



Midweek Prayer during Lent

WORSHIP notes

- Remember your response is marked in **BOLD** font.
- **Hearing enhancement devices** are available in the entry space. Ask an usher to assist you.
- **Restrooms** are located next to our chapel on the other side of the courtyard.
- **Masks** should be worn over both the **nose and mouth**.
- Physically **distance** yourself from other.
- **Sit** only with members of your household.
- **Sanitize** your hands
- Take your **bulletin** home with you.
- **Lenten offering** has been designated for Lutheran Disaster Response

WORSHIP service

Gather in silence

Opening

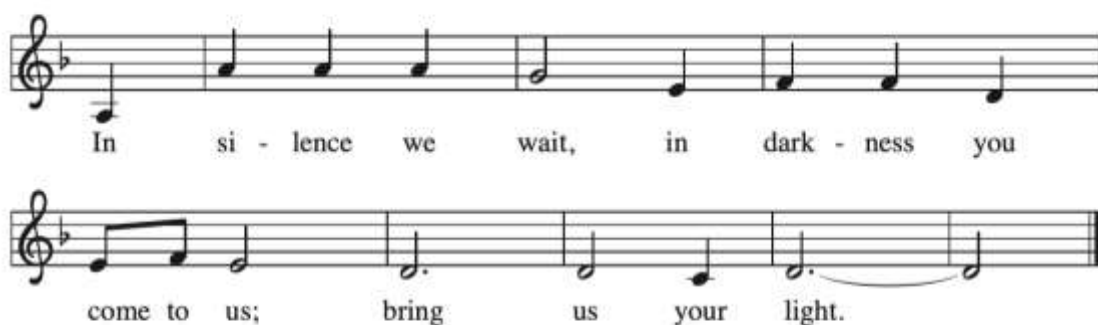
Behold, now is the acceptable time; **now is the day of salvation.**

Turn us again, O God of our salvation, **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

May your justice shine like the sun; **and may the poor be lifted up.**

Opening Hymn (sing three times)

In Silence We Wait



Text: Susan Masters, b. 1957
Music: IN SILENCE WE WAIT, Susan Masters
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Thanksgiving for Light

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set light in the sky to govern night and day. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. **Amen.**

Reading

Ezra 6

King Darius orders the temple rebuilt

Then King Darius made a decree, and they searched the archives where the documents were stored in Babylon...a scroll was found on which this was written: "A record. In the first year of his reign, King Cyrus issued a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be rebuilt. (King Darius also issued a decree), "let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its site. Moreover I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God: the cost is to be paid to these people, in full and without delay, from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province Beyond the River...this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius. The people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

Silence

Reflection

Hymn of the Day ELW 652

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum-pled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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Prayers

Holy God, our living Water, our faithful Companion, our true Guide, by your Word you created a world with rivers and seas, wells and springs, and in mercy you provided water for your people in the wilderness. For your Word with the water of baptism, we thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

We praise you for Christ, who joined us in our desert, calling us to righteousness, granting forgiveness, and walking with us into newness of life. For Jesus, your gracious Word, we glorify you, O God. **We glorify you, O God.**

Through these days of Lent we plead for your Spirit, that strengthened by your Word, we may care for others and for the world you made, and work for justice and peace for all. For your Word in our hearts and minds, we praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

Receive our thanksgiving, and grant us your blessing, Holy God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord’s Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Closing Song (sing three times)

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am 40

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

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The Blessing

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

The Dismissal

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Leave in silence