



## Lent 3 and Communion - Sunday, March 3, 2024

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### **WELCOME/ CALL TO THE GATHERED/ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

#### **OPENING HYMN: VU# 108 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"**

1. Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.
2. The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weakness greater power, embraces us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his Rising Hour.
3. We bear the silence, cross and pain of human burdens, human strife, while sisters, brothers help sustain our courage till the Feast of Life.
4. And though the road is hard and steep, the Spirit ever calls us on through Calvary's dying, dark and deep, until we see the coming Dawn.
5. So let us choose the path of One who wore, for us, the crown of thorn, and slept in death that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn!

#### **OPENING PRAYER** read by Lynn Angus

#### **EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

#### **SUNG RESPONSE: Sung Response VU #595, We Are Pilgrims, vs. 1, 3**

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

#### **THEME CONVERSATION /SUNG LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **COMMUNION HYMN: VU #471 "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"**

##### **Refrain:**

**Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst;  
Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.**

1. Asking for a cup of water, Jesus touched forbidden ground;  
and the woman, with a question, told the world what she had found. **Refrain:**
2. Walking down a desert highway, Jesus healed a man born blind;  
soon the man became a witness to the truth we seek and find. **Refrain:**
3. Weeping for his friend at graveside, Jesus felt the pain of death;  
yet he knew God's power to waken: living water, living breath. **Refrain:**

#### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

#### **SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS** VU #932(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name,  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** 2x MV#207

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

**Holy One, as we have gathered for communion, may we remember that we are your followers called to follow you. May the bread and the wine remind us that you are the bread of life and that you also know the cup of suffering. We pray for our broken world and ask your forgiveness for the ways in which we have contributed to the pain and struggles of others. May we forgive others and ourselves, as you forgive. Amen.**

(Children Leave for Discovery Kids)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 read by Judy McConnell

**SERMON:**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Gather Us In"**

**SUNG RESPONSE: "Give What You Can"**

Give what you can, take what you need. For the body of Christ is enough to feed.  
The hungry for Spirit and the thirsty for love. Give thanks when you can to our God up above.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** followed by **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** read by Lynne Angus

**CLOSING HYMN: MV #138 "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"**

1. My love colours outside the lines, exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to the world outside the lines.
2. My Lord colours outside the lines, turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.  
**Refrain:** We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.
3. My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine; I  
want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION: "May the Christ Who Walks with Wounded Feet"**

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love;  
when you leave this place may you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,  
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

**POSTLUDE**