



**Midweek Service of Reflection and Healing in Lent  
February 24, 2021 – Week 1**

## Greeting

The God of healing, hope, and wholeness be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Son of righteousness fill you with hope and peace.

**May it be the same for our neighbors and friends.**

The Spirit of holiness and resurrection stir within you.

**May the wind that brought forth creation from chaos continue to do so.**

## Prayer

Holy God of all creation, every breeze, tide, and tectonic shift is known to you. All times and places are held within your infinite expanse of grace. Guide us in your mercy to perceive our place of rest in your faithfulness, which you have revealed to all through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. To him, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Reading - Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

# Holy Spirit, Come to Us

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy Spirit, Come to Us". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love." The second system of music has the lyrics: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Text: John 13:35, 15:12-13, 1 John 3:16, 4:10, 16  
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## Litany for Reflection and Healing: Psalm 103

- <sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.
- <sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits —
- <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup>The Lord works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup>The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup>For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.

<sup>15</sup>As for mortals, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;

<sup>16</sup>for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

<sup>17</sup>But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,

<sup>18</sup>to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

<sup>19</sup>The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

<sup>20</sup>Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
obedient to his spoken word.

<sup>21</sup>Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers that do his will.

<sup>22</sup>Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### **Silence for Reflection**

We are now entering a time of silence. For some of us, this stillness is welcome and invited. For others, the quiet is disruptive or unsettling. There is no one right way to do this. As your thoughts come, ask God to hold them for you. While we are here together, there is nowhere else you need to be. Consider the pioneer of our faith, Jesus, sitting with you in silence. Settle into the rest of this time and allow it to settle into you.

*Tone.*

*Silence.*

*Tone.*

## O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Ostinato Chorale

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
\*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the  
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O  
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. The

\*Alternate text

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### A Litany for Healing

God the Creator, whose will for all is health and salvation:

**Have mercy on us.**

God the Redeemer, who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly:

**Have mercy on us.**

God the Spirit, whose temple our bodies are:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, in whom we live, and move, and have our being:

**Heal your people, Lord.**

Son of David, you healed all who came to you in faith:

**Heal your people, Lord.**

Son of Man, you sent forth your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal the sick:

**Heal your people, Lord.**

Son of God, you pardon our sins and heal our infirmities:

**Heal your people, Lord.**

Eternal Christ, your abiding Spirit renews our minds:

**Heal your people, Lord.**

Lord Jesus, your Holy Name is a medicine of healing and a pledge of eternal life:

**Heal your people, Lord.**

We pray that you will hear us, O Lord; and that you will grant your grace to make the sick well:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will give patience, courage, and faith to all who are disabled by injury or sickness:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will give speedy healing, relief from pain, and fearless confidence to all sick children:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will grant your strengthening presence to all who are about to undergo an operation:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will sustain those who face long illness, bearing them up as on eagles' wings:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will comfort those who endure continual pain, pouring upon them the sweet balm of your Spirit:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will grant all sufferers the refreshment of quiet sleep:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will restore all who are in mental darkness to soundness of mind and cheerfulness of heart:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That by sickness endured and sickness observed you will teach us our mortality, that we may prepare for death with fortitude and meet it with hope:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will give your wisdom in ample measure to doctors, nurses, and medical technicians, that with knowledge, skill, and patience, they may minister to the sick:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

That you will guide by your good Spirit all who search for the causes of sickness and disease:

**Hear us, and make us whole.**

*[Intercessions are invited, silently or aloud.]*

Jesus, Lamb of God:

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

**Give us your peace.**

Almighty God, giver of life and health, your Son came into this ailing world to make your children whole. Send your blessing on all who are sick and on all who minister to them; that when they are restored to health of body and mind, they may give thanks to you, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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 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,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

# Dona nobis pacem Domine / Give to Us Your Peace

Ostinato Refrain

Do - na no - bis pa - cem Do - mi - ne.  
Give to us your peace, O Je - sus Christ.

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## **Sending**

Go in peace. The Spirit of healing goes with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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