



Mid-week Lenten Service

6:45 PM

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First Week of Lent: Mid-week Service

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: As people of faith, we look to God in hope, trusting that God will grant us what we need.

P: We trust that God will satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

L: We turn to God once again, longing to be filled—

P: to eat the Bread of Life, to drink from God's life-giving streams, and to taste the goodness of God.

L: May the time we spend together this evening, praying and talking and growing together nourish our hearts and minds.

P: May it strengthen our relationship with God and renew our commitment to live in this world as God's faithful disciples.

***OPENING HYMN** (see p. 3)

Where is Bread?

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

L: You asked for my hands, O God, that you might use them for your purpose.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

P: I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

L: You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

P: I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

L: You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

P: I closed them, for I did not want to see.

L: You asked for my life that you might work through me.

P: I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.

L: Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you,

P: only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

L: Father, forgive me. Father, forgive us.

P: Renew us and send us out as usable instruments that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2155 (FWS, v. 2, see p. 4)

Blest Are They^u

ALL SING: Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

SCRIPTURE

TOGETHER WE LEARN AND DISCERN

HYMN NO. 2220 (FWS, see p. 5)

We Are God's Peoples

TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 2223 (FWS, see p. 6)

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Loves

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Where is Bread?

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. "Where is bread?" the great crowd mur - mured Thou - sands
2. Where is bread? We know their year - ning; Ev - ery
3. "Where is bread?" the call is ris - ing; Mill - ions

6
strong yet all in need. "Where is bread?" your peo - ple
day we wish for more. God, in time, we're slow - ly
cry who must be fed. God, your an - swer seems sur -

12
won - dered, Face with such a crowd to feed. Who, Lord
learn - ing: All we own can make us poor. Our po -
- pris - ing: "You, my Church, you give them bread. Bread to

18
Je - sus, could have guessed it? One small boy brought food to
- sess - ions can pos sess us, leav - ing hun - ger deep in -
fill each hun - gry spir - it, bread for hun - gry stom - achs

24
share. Ta - king our what he gave you blessed it; All were
- side. Christ our Bread, come now and bless us; At your
too! Give us bread and help us share it. Rich - ly

30
fed with much to spare.
feast we're may sat - is - fied.
blest, may we we serve you.

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Blest Are They

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written for piano in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The score consists of seven staves of music, each with a measure number at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens across bar lines. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -

6
- her - it the earth. _____ Blest are they who

11
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. _____

16
Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____

21
Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you. Re - jice _____

26
and be glad! _____ Yours is the king - dom of

31
God! _____

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We Are God's People

♩ = 80

Piano

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our
 3. We are the bod - y of which the Lord is
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing

4

Lord, born of the Spir - it, es -
 Lord, for we have known it, the
 Head, called to o - bey Christ, now
 place, formed in great weak - ness, a

7

- tab - lished by the Word. Our co - ner - stone is
 love of God out - poured. Now let us learn how
 ris - en from the dead. God wills us be a
 cup to hold God's grace. We die a - lone, for

10

Christ a - lone, and strong in Christ we stand; O
 to re - turn the gift of love once given; O
 fam - i - ly di - verse, yet tru - ly one; O
 on its own each em - ber los - es fire; yet

13

let us live trans - par - ent - ly and walk heart to
 let us share each joy and care and live with a
 let us give our gifts to God and so shall God's
 joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and

16

heart and hand in hand.
 zeal that pleas - es heaven.
 work on earth be done.
 light and to in - spire.

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They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things

5
 Lord, we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
 hand, we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
 side, we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll
 come, and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son, and all

10
 pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored: and they'll
 - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

14
 know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are

19
 Chris - tians by our love. _____

¹adapted from https://cmbs.mennonitebrethren.ca/worship_resources/least-of-these-the/

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