



Sedona, AZ

The Order of Worship

March 11, 2020

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

MUSIC FOR GATHERING The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Jerry Carraway
My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Lloyd Larson

SILENT MEDITATION on Genesis 2:4b - 9

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up-for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground- then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: This day

All: is the start of something new.

Leader : This day

All: marks the beginning of a season.

Leader: This day

All: reminds us who we are.

Leader: This day

All: reminds us who we long to be.

Leader: So on this day,

All: let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 205 Live in Charity

Ubi Caritas

(Leader sings once, then all sing 3 times as directed.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,

You breathed life into dust. You dreamed me up and brought me into existence.

The least I could do would be to follow you, but even that is hard.

Forgive me for my distracted ways. Remind me that in life and in death, I belong to

you. On my best days and on my worst days, I belong to you.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Excerpts from Exodus chapters 12, 13 and 14;
Isaiah 41:17-20; John 1:1-5

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURES

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Children of the Heavenly Father Swedish Folk Song
Jesus Loves Me William Bradbury

Children of the heavenly Father, safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven, such a refuge ne'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

POEM FOR LENT

The Wilderness is a Place of Beginnings Sarah Are

HYMN NO. 470 There Is a Longing in My Heart, O God *Longing*
(Leader sings refrain once, then all sing refrain as directed and after each stanza.)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O God,

All: **The lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice**

(Prayer continues...)

SILENCE:

(Leader concludes the silence...)

... In gratitude, we pray as he taught us to pray, saying,

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 543 O, Christ, Surround Me *Green Tyler*
(Stanzas 1 and 2 as directed)

THE BENEDICTION

PASS THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymns for the Lenten Evening Prayer Services are taken from our new PC(USA) Glory to God Hymnal. We hope you will ponder the footnotes provided for each hymn and, thereby, deepen your experience and privilege of singing to the Glory of God.

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