is good.
We are grateful. As we remember that
you promise to love and forgive us, help
us to be loving and forgiving every day.
We want to be a blessing. Amen.*

CHIME

BENEDICTION

Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God,

speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

+bless you, unbind you, and

send you in love and in peace.

Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

MORE LOVE, MORE POWER

by Jude Del Hierro
2 Timothy 1:7

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More love, more power,
more of You in my life.
More love, more power,
more of You in my life.

And I will worship You
with all of my heart.
With all of my soul,
with all of my mind.

And I will worship You
with all of my strength,
For You are my Lord,
You are my Lord.

More love, more power,
more of You in my life.
More love, more power,
more of You in my life,

And I will also serve my
neighbor with love.
And care for their needs,
as You care for mine.

And reach out with my heart,
for we are all one.
All children of God,
Children of God.

More love, more power,
more of You in my life.
More love, more power,
more of You in my life.

And I will worship You
with all of my heart.
With all of my soul,
with all of my mind

And I will worship You
with all of my strength,
For You are my Lord,
You are my Lord.
You are my Lord.



DISMISSAL

*Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.*

Thanks be to God!