

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

LENTEN SERVICE - FEBRUARY 25, 2015

Greeting

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: **Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: May God be merciful to us and bless us,

People: **Show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

Almighty God, give your people the grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the trials we face individually, and the test of whether we will love as a community, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only true God; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

God of the unexpected, when we come to our senses like the prodigal son, give us grace to repent and turn to you again; for where else can we go?

Gentle and merciful One, show us our sins as they really are so that we may truly renounce them and know the depth and richness of your mercy.

Hymn # 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

God's Word to Us

Genesis 25:27-34

Bread and Broth: Jacob and Lentil Stew

Responsive Prayer of Confession and Penitence

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;

O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.

My soul is also struck with terror,

while you, O Lord – how long?

Turn, O Lord, save my life;

deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.

For in death there is no remembrance of you;

in Sheol who can give you praise?

I am weary with my moaning;

every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with weeping.

My eyes waste away because of grief;

they grow weak because of all my foes.

Depart from me, all you workers of evil,

for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

The Lord has heard my supplication;

the Lord accepts my prayer.

All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror;

they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.

(Psalm 6)

(In unison) **Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin: Receive again your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our folly and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow, our passion for the things of the moment. Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way, that we may love what you love and do what you command: through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hear us as we pray silently, that you may draw us close and change us to become like Christ...

(Silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

You are forgiven.

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Benediction and Blessing for the Meal