

February 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday Musical Meditation

Prelude *God So Loved the World* Stainer/Smith
David Yetter, organ

Choral Anthem *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Organ
Chancel Choir
Kerry Davis, signing

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

Come and find the quiet center, be at peace, be at peace in God.

Greeting, Prayer, Lenten Intentions/Invitation Dr. Scott Hohn

Hymn #269 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* LAND OF REST

**Lord, who through-out these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.**

**As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy Word.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion-tide,
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

Reading Joel 2:1-2; 12-13; 15-17 Various Readers

Choral Anthem *Search Me, O God* Larson
Chancel Choir

Search me, O God, and know my heart as You have searched and known before:
who I am, where I go, what I say and what I know.

Search my heart that I may love You more.

You know where I've been and where I'm going, when I'm asleep and when I rise.

You know my thoughts before I think them.

Nothing is hidden from Your eyes.

Search me, O God, and know my heart, as You have searched and known before;
who I am, where I go, what I say and what I know.

Search my heart that I may love You more.

You know my steps before I take them. You've ordered each and every one.

The darkness will not hide me from You, for night to You shines as the sun.
 From Heavens high to valleys low, there is nowhere I can go
 where Your Spirit will not find me and remain.
 For You formed me with Your hands by Your pure and holy plan.
 I will now and ever sing this glad refrain:
 Search me, O God, and know my heart, as You have searched and known before;
 who I am, where I go, what I say and what I know.
 Search my heart, O search my heart,
 Lord, search my heart that I may love You more.
 Amen, amen.

Reading Psalm 51 Various Readers

Special Music *Restore My Joy* Berry
 Lisa Simon, solo

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy love, according to Thy love.
 Wash me from my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin and make me whole again.
 Accept the sacrifices that I bring, a broken spirit, a contrite heart.
 Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.
 Hide Thy face from my sin, let me once again hear joy.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, restore my joy. Restore my joy.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation. O God, restore my joy!
 Then will I sing of Thy mercy, then will I teach transgressors Thy ways,
 I will sing of Thy righteousness, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise!
 O Lord, have mercy.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and restore my joy.

Choral Anthem *Speak To Me In Ashes* Nolan

Chancel Choir with Debbie Hurt, solo
 Speak to me in ashes. Speak to me in tears.
 Whisper to the silence in my soul.
 Lord, I wait in stillness, ready now to hear.
 Speak to me in ashes and in tears.
 Speak to me in silence. Speak to me Your peace.
 Touch my heart and still my troubled mind.
 Words of calm assurance, all my fears release.
 Speak to me in silence. Give me peace.
 Lord, speak to me. My heart is open to receive Your grace.
 Lord, speak to me. Here in these shadows, let me feel Your sure embrace.
 Speak to me with mercy. Speak to me in love.
 By Your Word, my spirit is reborn.
 Echoes of compassion sounding from above.
 Speak to me with mercy and in love.
 Speak to me in mercy and in love.

Closing

Lisa Simon