

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ONLINE

March 29, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

Response: **We seek God**

In the quiet, in the calm, in the stillness,

We seek God.

In the clamor, in the cry, in the grief,

We seek God.

In this time, whether together or alone,

We seek God.

Even as we seek, let us worship God.

Prayer for COVID-19 in the Midst

Holy One, Bridger of Distance, Connector of Beings,
hear our prayer....

In the midst of non-stop news stories about illness and scarcity, press conferences and cancellations...

grant us quiet in our minds.

In the midst of heightened anxiety about caregivers and caregiving,
about health and hygiene,

grant us calm in our hearts.

In the midst of opposing views: close doors or stay open, reach out or hunker down...

grant us peace in our spirits.

In the midst of distance in our families, our faith communities,
in all our relationships with others...

grant us connection in our separation.

In the midst of our lives: our gratitude and concerns,
our hopes and longings...

grant us an abiding sense of Your Comfort. Amen

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Message for Children

Scripture Psalm 102: 12-17, Mark 13: 1-8, 24-37

Sermon “The End of the World as We Know It”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Time for Offering

Blessing our Gifts

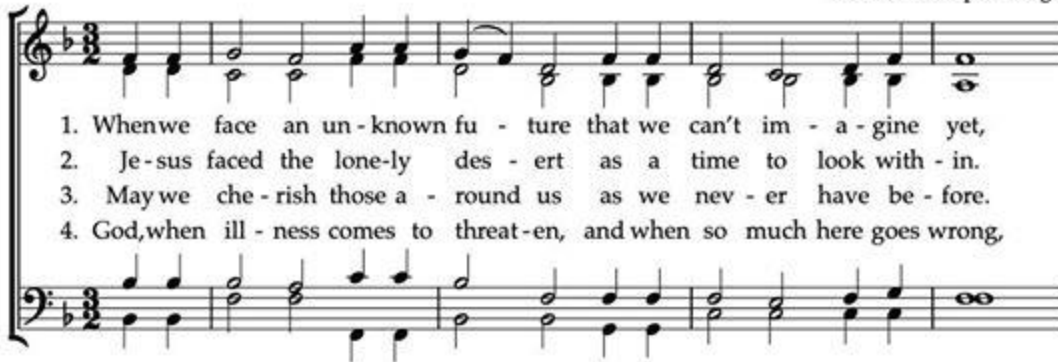
Closing Song “When We Face An Unknown Future” (see below)

Commission & Benediction

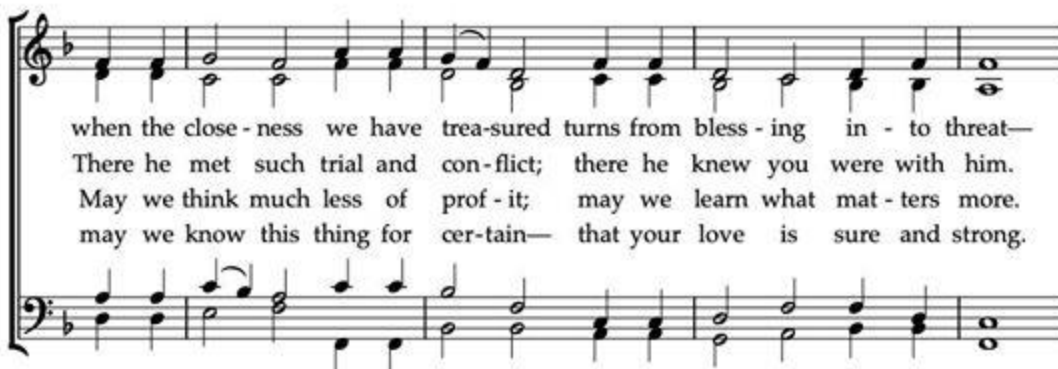
When We Face an Unknown Future

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

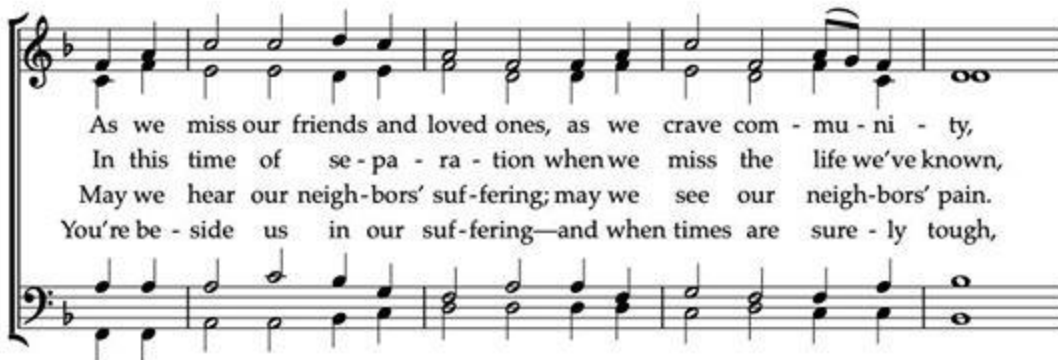
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harm. Christopher Gage



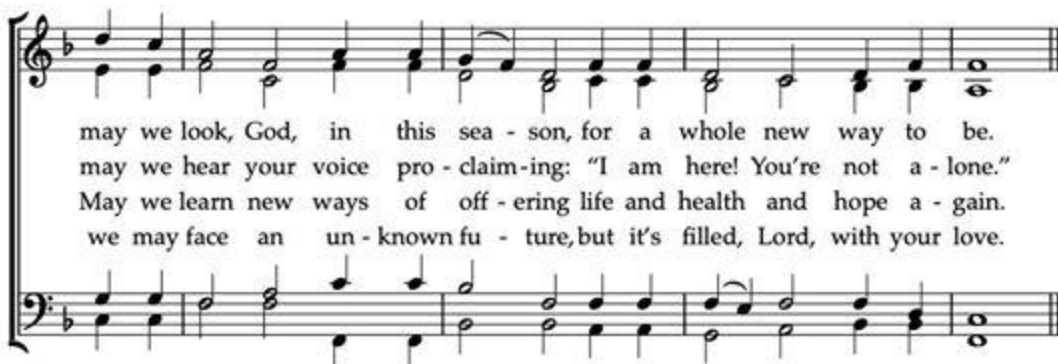
1. When we face an un-known fu-ture that we can't im-a-gine yet,
2. Je-sus faced the lone-ly des-ert as a time to look with-in.
3. May we che-rish those a-round us as we nev-er have be-fore.
4. God, when ill-ness comes to threat-en, and when so much here goes wrong,



when the close-ness we have trea-sured turns from bless-ing in-to threat—
There he met such trial and con-flict; there he knew you were with him.
May we think much less of prof-it; may we learn what mat-ters more.
may we know this thing for cer-tain— that your love is sure and strong.



As we miss our friends and loved ones, as we crave com-mu-ni-ty,
In this time of se-pa-ra-tion when we miss the life we've known,
May we hear our neigh-bors' suf-fering; may we see our neigh-bors' pain.
You're be-side us in our suf-fering—and when times are sure-ly tough,



may we look, God, in this sea-son, for a whole new way to be.
may we hear your voice pro-claim-ing: "I am here! You're not a-lone."
May we learn new ways of off-ering life and health and hope a-gain.
we may face an un-known fu-ture, but it's filled, Lord, with your love.

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