

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Contemplative Prayer Service
March 5, 2022

A Lenten Pathway
toward Reconciliation and Wholeness

PRELUDE

ANTIPHON

Teach me your way, O God,
That I may walk in your truth. (Psalm 85.11)

Pause

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Not because
we have made peace this day.
Not because
we have treated the other as our self.
Not because
we have walked the earth with reverence today
but because there is mercy
because there is grace
because your Spirit has not been taken from us
we come
still thirsting for peace
still longing to love
still hungering for wholeness.

Be still and aware.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(flute offering)

INVITATIONAL PRAYER

I make my prayer to you, O God;
be merciful to me.

**I make my prayer to you, O God;
be merciful to me.**

Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you:
I make my prayer to you, O God; be merciful to me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
I make my prayer to you, O God, be merciful to me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

SCRIPTURE & MEDITATION

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

58:9b–14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Lector Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86

Give ear to my cry, O Comforter,
and answer for me,
for I am sorely in need of You.

**Awaken new life in me, as I yearn to do your will;
dispel the ignorance of my ways,
as I put my trust in You.**

You are the Beloved; be gracious to me,
Heart of my heart,
For with You would I walk all day.

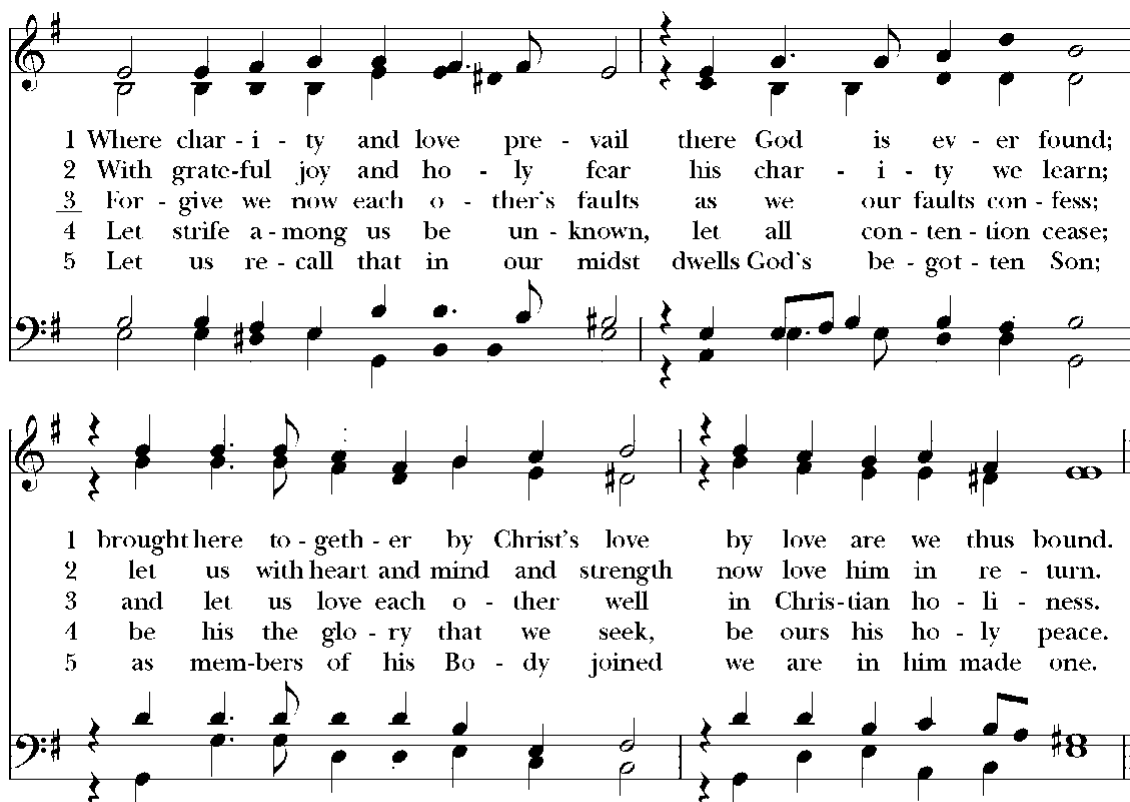
**My soul is uplifted,
as I abandon myself into your hands.**

For you are kind and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast Love to all
who call upon You.

Give ear to my prayer,
Compassionate One;
Listen to my heartfelt plea.

In the time of trouble,
I dare to call upon You,
for you hear the cry of those in need.

GRADUAL HYMN



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:27-32

After healing the paralyzed man, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

HOMILY

Mother Barbara

POEM ON FASTING AND FEASTING IN LENT

Fast from judgment, Feast on compassion.
Fast from greed, Feast on sharing.
Fast from scarcity, Feast on abundance.
Fast from fear, Feast on peace.
Fast from lies, Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip, Feast on praise.
Fast from apathy, Feast on engagement.
Fast from discontent, Feast on gratitude.
Fast from noise, Feast on silence.
Fast from discouragement, Feast on hope.
Fast from hatred, Feast on love.

AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST'S HEALING GRACE

Mother Barbara

Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life. Amen.

Let us pray.

O living Christ, make us conscious now of your healing nearness.

A QUIET MUSICAL OFFERING

Taize #41 Veni Sanctus Spiritus

Touch our eyes that we may see you; open our ears that we may hear your voice; enter our hearts that we may know your love. Overshadow our souls and bodies with your presence that we may partake of your strength, your love, and your healing life.

Amen.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers, silently or aloud. *(pause)*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely,
anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of
Your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to
soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering,
granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the Grace
and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation,
and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light, we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your
mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are
gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now
and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

In lives where love has been born this day
thanks be to you, O God.
In families where forgiveness has been strong,
thanks be to you.
In nations where wrongs have been addressed
where tenderness has been cherished
and where visions for earth's oneness have been served
thanks be to you.
May those who are weary find rest this night.
May those who carry great burdens for their people find strength.
May the midwives of new beginnings in our world find hope.
And may the least among us find greatness
strength in our souls
worth in our words
love in our living.

Silent prayers for peace.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE CELEBRATION AT THE LORD'S TABLE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	We offer you praise, dear God,
<i>People</i>	with hearts lifted high,
<i>Celebrant</i>	for in the communion of your love
<i>People</i>	Christ comes close to us,
	and we come close to Christ.

Celebrant Let us pray,

O God of mystery and promise,
you invite us to discover you
in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives.
You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity,
in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain,
in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom.

You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination,
 beyond the silent stars,
 in the deep rhythms of the ocean,
 in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.
 So, this day, with angels and archangels,
 with saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky,
 with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us,
 with all creation,
 we join our voices with St. Francis
 as together with angels and archangels
 we join in the song of your unending glory:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

We praise you that in Jesus you have revealed yourself to us,
 making known the wonder and richness of our humanity.
 We give thanks for his self-giving love, his healing touch,
 his vulnerability and gentleness:
 for the sacrifice that triumphs over sin
 and death and makes all things new.

Before he gave up his life for us, he shared himself,
 his flesh and blood with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks for it, and gave it to them saying:
 "This is my body given for you.
 Do this to remember me."

So too after they had eaten, he took the cup, gave thanks for it,
and gave it to them saying:

“This is my blood poured out in love for you.
Do this to remember me.”

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine.
Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son so that we may
become One body, and give you perfect praise.

Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new
age of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
With him, and through him, and in him,
be glory and honor to you, O Holy One,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.

People **It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE

Celebrant The body of Christ, broken for you.

Eucharistic Minister The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Lord Jesus Christ, you have put life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

In the coming hours of darkness
may there be light in our dreams.

In the stillness of sleep
may there be strength for our souls.

In the wakeful watches of night
may there be peace in our minds.

Light for new vision
strength to make sacrifice
peace for our world.

On the pathways of earth's journey this night
let there be peace.

CLOSING HYMN

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun. and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold onto what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint- hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Greeter:

Edna Guido

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson
Mrs. Kathy Hettinga

Musicians:

Michelle DiBona Trefren
Kevin Gorman
Brian Helman
Cheryl Stern

Lectors:

Donna Harpster
Gary Murrell