



Midweek Lenten Worship and Songbook

Introduction:

As we begin this season of Lent, we do so from our own homes this year. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 17) we start this 40 day journey of reflection on what it means to be a disciple, a follower of God.

Throughout these 6 weeks of Lent, we will gather as a faith community on Wednesday evenings at 7pm via zoom. Each evening will include time to check in with one another, to sing, confess, pray, and to use the interactive elements of our Lenten At-home kits as we reflect on what it means to be disciples.

If your household would prefer to find time each week for your own worship/reflection time, you can follow along with the basic order of worship provided here in this booklet or adapt to what fits your needs this lent.

Each Wednesday through email and on Facebook you will be prompted with an interactive way to engage scripture, prayer, and reflection on this question of discipleship.

Worship Outline

Wednesday Evenings 7pm via zoom

Liturgy and prayers from "Prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org." Prayer of the Day from c. Disrupt Worship Project

Invocation:

We gather for worship in the name of our Triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, our God of love who is with you.
And also with you.

Call to worship:

One: Again and again, **All: We come to this space.**
One: Again and again, **All: We gather as a community.**
One: Again and again, **All: God is here.**
One: We are met. **All: We are heard.**
One: We are shown the way.
All: So again and again, Let us worship God.

Confession and Forgiveness:

One: God of Justice, We are guilty of building tables.
All: We have built tables that oppression dines on, Sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.
One: God of Justice, We are guilty of forgetting where we are,
All: Of turning faith into a negotiation tool And the church into a place for insiders.
One: God of Justice, We are guilty of ignoring the point;
All: For you taught that the temple was for worship And your message was for all.
One: God of our hearts, **All: Be in our decision making.**
One: Draw near to our choices. **All: Forgive our mistakes.**
One: And as you do, **All: Flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting.**
One: With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

Word of Forgiveness:

Family of faith, The good news is that God took on flesh and walked this earth to show us the way. God took on flesh so that we could see what it looks like to disrupt and overturn systems of corruption. God took on flesh to teach us another way. God took on flesh to point us to restoration. God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven. Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray: Collaborating God, **you bless us with your creativity in the abundant variety of ways we can encounter you in creation. Heal our resistance to your transforming love and open our hearts to see and value the great variety of means by which your grace is revealed. Amen.**

Scripture and Interactive Reflection Time

See email/Facebook for each weekly theme

Creed:

We believe in an inviting God who invites the poor and the sick, the outcast and the lonely, the immigrant and the refugee, the awkward and the abrasive, the young and the innocent.

We believe God invites the best and the worst— In all of us. We believe God invites us to: A life of faith, A crowded table, A messy church, A deeper truth, A resilient joy, A place to belong, A family among strangers, A world that is just, And a love that knows no bounds.

We believe this invitation exists for all people. We believe this invitation exists for us. And when we miss the call or ignore the invite, We believe that God invites us again. Thanks be to God for that invitational Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Blessing

As you leave this space, May your mouth speak of God's goodness. May your arms hold those in need. May your feet walk toward justice. May your heart trust its worth. May your soul dance in God's grace. And may this be your rhythm— Again and again and again, Until God's promised day. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself, Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace. Amen.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 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.

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

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

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

Grace Alone

1 Ev'ry promise we can make
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry mountain we will climb
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Chorus
Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

2 Ev'ry soul we long to reach
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry loving word we say
Ev'ry tear we wipe away
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace

Lead Me To The Cross

Verse 1

How can I be free from sin
Lead me to the cross of Jesus
From the guilt the pow'r the
pain
Lead me to the cross of Jesus

Bridge

There's no other way
No price that I could pay
Simply to the cross I cling
This is all I need
This is all I plead
That His blood was shed for me

Verse 2

How can I know peace within
Lead me to the cross of Jesus
Sing a song of joy again
Lead me to the cross of Jesus

Bridge

Flowing from above
All-forgiving love
From the Father's heart to me
What a gift of grace
His own righteousness
Clothing me in purity

Verse 3

How can I live day by day
Lead me to the cross of Jesus
Following His narrow way
Lead me to the cross of Jesus

Once Again

Verse 1

Jesus Christ
I think upon Your sacrifice
You became nothing
Poured out to death
Many times I've wondered
At Your gift of life
And I'm in that place once
again
I'm in that place once again

Chorus

Once again
I look upon the cross
Where You died
I'm humbled by Your mercy
And I'm broken inside
Once again I thank You
Once again I pour out my life

Verse 2

Now You are
Exalted to the highest place
King of the heavens
Where one day I'll bow
But for now
I marvel at this saving grace
And I'm full of praise once
again
I'm full of praise once again

Bridge

Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross my
Friend

Only by Grace

- 1 Only by grace can we enter,
only by grace can we stand;
not by our human endeavor,
but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us,
you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us,
and now by your grace we come,
now by your grace we come.
- 2 Lord, if you mark our transgressions,
who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are
cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.
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Where Justice Rolls Down

Chorus

Where justice rolls down like a mighty
water

And righteousness grows like an ever-
flowing stream

And mercy resounds like the waves on
the ocean

Let praises rise high on the songs of the
redeemed

Verse 1

There is a river that streams from the
temple

Begins as a trickle but ends in the sea

As it grows healing it will give

Where it flows ev'rything will live

Verse 2

Wade in the water and feel the strong
current

Remember the stagnance of stale life
before

God is here leave the past behind

In these clear waters you will fin

Households of all shapes and sizes are invited to participate in what works for you. We look forward to journeying together in this season of discipleship, as together we dwell in God's presence among us, and reflect on how the Spirit is at work, guiding us as we grow in learning, forgiveness, and love.

Know that however you and/or your household engage in this conversation of discipleship this lent, God meets you right where you are!

- Pastor Kayla and River of Hope Lutheran Church

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