

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND  
LENTEN SERVICE – MARCH 25, 2015

Greeting

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
People: **to all who call on him in truth.**  
Leader: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;  
People: **he also hears their cry, and saves them.**  
Leader: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
People: **and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

**O Lord Jesus, you came to show us the compassionate love of your Father,  
make your people know this love with our hearts, minds, and souls.  
So often we feel compelled to compete with one another or in  
other ways to stay at odds with each other.**

**Come Lord Jesus come.  
Do not come just to our understanding, but  
guide our actions, especially toward one another.**

**We pray that we may know ourselves to be your children  
and that we will know each other as brothers and sisters.  
Amen.**

Hymn # 101

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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God's Word to Us

**Luke 22:14-23**

Bread and Broth: Jesus and Lamb Stew

Responsive Prayer of Confession and Penitence

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**Give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness;  
answer me in your righteousness.**  
Do not enter into judgment with your servant,  
**for no one living is righteous before you.**

For the enemy has pursued me,  
**Crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.**  
Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
**my heart within me is appalled.**

I remember the days of old,  
**I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands.**  
I stretch out my hands to you;  
**my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.  
**Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**  
Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.  
**Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

Save me, O Lord, from my enemies;  
**I have fled to you for refuge.**  
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.  
**Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.**

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life.  
**In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.**  
In your steadfast love put off my enemies.  
**and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.**

(Psalm 143)

**O God, do not let us remain apart from you or one another. Give us grace to confess our faults. Give us wisdom to seek out those whom we have been estranged. Give us peace in order to extend peace and love to others.**

**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**

Jesus tells us: "This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately,  
**go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.**

In this way you are forgiven.  
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#### **Benediction and Blessing for the Meal**