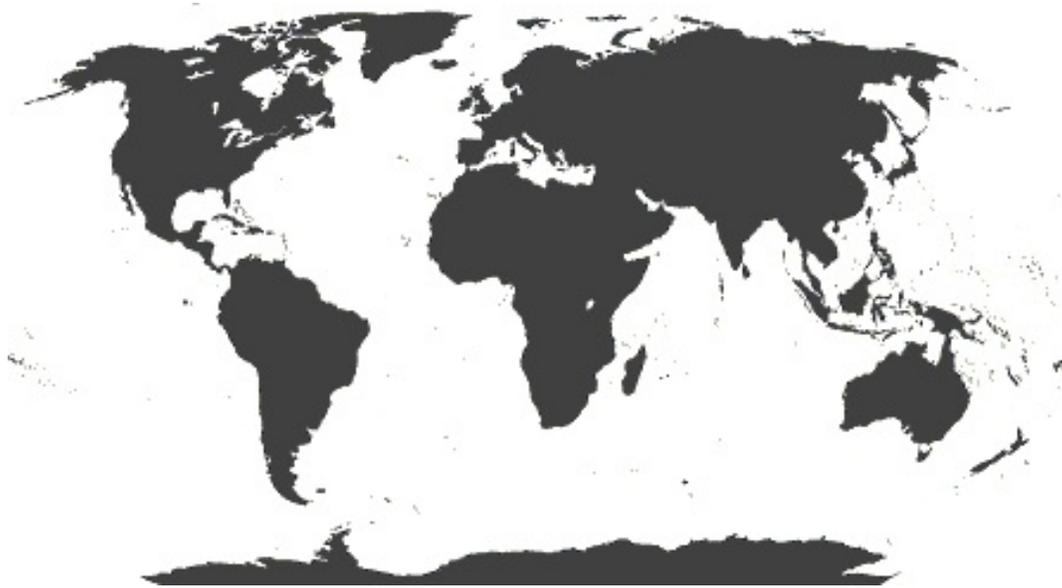


For God So Loved the World

The theme for our Lenten services this year is, "For God So Loved the World." Each week we will focus our prayers and concerns on a different region of the world, concluding with a Holy Wednesday service centered on hope for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East. This evening we focus our prayers and concerns on Europe, Australia and the Pacific.



The Order of Worship

3-4-2015

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

(Trad. Irish Melody, arr. John Purifoy)

SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Be Still and Know That I Am God

John L. Bell, 1989

Psalm 46: 10

Sing each of tonight's responses three times as directed.

OPENING SENTENCES

For God so loved the world...

That He gave his only Son...

For God so loved the world...

That whoever believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life...

For God so loved the world...

That God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world...

For God so loved the world...

That He gave...

LENTEN HYMN

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

TAMA NGAKAU MARIE

Maori melody and text (para.,S. Murray, 1989)

In this hymn, the indigenous people of New Zealand convey a confident address to Christ and pray for release from captivity of sin. The traditional Maori melody connects us with the other side of the world.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

LENTEN HYMN

Sign Us With Ashes

PHOENIX

Music: William P. Rowan, 2003;

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003

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, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit..

Forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we also may be makers of peace, through Christ our Lord...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Live In Charity

UBI CARITAS

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979

Text: 8th Century Latin Hymn; Trans., Taize Community, 1991)

Please feel free to sing harmonies and the language of your choice.

THE BENEDICTION: A Blessing of Ourselves Benediction

May God bless our eyes and may we see clearly the world around us. (*Touch your eyes.*)

Bless my eyes.

May God bless our ears so we may hear the voices of others around us. (*Touch your ears.*)

Bless my ears.

May God bless our mouths that we may speak words of truth, healing, hope and wisdom. (*Touch your mouth.*)

Bless my mouth.

May our hearts be open to love and to be loved. (*Touch your heart.*)

Bless my heart.

PASS THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Pass the peace with one another as you leave)

Music for tonight's service is taken from the new PCUSA Hymnal, GLORY TO GOD.

Thank you to Ibbie Muntz and Joanne Bendy for their enrichment of our worship this evening.