

The Order of Worship

4-2-2014

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

MUSICAL OFFERING

SILENT MEDITATION

OPENING SENTENCES:

Leader: O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.

People: **Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you.**

LENTEN HYMN O Lord, Hear My Prayer

(All sing first verse three times, then all sing second verse three times.)

SCRIPTURE READING

From the Book of Lamentations

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LENTEN HYMN Excerpt from Watchful's Song (Nocturne)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

from Seven Songs, *The Pilgrim's Progress*

Meredith Mackay

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:

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

Hear our prayers, O God, and be in our thoughts.

(Prayer continues...)

SILENCE:

(Leader concludes the silence...)

Gracious God of endings and beginnings, Creator of life and of death, we thank you for both the struggles and joys of this day. Teach us to come to a fuller knowledge and trust of your will in and for our lives, that each moment might be a sign of your love; a love, we pray, that is reflected through us. This prayer we offer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LENTEN HYMN Lord Jesus Christ

Jésus le Christ

(All sing three times.)

THE BENEDICTION:

May the Lord, who is our peace, give us peace at all times and in every way.

Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Pass the peace with one another as you leave)

Thank you to Meredith Mackay and Jo Ann Powell for their enrichment of our worship this evening.