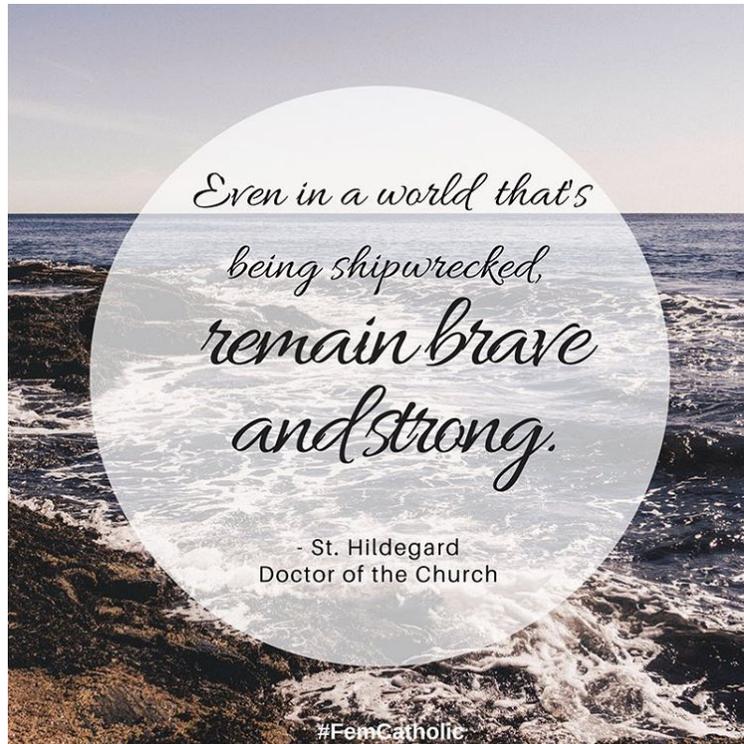


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Worship Aid - Lent 2020

Lent 2020

“Even in a world being shipwrecked, remain brave and strong.”

These words by Hildegard of Bingen, written centuries ago, speak to the tumultuous world we live in. As we journey through Lent, we rest in the knowledge and love of our God who remains with us, through the storms of our lives, guiding us through the wilderness and inspiring us to act with justice and love in our world.

Opening Song

Knowing God's Call to Be Not Afraid

God of our Journey, we often are afraid to live in the freedom of Your Spirit within us.

Strengthen our hearts to freedom.

Jesus the Way, we often are afraid to trust in your promise to be with us always.

Strengthen our hearts to trust.

God of Life, we often are afraid to live as Your prophetic community in our world.

Strengthen our hearts to live without fear.

Source of Life, embrace us in Your Love. Nourish us with food for the journey. Encourage us on our way. Empower us with endurance to the finish. In Jesus' name we pray. ***Amen.***

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 83 Response [Sung]

When trouble comes, do not be silent.

When trouble comes, be not afraid.

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Second Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

[Moment of Silence]

Gospel Acclamation *[Sung]*

Glory to you, Word of God, Jesus the Christ.

Booth

Gospel

God is with you. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Gospel attributed to ...

Glory to You, O God

The Good News of our God. ***Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

Homily

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer of the Faithful Response

Remain brave and strong. I am with you always.

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Song

OUR EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Father of all,
in all things you have made:
in plants and animals, in all people,
and in all the wonders of creation.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Mother of all,
for the food we eat; for this bread and wine,
for our families and community,
and for laughter and joy in Your presence.

Blessed be God forever.

Friends, pray that sharing this bread and wine will deepen our commitment to transform our world.

We commit ourselves to this transformation.

Prayer with our gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you. ***And also in you.***

Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.

It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.

Presider

God, you never promised us that the way would be clear. You created us in Your image - the image of One who is Wisdom, who is Love, who is Courage. You breathed Your life into us with the assurance that we have, within and around us, everything we need to be Your faithful people. Though we sometimes act in disregard for Your call on our collective life, still You show up with and for us, relentlessly. And so we join our voices with all who have gone before in gratitude for Your abiding presence:

Sanctus *[Sung]*

Booth

***Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God, our God, Spirit and Life
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come in the name of our God.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Voice 1

Sacred is Your presence and blessed is the Christ with us. Through the life of Jesus we saw an example of what it means to navigate an uncertain path, practice creative ministry, and face with courage and compassion all the barriers that work against Your Spirit on the move.

Voice 2

Jesus lived and breathed a ministry rooted in Your Love for all people. He embraced those who were suffering and showed us what it looks like to be with and for one another, even under great distress. Though evil attempted to silence his proclamation of an all-inclusive Kin-dom of God, not even death could keep Love from growing.

[Please extend your hand, palm up, toward the bread and wine.]

Presider

We recognize Your Spirit present in these elements of creation. We open ourselves to Your Spirit who sanctifies and transforms these gifts. May this bread and wine become for us the body and blood of Jesus, a tangible sign of the incarnation, and sustenance for our Lenten journey. We remember...

All:

*That same bread, Jesus took and broke,
to restore the unity of our broken world.
Jesus blessed you, God of healing and hope,
then shared the bread with those at table, saying:
Take this all of you and eat.
This is my body which will be given up for you.*

[Pause]

*Then offering the cup of libation,
poured out for the liberation of all,
Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup
in a spirit of mutual solidarity saying:
Take this all of you and drink from it.
This is the cup of my life-blood, the cup of my love,
the new and everlasting covenant.
In prophetic solidarity, it is poured out for you and for all.
Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.*

Presider

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Jesus, until you come again.*

Voice 3

We remember all people who touched our lives with the Spirit of Your love. We remember people from around the world who live and reflect Your ongoing love and compassion. Transform us to live the Gospel more faithfully. Empower us to develop a planetary society with more equality, freedom, peace and justice for all.

Voice 4

Vemos Tu mano sagrada y resplandeciente tanto en la gloria como en el sufrimiento que experimentamos. Acompaña a todos los que han muerto y se han ido antes de nosotros en la plenitud de la vida con Tu. Libéranos para que podamos vivir una vida sin miedo, en el misterio de Tu amor y Tu presencia.

[We see Your sacredness shining through both the glory and the pain that we experience. Be with all who are sick and with all who are suffering. Be with all who have died and gone before us into the fullness of Life with You. Free us to live without fear in the mystery of Your love and presence.]

Presider

Holy One, gather together people of every gender, race, language, religion and way of life to share in Your one, eternal banquet. In Your presence, we give You glory with all creation and with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows.

Great Amen

*In the name of God, Source of Life,
In the name of Jesus, Source of Transformation
In the name of the Spirit, Source of Freedom,
We offer our prayer of praise, this day and forever.*

[Sung]

Booth

Amen, Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

The prayer often called the "Our Father" has been translated and rendered in many ways over the last 2,000 years. MMACC uses this contemporary version during Lent adapted from our friends at enfleshed.org.

**Loving Creator of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.**

**May your holy vision for collective flourishing
come to fruition among us.**

**May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection
be enfleshed on earth.**

**Provide us today with what we need
to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.**

**Forgive us for the harm we cause
as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.**

**Lead us away from everything that destroys
and liberate us from the hands of evil.**

For you are the ultimate source of hope.

Your power-with exceeds all power-over.

Your presence incites eternal wonder.

All praise to you, our comfort and strength.

Amen.

The Sign of Peace

May God's peace be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace in silence.

Instrumental Music

Lamb of God [Sung]

Booth

Lamb of God, you call us to the gospel of Hope. O Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, you call us to the gospel of Love. O Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, you call us to the gospel of Peace.

O Lamb of God. Grant us peace.

Presider

This is God's holy bread for the transformation of God's holy people.

We are blessed to share in this transformation.

Presider

This is Jesus' table. He made no restrictions and neither do we. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, know that you are invited to partake of the gluten free Eucharistic bread, the consecrated red wine or white grape juice. Let us come, for God's table is ready. **Amen.**

Communion Song

[Moment of Silence]

CLOSING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Closing Blessing

Sending Forth

Our mass has ended. Our service continues. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song

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