

LENT MAR 15



trust in the slow work of God.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
from "Patient trust," a poem



Call to Worship | Psalm 27 + 95



Play Psalm 27

Sheet music is available [here](#).

**The Lord is my light and my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life,
Of Whom shall I be afraid?**

**One thing I ask, one thing I seek,
To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.
Wait for the Lord.
Wait for the Lord.
Oh, be strong and take heart.**

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

A: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

L: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

A: In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

L: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

A: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!



Hymn | Come Thou Fount



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**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here there by Thy great help I've come**

**And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above**

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

A: Call on him while he is near.



Prayer of Confession

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. (Psalm 95:8-9)

Merciful God,

Too often we trust in our own power and do not depend upon yours.

We don't believe you are wise enough, good enough, or strong enough to act.

So we rely on many other things:

our own strength, our own wisdom, our own ability, our own resilience.

But, because we don't trust in you, we are filled with worry and unrest—

even a quiet desperation.

Our hands cannot hold us up.

So we come to you now, again, abandoning our self-trust, and, because of what Christ has done, ask you to receive us, embrace us, and hold us.

Let's acknowledge these things silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus.



Receiving of Grace

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.

In Christ, God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.

Let us live in light of the gospel and receive the forgiving love of God. **Amen.**



Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written:
‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if

you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

A Reflection from Andy



Respond in Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Spend a moment now to be aware of God's gifts and thank Him.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

What would you like to ask God to heal and restore in our world?

Give us this day our daily bread,

Talk to God about your needs and bring your worry to Him.

And forgive us our debts—

Take a moment to reflect on how your actions or inactions have cost others and God.

—as we forgive our debtors.

Ask God for the grace to forgive as you have been forgiven. What steps can you take toward reconciliation?

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Talk to God about your fears and unburden yourself to Him. He perfectly cares for you.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.



Hymn | Trinity Song



Play Trinity Song

Sheet music available [here](#).

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three in One (x2)

Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in holy love (x2)



Grateful Giving

Freely you have received; freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal.

Whether we have much or little, God calls us to treasure and trust Him above all. So we are to give as generously as we are able, knowing that He who met our most dire need through Christ will continue to provide for every need we have. All gifts go toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

Giving Link



Benediction

May God sustain you and fill you with joy
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us rejoice in the Lord always. **Amen.**

Let us go forth and serve our world as those who love our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**



Lord's Supper

Given the data that gathering in smaller spaces— even in smaller numbers— may put folks at greater risk than in a larger space, and the advice to allow so much space between each other (six feet?), the logistics are challenging. But, your pastors would like to still make the Supper available to all who would like to receive it **today starting at 1p at the All Souls Loft** in batches of 10 or fewer people, on the quarter hour (please rsvp for a time slot— 1, 1:15, 1:30, etc.). Please consider this option thoughtfully, and feel no compulsion to join us. Please wash your hands upon entering the Loft. If you are sick, including fever and/or cough, please stay home. And, too, let us know how the community can support you.

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