Bell x3

God our loving creator, touch our hearts and minds that we may enter the silence where you wait for us

*Silence*

Let your breath enter and calm us, your mystery surround us, your truth fill us and the wings of your love enfold us.

Oh God open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not

walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Let us turn to the light and confess our sins

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our fears and despair,** **and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, in this precious moment, in your presence and power, grant us faith and confidence that in you, broken lives are made whole.**

(Silence is kept)

**Absolution**

O God, fountain of mercy and grace, pour over us your pardon. Forgive us our sins, transform us with your love and lead us in the paths of peace. **Amen.**

**Poem**

**Prayer**

Oh God, who brought us from the rest of last night, guide us into the new light of this day.

**Lead us on the journey of justice; Guide us on the pathways of peace; Renew us by the wellsprings of grace; This day and always, Amen.**

**The Readings**

Psalm

*Glory to you source of all being eternal word and holy spirit*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. amen.*

**Hebrew Scriptures**

*Lord to whom shall we go*

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*You are gracious and merciful*

*Let us trust in your word*

**Gospe**l (and Lent book reflection)

Silence and personal reflection

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**Prayers of Lament and Rejoicing**

(Ending with)

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.  Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, so that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sending**

God of our wilderness journey,

**you call each of us to share in your life; to proclaim, to nurture, to love, to transform, to pray, to renew. Set us upon your path today and wrap us in your peace.**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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