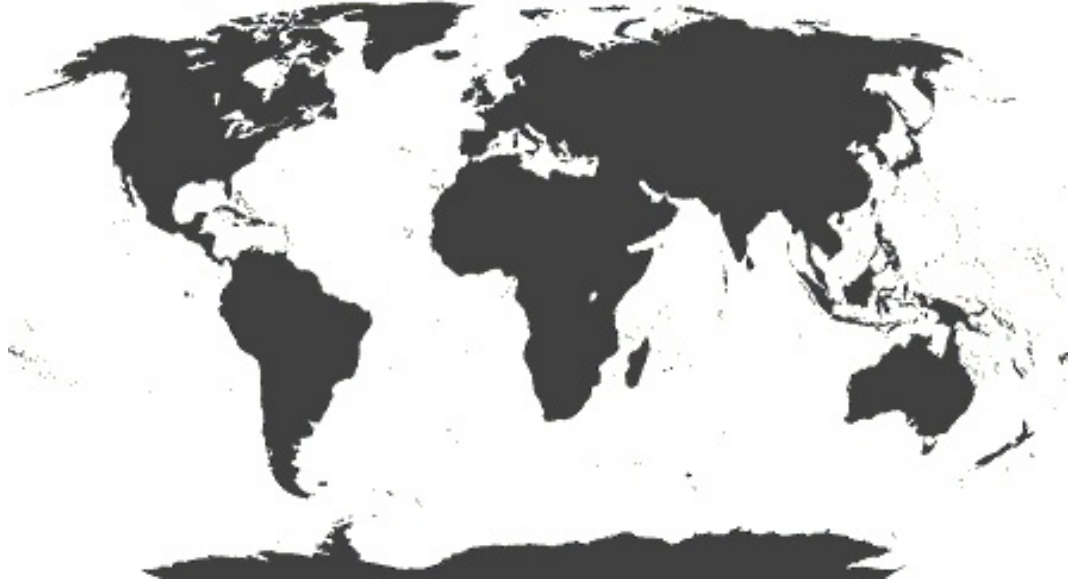


For God So Loved the World

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 the continent and people of Africa.



The Order of Worship

3-11-2015

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

PRELUDE

Steal Away

African-American spiritual, arr. John Barnard

Margaret Harrison

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN

Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace

Jacques Berthier

Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 118:1, Taizé Community
Pianist will play through once, then all sing through twice.

OPENING SENTENCES

St. Augustine of North Africa (354-430)

Leader: O God, full of compassion,
I commit and commend myself to you,
in whom I am, and live, and know.
Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way.

People: **Let my soul take refuge
from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought
beneath the shadow of your wings.
Let my heart, this sea of restless waves,
find peace in you, O God.**

HYMN

It Is Good to Trust in the Lord Our God

Jacques Berthier

Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 118:8, Taizé Community
Pianist will play through once, then all sing through twice.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

African-American spiritual

Bettie Mason

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...)

God of our salvation,
we long to be reconciled to you.
Help us to clear away any obstacle
that prevents us from accepting the grace of Christ.
No matter what we face in this life,
increase in us knowledge and patience,
kindness and holiness of spirit,
genuine love and truthful speech,
so that, by the power of God at work in us,
we may live even as we are dying
and rejoice even in our sorrows.
Though it may seem that we have nothing,
if we are reconciled to you,
we possess everything,
through Jesus Christ our Lord...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

He Came Down

Cameroon song, transc. and arr. John Bell

Pianist will play through once, then all sing the three stanzas.

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)

Hymns for tonight's service are adapted from *Common Praise*, a hymnal of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Thank you to Bettie Mason and Margaret Harrison for their enrichment of our worship this evening.

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